

Top 40 Books Read Overall and by Gender, Grades 1–12

Grade 1

In total, 940,387 first graders read 37,022,855 books and 23,881,603,535 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 23,405 for boys and 25,441 for girls. Approximately 25% of the books were *read to* students, 10% were *read with* students, and 65% were *read independently*.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	2	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
3	3	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
4	4	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
5	5	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
6	7	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)
7	6	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
8	8	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)	Go, Dog. Go! , P.D. Eastman (1.2, LG)	Bathtime for Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.1, LG)
9	11	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)
10	10	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)	Biscuit's New Trick , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)
11	9	Bathtime for Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.1, LG)	David Goes to School , David Shannon (0.9, LG)	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)
12	13	Go, Dog. Go! , P.D. Eastman (1.2, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)	Biscuit Wants to Play , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
13	12	Biscuit's New Trick , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
14	14	David Goes to School , David Shannon (0.9, LG)	Hi, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)	Biscuit Wins a Prize , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
15	16	Biscuit Wants to Play , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)	Bathtime for Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.1, LG)	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
16	17	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)	Biscuit and the Baby , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
17	15	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)	Buzz Boy and Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.3, LG)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)
18	18	Biscuit Wins a Prize , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)	Biscuit's New Trick , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)	Go, Dog. Go! , P.D. Eastman (1.2, LG)
19	19	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)	David Goes to School , David Shannon (0.9, LG)
20	20	Biscuit and the Baby , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)	Super Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)

Grade 1 (continued)				
		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
21	21	Biscuit Visits the Big City , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)	Fly High, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.4, LG)	Biscuit Visits the Big City , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)
22	22	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	Hooray for Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
23	32	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)	Clifford the Big Red Dog , Norman Bridwell (1.2, LG)
24	31	Hi, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)	Biscuit Wants to Play , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)	Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox , Grace Maccarone (0.7, LG)
25	23	Clifford the Big Red Dog , Norman Bridwell (1.2, LG)	Shoo, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)	Sleepy Dog , Harriet Ziefert (0.8, LG)
26	25	All by Myself , Mercer Mayer (1.3, LG)	Biscuit Wins a Prize , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)	All by Myself , Mercer Mayer (1.3, LG)
27	24	Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox , Grace Maccarone (0.7, LG)	I Spy Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)	Goodnight Moon , Margaret Wise Brown (1.8, LG)
28	28	If You Take a Mouse to School , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Party , Laura Numeroff (2.2, LG)
29	26	Goodnight Moon , Margaret Wise Brown (1.8, LG)	All by Myself , Mercer Mayer (1.3, LG)	If You Take a Mouse to School , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
30	27	Sleepy Dog , Harriet Ziefert (0.8, LG)	Biscuit Visits the Big City , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)	Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? , Dr. Seuss (1.8, LG)
31	30	Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? , Dr. Seuss (1.8, LG)	Clifford the Big Red Dog , Norman Bridwell (1.2, LG)	More Spaghetti, I Say! , Rita Golden Gelman (1.2, LG)
32	34	Super Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)	Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox , Grace Maccarone (0.7, LG)	Biscuit Meets the Class Pet , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
33	36	Fly High, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.4, LG)	Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl! , Tedd Arnold (1.4, LG)	If You Give a Cat a Cupcake , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
34	43	Shoo, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)	Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? , Dr. Seuss (1.8, LG)	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
35	40	Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl! , Tedd Arnold (1.4, LG)	Biscuit and the Baby , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)	I Was So Mad , Mercer Mayer (1.6, LG)
36	66	Buzz Boy and Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.3, LG)	Goodnight Moon , Margaret Wise Brown (1.8, LG)	Hi, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
37	29	If You Give a Pig a Party , Laura Numeroff (2.2, LG)	If You Take a Mouse to School , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	If You Take a Mouse to the Movies , Laura Numeroff (2.1, LG)
38	33	More Spaghetti, I Say! , Rita Golden Gelman (1.2, LG)	I Was So Mad , Mercer Mayer (1.6, LG)	Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl! , Tedd Arnold (1.4, LG)
39	35	I Was So Mad , Mercer Mayer (1.6, LG)	Clifford Makes a Friend , Norman Bridwell (0.4, LG)	"Buzz," Said the Bee , Wendy Cheyette Lewison (1.4, LG)
40	37	"Buzz," Said the Bee , Wendy Cheyette Lewison (1.4, LG)	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! , Mo Willems (0.9, LG)	Clifford Makes a Friend , Norman Bridwell (0.4, LG)

* The average ATOS book level of the top 40 books read by first graders was 1.4 overall, 1.4 for boys, and 1.4 for girls. Interest levels: LG = lower grades (K–3), MG = middle grades (4–8), MG+ = middle grades plus (6 and up), and UG = upper grades (9–12). ATOS book level and interest level inform book selection.

Grade 2

In total, 1,229,574 second graders read 69,036,161 books and 102,271,152,471 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 77,895 for boys and 82,921 for girls. Approximately 15% of the books were *read to* students, 5% were *read with* students, and 80% were *read independently*.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
2	2	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
3	3	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG)	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
4	4	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG)	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG)
5	5	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)
6	6	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)
7	7	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
8	8	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
9	9	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)	If You Take a Mouse to School , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
10	10	If You Take a Mouse to School , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night , Cynthia Rylant (2.2, LG)	If You Take a Mouse to the Movies , Laura Numeroff (2.1, LG)
11	11	Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night , Cynthia Rylant (2.2, LG)	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
12	12	If You Take a Mouse to the Movies , Laura Numeroff (2.1, LG)	If You Take a Mouse to School , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night , Cynthia Rylant (2.2, LG)
13	13	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Party , Laura Numeroff (2.2, LG)
14	14	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)	The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.2, LG)	Miss Nelson Is Missing! , Harry Allard (2.7, LG)
15	16	Miss Nelson Is Missing! , Harry Allard (2.7, LG)	If You Take a Mouse to the Movies , Laura Numeroff (2.1, LG)	If You Give a Cat a Cupcake , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
16	15	Diary of a Worm , Doreen Cronin (2.8, LG)	Diary of a Worm , Doreen Cronin (2.8, LG)	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
17	20	The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein (2.6, LG)	The Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.4, LG)	The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein (2.6, LG)
18	21	If You Give a Pig a Party , Laura Numeroff (2.2, LG)	Hi, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)
19	23	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)	Diary of a Worm , Doreen Cronin (2.8, LG)
20	25	I Can Read with My Eyes Shut! , Dr. Seuss (2.2, LG)	I Can Read with My Eyes Shut! , Dr. Seuss (2.2, LG)	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)

Grade 2 (continued)				
		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
21	49	If You Give a Cat a Cupcake , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)	Amelia Bedelia , Peggy Parish (2.5, LG)
22	17	The Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.4, LG)	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)	Corduroy , Don Freeman (3.5, LG)
23	19	The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.2, LG)	Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures , Cynthia Rylant (2.7, LG)	I Can Read with My Eyes Shut! , Dr. Seuss (2.2, LG)
24	24	Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures , Cynthia Rylant (2.7, LG)	Dinosaurs Before Dark , Mary Pope Osborne (2.6, LG)	Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures , Cynthia Rylant (2.7, LG)
25	18	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)	Super Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)	The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash , Trinka Hakes Noble (2.2, LG)
26	22	Corduroy , Don Freeman (3.5, LG)	Shoo, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)
27	37	Hi, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)	The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein (2.6, LG)	The Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.4, LG)
28	26	The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash , Trinka Hakes Noble (2.2, LG)	Miss Nelson Is Missing! , Harry Allard (2.7, LG)	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
29	52	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)	The Principal from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.4, LG)	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)
30	29	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)	Danny and the Dinosaur , Syd Hoff (2.3, LG)	Giggle, Giggle, Quack , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
31	36	There's a Wocket in My Pocket! , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)	Hooray for Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)	I Just Forgot , Mercer Mayer (2.0, LG)
32	31	Dinosaurs Before Dark , Mary Pope Osborne (2.6, LG)	Buzz Boy and Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.3, LG)	The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.2, LG)
33	28	I Just Forgot , Mercer Mayer (2.0, LG)	There's a Wocket in My Pocket! , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)	The Tiny Seed , Eric Carle (2.7, LG)
34	27	The Principal from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.4, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Party , Laura Numeroff (2.2, LG)	The Snowy Day , Ezra Jack Keats (2.5, LG)
35	30	Danny and the Dinosaur , Syd Hoff (2.3, LG)	The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash , Trinka Hakes Noble (2.2, LG)	There's a Wocket in My Pocket! , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
36	34	David Goes to School , David Shannon (0.9, LG)	Corduroy , Don Freeman (3.5, LG)	David Goes to School , David Shannon (0.9, LG)
37	35	Giggle, Giggle, Quack , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)	The Principal from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.4, LG)
38	32	Amelia Bedelia , Peggy Parish (2.5, LG)	David Goes to School , David Shannon (0.9, LG)	Just Going to the Dentist , Mercer Mayer (2.4, LG)
39	41	Super Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)	Fly Guy vs. the Flyswatter! , Tedd Arnold (2.1, LG)	Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? , Dr. Seuss (1.8, LG)
40	42	The Tiny Seed , Eric Carle (2.7, LG)	If You Give a Cat a Cupcake , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	Hi, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)

* The average ATOS book level of the top 40 books read by second graders was 2.3 overall, 2.2 for boys, and 2.3 for girls. Interest levels: LG = lower grades (K–3), MG = middle grades (4–8), MG+ = middle grades plus (6 and up), and UG = upper grades (9–12). ATOS book level and interest level inform book selection.

Grade 3

In total, 1,309,518 third graders read 64,564,967 books and 243,222,173,523 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 175,577 for boys and 184,822 for girls.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	X	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Dogzilla , Dav Pilkey (4.2, LG)
2	3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Boom Town , Sonia Levitin (3.7, LG)
3	4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
4	2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)
5	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday , Judith Viorst (3.4, LG)
6	5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	First Day Jitters , Julie Danneberg (2.4, LG)
7	6	Dogzilla , Dav Pilkey (4.2, LG)	Dogzilla , Dav Pilkey (4.2, LG)	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)
8	7	Boom Town , Sonia Levitin (3.7, LG)	Boom Town , Sonia Levitin (3.7, LG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
9	10	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
10	8	Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday , Judith Viorst (3.4, LG)	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)	Penguin Chick , Betty Tatham (3.4, LG)
11	14	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday , Judith Viorst (3.4, LG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
12	9	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
13	12	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)	Penguin Chick , Betty Tatham (3.4, LG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
14	15	Penguin Chick , Betty Tatham (3.4, LG)	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)	Miss Nelson Is Missing! , Harry Allard (2.7, LG)
15	17	First Day Jitters , Julie Danneberg (2.4, LG)	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
16	11	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)	First Day Jitters , Julie Danneberg (2.4, LG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
17	18	Miss Nelson Is Missing! , Harry Allard (2.7, LG)	Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG)
18	13	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG)	The Adventures of Captain Underpants , Dav Pilkey (4.3, MG)	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)
19	16	Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China , Ed Young (3.5, LG)	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)
20	22	Two Bad Ants , Chris Van Allsburg (4.7, LG)	Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China , Ed Young (3.5, LG)	Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China , Ed Young (3.5, LG)

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21	20	The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein (2.6, LG)	Captain Underpants and the Invasion... Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies from Outer Space , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein (2.6, LG)
22	23	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
23	21	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	Two Bad Ants , Chris Van Allsburg (4.7, LG)	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day , Judith Viorst (3.7, LG)
24	30	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)	Wolf! , Becky Bloom (3.5, LG)	Wolf! , Becky Bloom (3.5, LG)
25	27	Wolf! , Becky Bloom (3.5, LG)	Miss Nelson Is Missing! , Harry Allard (2.7, LG)	Two Bad Ants , Chris Van Allsburg (4.7, LG)
26	19	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day , Judith Viorst (3.7, LG)	Diary of a Worm , Doreen Cronin (2.8, LG)	A Bad Case of Stripes , David Shannon (3.8, LG)
27	24	Diary of a Worm , Doreen Cronin (2.8, LG)	Captain Underpants and the Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)
28	210	The Lorax , Dr. Seuss (3.1, LG)	Dinosaurs Before Dark , Mary Pope Osborne (2.6, LG)	Junie B. Jones and Her Big Fat Mouth , Barbara Park (3.0, LG)
29	25	Stone Fox , John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0, MG)	The Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.4, LG)	Corduroy , Don Freeman (3.5, LG)
30	32	Tops & Bottoms , Janet Stevens (3.2, LG)	The Lorax , Dr. Seuss (3.1, LG)	Diary of a Worm , Doreen Cronin (2.8, LG)
31	29	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)	Tops & Bottoms , Janet Stevens (3.2, LG)
32	26	The Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.4, LG)	The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.2, LG)	The Lorax , Dr. Seuss (3.1, LG)
33	28	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs , Judi Barrett (4.3, LG)	Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
34	42	The Polar Express , Chris Van Allsburg (3.8, LG)	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)
35	31	The Gym Teacher from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (2.2, LG)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)	Amazing Grace , Mary Hoffman (3.5, LG)
36	35	Corduroy , Don Freeman (3.5, LG)	Tops & Bottoms , Janet Stevens (3.2, LG)	Stone Fox , John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0, MG)
37	34	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)	The Adventures of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future , Dav Pilkey (2.5, LG)	Amelia Bedelia , Peggy Parish (2.5, LG)
38	36	Dinosaurs Before Dark , Mary Pope Osborne (2.6, LG)	The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein (2.6, LG)	Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook , Barbara Park (3.0, LG)
39	41	Tonight on the Titanic , Mary Pope Osborne (3.1, LG)	Stone Fox , John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0, MG)	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs , Judi Barrett (4.3, LG)
40	33	The Librarian from the Black Lagoon , Mike Thaler (3.2, LG)	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day , Judith Viorst (3.7, LG)	Bad Kitty Meets the Baby , Nick Bruel (3.6, LG)

* The average ATOS book level of the top 40 books read by third graders was 3.7 overall, 3.8 for boys, and 3.6 for girls. Interest levels: LG = lower grades (K–3), MG = middle grades (4–8), MG+ = middle grades plus (6 and up), and UG = upper grades (9–12). ATOS book level and interest level inform book selection.

✗ Title published after 2012 report publication.

Grade 4

In total, 1,305,824 fourth graders read 47,253,713 books and 390,088,862,708 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 281,169 for boys and 301,025 for girls.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	X	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
2	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
3	2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
4	3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
5	5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing , Judy Blume (3.3, MG)
6	4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
7	6	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing , Judy Blume (3.3, MG)	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing , Judy Blume (3.3, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
8	7	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)
9	10	The Stranger , Chris Van Allsburg (3.7, LG)	Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Popular Party Girl , Rachel Renée Russell (5.1, MG)
10	9	Stone Fox , John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0, MG)	The Adventures of Captain Underpants , Dav Pilkey (4.3, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life , Rachel Renée Russell (5.4, MG)
11	8	Sarah, Plain and Tall , Patricia MacLachlan (3.4, MG)	Captain Underpants and the Invasion... Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies from Outer Space , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	The Stranger , Chris Van Allsburg (3.7, LG)
12	14	Grandfather's Journey , Allen Say (3.6, LG)	Captain Underpants and the Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star , Rachel Renée Russell (4.9, MG)
13	12	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever , Barbara Robinson (5.1, MG)	The Stranger , Chris Van Allsburg (3.7, LG)	Sarah, Plain and Tall , Patricia MacLachlan (3.4, MG)
14	11	Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	Stone Fox , John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0, MG)
15	13	The Adventures of Captain Underpants , Dav Pilkey (4.3, MG)	Stone Fox , John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0, MG)	Grandfather's Journey , Allen Say (3.6, LG)
16	16	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)	Grandfather's Journey , Allen Say (3.6, LG)	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever , Barbara Robinson (5.1, MG)
17	15	Captain Underpants and the Invasion... Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies from Outer Space , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	Big Nate: In a Class by Himself , Lincoln Peirce (3.1, MG)	My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. , Christine King Farris (5.0, LG)
18	22	My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. , Christine King Farris (5.0, LG)	Big Nate Strikes Again , Lincoln Peirce (3.0, MG)	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)
19	17	Captain Underpants and the Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy, Part I: The Night of the Nasty Nostril Nuggets , Dav Pilkey (5.2, MG)	Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)
20	29	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Sarah, Plain and Tall , Patricia MacLachlan (3.4, MG)	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)

Grade 4 (continued)				
		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
21	21	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)	Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School , Mark Teague (3.6, LG)
22	19	Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever , Barbara Robinson (5.1, MG)	A Bad Case of Stripes , David Shannon (3.8, LG)
23	20	Shiloh , Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (4.4, MG)	Big Nate on a Roll , Lincoln Peirce (2.9, MG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
24	1,478	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy, Part 2: The Revenge of the Ridiculous Robo-Boogers , Dav Pilkey (4.9, MG)	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)
25	118	Tales from a Not-So-Popular Party Girl , Rachel Renée Russell (5.1, MG)	My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. , Christine King Farris (5.0, LG)	Shiloh , Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (4.4, MG)
26	23	Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Heat Wave! , Helen Ketteman (4.2, LG)
27	31	Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School , Mark Teague (3.6, LG)	Super Diaper Baby 2: The Invasion of the Potty Snatchers , Dav Pilkey (2.2, MG)	The Lorax , Dr. Seuss (3.1, LG)
28	50	Big Nate: In a Class by Himself , Lincoln Peirce (3.1, MG)	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)	The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein (2.6, LG)
29	25	Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life , Rachel Renée Russell (5.4, MG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)	Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod , Robert J. Blake (3.3, LG)
30	270	The Lorax , Dr. Seuss (3.1, LG)	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)	Bad Kitty Meets the Baby , Nick Bruel (3.6, LG)
31	86	Big Nate Strikes Again , Lincoln Peirce (3.0, MG)	The Adventures of Ook and Gluk, Kung-Fu Cavemen from the Future , Dav Pilkey (2.5, LG)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
32	33	Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod , Robert J. Blake (3.3, LG)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)
33	26	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)	Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School , Mark Teague (3.6, LG)	Happy Birthday, Bad Kitty , Nick Bruel (3.6, LG)
34	30	Heat Wave! , Helen Ketteman (4.2, LG)	Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)	The Great Kapok Tree , Lynne Cherry (3.8, LG)
35	18	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	The Polar Express , Chris Van Allsburg (3.8, LG)
36	37	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Akiak: A Tale from the Iditarod , Robert J. Blake (3.3, LG)	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day , Judith Viorst (3.7, LG)
37	24	Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy, Part I: The Night of the Nasty Nostril Nuggets , Dav Pilkey (5.2, MG)	The Lorax , Dr. Seuss (3.1, LG)	James and the Giant Peach , Roald Dahl (4.8, MG)
38	38	The Great Kapok Tree , Lynne Cherry (3.8, LG)	Heat Wave! , Helen Ketteman (4.2, LG)	Junie B. Jones and Her Big Fat Mouth , Barbara Park (3.0, LG)
39	35	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)	Shiloh , Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (4.4, MG)	Bad Kitty Gets a Bath , Nick Bruel (3.7, LG)
40	46	The Giving Tree , Shel Silverstein (2.6, LG)	Where the Wild Things Are , Maurice Sendak (3.4, LG)	Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella , Robert D. San Souci (3.7, LG)

* The average ATOS book level of the top 40 books read by fourth graders was 4.6 overall, 4.5 for boys, and 4.4 for girls. Interest levels: LG = lower grades (K–3), MG = middle grades (4–8), MG+ = middle grades plus (6 and up), and UG = upper grades (9–12). ATOS book level and interest level inform book selection.

✕ Title published after 2012 report publication.

Grade 5

In total, 1,270,305 fifth graders read 34,388,276 books and 500,680,145,437 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 367,347 for boys and 402,863 for girls.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	X	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
2	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
3	2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
4	92	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
5	3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
6	4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
7	5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
8	6	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Popular Party Girl , Rachel Renée Russell (5.1, MG)
9	7	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life , Rachel Renée Russell (5.4, MG)
10	8	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star , Rachel Renée Russell (4.9, MG)
11	194	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Sign of the Beaver , Elizabeth George Speare (4.9, MG)	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)
12	10	The Sign of the Beaver , Elizabeth George Speare (4.9, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)
13	38	Tales from a Not-So-Popular Party Girl , Rachel Renée Russell (5.1, MG)	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)
14	14	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
15	12	Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life , Rachel Renée Russell (5.4, MG)	Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	The Sign of the Beaver , Elizabeth George Speare (4.9, MG)
16	X	Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star , Rachel Renée Russell (4.9, MG)	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)
17	9	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)
18	13	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)	The Adventures of Captain Underpants , Dav Pilkey (4.3, MG)	Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson (4.6, MG)
19	15	Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)	Big Nate: In a Class by Himself , Lincoln Peirce (3.1, MG)	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)
20	17	Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson (4.6, MG)	Captain Underpants and the Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures , Brian Selznick (5.1, MG)

Grade 5 (continued)				
		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
21	43	The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures , Brian Selznick (5.1, MG)	Big Nate Strikes Again , Lincoln Peirce (3.0, MG)	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)
22	20	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	Captain Underpants and the Invasion... Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies from Outer Space , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	The Reptile Room , Lemony Snicket (6.3, MG)
23	22	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)	Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)
24	27	Maniac Magee , Jerry Spinelli (4.7, MG)	Big Nate on a Roll , Lincoln Peirce (2.9, MG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
25	398	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	Maniac Magee , Jerry Spinelli (4.7, MG)
26	11	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson (4.6, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
27	34	Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	The Titan's Curse , Rick Riordan (4.2, MG)	Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)
28	24	Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets , Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)
29	23	The Reptile Room , Lemony Snicket (6.3, MG)	Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	The Wide Window , Lemony Snicket (6.3, MG)
30	25	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Dear Mr. Henshaw , Beverly Cleary (4.9, MG)
31	X	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Captain Underpants and the Big, Bad Battle of the Bionic Booger Boy, Part I: The Night of the Nasty Nostril Nuggets , Dav Pilkey (5.2, MG)	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever , Barbara Robinson (5.1, MG)
32	28	Shiloh , Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (4.4, MG)	Maniac Magee , Jerry Spinelli (4.7, MG)	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)
33	29	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	Shiloh , Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (4.4, MG)
34	26	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	The Battle of the Labyrinth , Rick Riordan (4.1, MG)	Dying to Meet You , Kate Klise (4.9, MG)
35	47	Big Nate: In a Class by Himself , Lincoln Peirce (3.1, MG)	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster , Debra Frasier (5.3, LG)
36	30	Dear Mr. Henshaw , Beverly Cleary (4.9, MG)	Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	Let's Pretend This Never Happened by Jamie Kelly , Jim Benton (6.1, MG)
37	37	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever , Barbara Robinson (5.1, MG)	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)
38	76	Big Nate Strikes Again , Lincoln Peirce (3.0, MG)	The Strange Case of Origami Yoda , Tom Angleberger (4.7, MG)	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
39	31	The Adventures of Captain Underpants , Dav Pilkey (4.3, MG)	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)	The Miserable Mill , Lemony Snicket (6.2, MG)
40	33	Captain Underpants and the Invasion... Incredibly Naughty Cafeteria Ladies from Outer Space , Dav Pilkey (4.4, MG)	The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures , Brian Selznick (5.1, MG)	Am I the Princess or the Frog? by Jamie Kelly , Jim Benton (5.6, MG)

* The average ATOS book level of the top 40 books read by fifth graders was 5.2 overall, 5.1 for boys, and 5.2 for girls. Interest levels: LG = lower grades (K–3), MG = middle grades (4–8), MG+ = middle grades plus (6 and up), and UG = upper grades (9–12). ATOS book level and interest level inform book selection.

X Title published after 2012 report publication.

Grade 6

In total, 900,972 sixth graders read 14,955,239 books and 396,055,466,067 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 391,219 for boys and 456,354 for girls.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	X	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
2	11	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
3	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
4	25	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
5	2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)
6	6	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
7	5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)
8	3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
9	4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
10	7	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
11	36	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
12	9	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Popular Party Girl , Rachel Renée Russell (5.1, MG)
13	8	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star , Rachel Renée Russell (4.9, MG)
14	18	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life , Rachel Renée Russell (5.4, MG)
15	14	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)
16	17	The Cay , Theodore Taylor (5.3, MG)	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
17	X	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)
18	21	The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)
19	10	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	The Cay , Theodore Taylor (5.3, MG)	The Cay , Theodore Taylor (5.3, MG)
20	44	Tales from a Not-So-Popular Party Girl , Rachel Renée Russell (5.1, MG)	The Titan's Curse , Rick Riordan (4.2, MG)	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)

Grade 6 (continued)				
		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
21	19	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)
22	26	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)	The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)
23	20	Maniac Magee , Jerry Spinelli (4.7, MG)	The Battle of the Labyrinth , Rick Riordan (4.1, MG)	Maniac Magee , Jerry Spinelli (4.7, MG)
24	X	Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star , Rachel Renée Russell (4.9, MG)	The Red Pyramid , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)
25	23	Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life , Rachel Renée Russell (5.4, MG)	The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	Twilight , Stephenie Meyer (4.9, UG)
26	16	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Maniac Magee , Jerry Spinelli (4.7, MG)	Among the Hidden , Margaret Peterson Haddix (4.8, MG)
27	24	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)	The Throne of Fire , Rick Riordan (4.8, MG)	The Reptile Room , Lemony Snicket (6.3, MG)
28	13	The Titan's Curse , Rick Riordan (4.2, MG)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson (4.6, MG)
29	28	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)	The Wide Window , Lemony Snicket (6.3, MG)
30	34	Among the Hidden , Margaret Peterson Haddix (4.8, MG)	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)	Esperanza Rising , Pam Muñoz Ryan (5.3, MG)
31	12	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)
32	15	The Battle of the Labyrinth , Rick Riordan (4.1, MG)	Among the Hidden , Margaret Peterson Haddix (4.8, MG)	Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)
33	22	The Red Pyramid , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)
34	29	The Reptile Room , Lemony Snicket (6.3, MG)	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	The Miserable Mill , Lemony Snicket (6.2, MG)
35	31	Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	Big Nate: In a Class by Himself , Lincoln Peirce (3.1, MG)	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)
36	27	Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson (4.6, MG)	Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life , James Patterson (4.5, MG)	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
37	30	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson (4.6, MG)	The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures , Brian Selznick (5.1, MG)
38	1,209	The Throne of Fire , Rick Riordan (4.8, MG)	The Reptile Room , Lemony Snicket (6.3, MG)	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)
39	32	The Wide Window , Lemony Snicket (6.3, MG)	Big Nate Strikes Again , Lincoln Peirce (3.0, MG)	The Austere Academy , Lemony Snicket (6.7, MG)
40	33	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire , J.K. Rowling (6.8, MG)	Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)

* The average ATOS book level of the top 40 books read by sixth graders was 5.2 overall, 5.2 for boys, and 5.3 for girls. Interest levels: LG = lower grades (K–3), MG = middle grades (4–8), MG+ = middle grades plus (6 and up), and UG = upper grades (9–12). ATOS book level and interest level inform book selection.

X Title published after 2012 report publication.

Grade 7

In total, 673,039 seventh graders read 7,659,846 books and 285,739,507,337 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 357,493 for boys and 450,418 for girls.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	3	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
2	X	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
3	10	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)
4	2	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
5	14	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
6	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)
7	5	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
8	4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
9	7	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Rikki-Tikki-Tavi , Rudyard Kipling (5.0, LG)
10	6	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)
11	8	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	A Child Called "It" , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)
12	9	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
13	X	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
14	19	Rikki-Tikki-Tavi , Rudyard Kipling (5.0, LG)	Rikki-Tikki-Tavi , Rudyard Kipling (5.0, LG)	Twilight , Stephenie Meyer (4.9, UG)
15	12	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
16	15	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
17	20	The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)
18	17	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	Breaking Dawn , Stephenie Meyer (4.8, UG)
19	11	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Popular Party Girl , Rachel Renée Russell (5.1, MG)
20	22	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life , Rachel Renée Russell (5.4, MG)

Grade 7 (continued)				
		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
21	23	A Child Called "It" , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)	The Throne of Fire , Rick Riordan (4.8, MG)	Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star , Rachel Renée Russell (4.9, MG)
22	13	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	The Titan's Curse , Rick Riordan (4.2, MG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)
23	16	The Titan's Curse , Rick Riordan (4.2, MG)	The Battle of the Labyrinth , Rick Riordan (4.1, MG)	New Moon , Stephenie Meyer (4.7, UG)
24	18	The Battle of the Labyrinth , Rick Riordan (4.1, MG)	The Red Pyramid , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)
25	24	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)	The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)	Among the Hidden , Margaret Peterson Haddix (4.8, MG)
26	21	The Red Pyramid , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)
27	1,294	The Throne of Fire , Rick Riordan (4.8, MG)	Touching Spirit Bear , Ben Mikaelson (5.3, MG)	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
28	26	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry , Mildred D. Taylor (5.7, MG)	Among the Hidden , Margaret Peterson Haddix (4.8, MG)	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry , Mildred D. Taylor (5.7, MG)
29	35	Among the Hidden , Margaret Peterson Haddix (4.8, MG)	The Cay , Theodore Taylor (5.3, MG)	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)
30	25	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	Where the Red Fern Grows , Wilson Rawls (4.9, MG)
31	27	Twilight , Stephenie Meyer (4.9, UG)	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry , Mildred D. Taylor (5.7, MG)	Matched , Ally Condie (4.8, UG)
32	29	The Cay , Theodore Taylor (5.3, MG)	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)	Touching Spirit Bear , Ben Mikaelson (5.3, MG)
33	31	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Pretty Little Liars , Sara Shepard (4.5, UG)
34	33	Touching Spirit Bear , Ben Mikaelson (5.3, MG)	Stormbreaker , Anthony Horowitz (5.1, MG+)	Eclipse , Stephenie Meyer (4.5, UG)
35	28	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)	Tangerine , Edward Bloor (4.3, MG)	The Cay , Theodore Taylor (5.3, MG)
36	32	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)
37	38	Tangerine , Edward Bloor (4.3, MG)	A Christmas Carol (Unabridged) , Charles Dickens (6.7, MG)	Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment , James Patterson (4.6, MG+)
38	30	Breaking Dawn , Stephenie Meyer (4.8, UG)	The Bad Beginning , Lemony Snicket (6.4, MG)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)
39	37	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life , James Patterson (4.5, MG)	Flipped , Wendelin Van Draanen (4.8, UG)
40	49	A Christmas Carol (Unabridged) , Charles Dickens (6.7, MG)	Inheritance , Christopher Paolini (7.5, UG)	Someone to Love Me , Anne Schraff (4.5, MG+)

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✗ Title published after 2012 report publication.

Grade 8

In total, 604,199 eighth graders read 5,981,922 books and 261,894,852,094 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 356,220 for boys and 475,424 for girls.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	2	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
2	5	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
3	1	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)
4	6	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
5	3	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)
6	✕	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
7	4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	The Tell-Tale Heart , Edgar Allan Poe (7.3, UG)
8	11	The Tell-Tale Heart , Edgar Allan Poe (7.3, UG)	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	A Child Called "It" , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)
9	9	The Diary of Anne Frank , Frances Goodrich (3.1, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	The Diary of Anne Frank , Frances Goodrich (3.1, MG)
10	✕	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	The Tell-Tale Heart , Edgar Allan Poe (7.3, UG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
11	7	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Breaking Dawn , Stephenie Meyer (4.8, UG)
12	8	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Twilight , Stephenie Meyer (4.9, UG)
13	10	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
14	12	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Night , Elie Wiesel (4.8, UG)
15	16	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	The Diary of Anne Frank , Frances Goodrich (3.1, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
16	13	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Matched , Ally Condie (4.8, UG)
17	21	A Child Called "It" , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	To Kill a Mockingbird , Harper Lee (5.6, UG)
18	19	Night , Elie Wiesel (4.8, UG)	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas , John Boyne (5.8, UG)
19	20	To Kill a Mockingbird , Harper Lee (5.6, UG)	The Throne of Fire , Rick Riordan (4.8, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
20	14	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	The Red Pyramid , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)

Grade 8 (continued)				
		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
21	15	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	The Battle of the Labyrinth , Rick Riordan (4.1, MG)	Beastly , Alex Flinn (3.7, UG)
22	31	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas , John Boyne (5.8, UG)	The Titan's Curse , Rick Riordan (4.2, MG)	Pretty Little Liars , Sara Shepard (4.5, UG)
23	26	The Red Pyramid , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
24	2,445	The Throne of Fire , Rick Riordan (4.8, MG)	Night , Elie Wiesel (4.8, UG)	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
25	18	The Battle of the Labyrinth , Rick Riordan (4.1, MG)	Inheritance , Christopher Paolini (7.5, UG)	Someone to Love Me , Anne Schraff (4.5, MG+)
26	17	The Titan's Curse , Rick Riordan (4.2, MG)	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)
27	23	Breaking Dawn , Stephenie Meyer (4.8, UG)	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)	New Moon , Stephenie Meyer (4.7, UG)
28	33	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	The Call of the Wild , Jack London (8.0, MG)	The Pigman , Paul Zindel (5.5, UG)
29	25	Twilight , Stephenie Meyer (4.9, UG)	The Pigman , Paul Zindel (5.5, UG)	Uglies , Scott Westerfeld (5.2, MG+)
30	40	The Call of the Wild , Jack London (8.0, MG)	Touching Spirit Bear , Ben Mikaelson (5.3, MG)	Thirteen Reasons Why , Jay Asher (3.9, MG+)
31	30	The Pigman , Paul Zindel (5.5, UG)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	The Help , Kathryn Stockett (4.4, UG)
32	28	My Brother Sam Is Dead , James Lincoln Collier (4.9, MG)	To Kill a Mockingbird , Harper Lee (5.6, UG)	Nothing But the Truth , Avi (3.6, UG)
33	32	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	My Brother Sam Is Dead , James Lincoln Collier (4.9, MG)	Tears of a Tiger , Sharon M. Draper (4.3, UG)
34	34	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Nothing But the Truth , Avi (3.6, UG)	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)
35	35	Nothing But the Truth , Avi (3.6, UG)	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas , John Boyne (5.8, UG)	Forged by Fire , Sharon M. Draper (4.7, MG)
36	38	The Pearl , John Steinbeck (7.1, UG)	Stormbreaker , Anthony Horowitz (5.1, MG+)	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)
37	42	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets , J.K. Rowling (6.7, MG)	Eclipse , Stephenie Meyer (4.5, UG)
38	41	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)	The Pearl , John Steinbeck (7.1, UG)	The Pearl , John Steinbeck (7.1, UG)
39	45	Animal Farm , George Orwell (7.3, UG)	Eragon , Christopher Paolini (5.6, UG)	Speak , Laurie Halse Anderson (4.5, UG)
40	56	The Monkey's Paw , W.W. Jacobs (6.5, UG)	The Ruins of Gorlan , John Flanagan (7.0, MG)	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry , Mildred D. Taylor (5.7, MG)

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✘ Title published after 2012 report publication.

Grade 9–12

In total, 455,684 ninth–twelfth graders read 2,683,046 books and 139,989,185,671 words during the 2011–12 school year. The average number of words read was 246,826 for boys and 338,795 for girls.

		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
1	1	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
2	6	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Catching Fire , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
3	7	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Of Mice and Men , John Steinbeck (4.5, UG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
4	2	Of Mice and Men , John Steinbeck (4.5, UG)	Mockingjay , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)	Of Mice and Men , John Steinbeck (4.5, UG)
5	3	To Kill a Mockingbird , Harper Lee (5.6, UG)	Night , Elie Wiesel (4.8, UG)	To Kill a Mockingbird , Harper Lee (5.6, UG)
6	4	Night , Elie Wiesel (4.8, UG)	To Kill a Mockingbird , Harper Lee (5.6, UG)	Night , Elie Wiesel (4.8, UG)
7	8	Animal Farm , George Orwell (7.3, UG)	Animal Farm , George Orwell (7.3, UG)	A Child Called "It" , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)
8	10	A Child Called "It" , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Twilight , Stephenie Meyer (4.9, UG)
9	22	Romeo and Juliet , William Shakespeare (8.6, UG)	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)	Breaking Dawn , Stephenie Meyer (4.8, UG)
10	13	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	Animal Farm , George Orwell (7.3, UG)
11	9	Twilight , Stephenie Meyer (4.9, UG)	Romeo and Juliet , William Shakespeare (8.6, UG)	Thirteen Reasons Why , Jay Asher (3.9, MG+)
12	11	Breaking Dawn , Stephenie Meyer (4.8, UG)	Inheritance , Christopher Paolini (7.5, UG)	The Help , Kathryn Stockett (4.4, UG)
13	12	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Crank , Ellen Hopkins (4.3, UG)
14	17	The Great Gatsby , F. Scott Fitzgerald (7.3, UG)	The Most Dangerous Game , Richard Connell (5.3, UG)	Romeo and Juliet , William Shakespeare (8.6, UG)
15	18	Lord of the Flies , William Golding (5.0, UG)	Lord of the Flies , William Golding (5.0, UG)	The Great Gatsby , F. Scott Fitzgerald (7.3, UG)
16	29	The Crucible , Arthur Miller (4.9, UG)	The Crucible , Arthur Miller (4.9, UG)	The Last Song , Nicholas Sparks (5.1, UG)
17	28	The Most Dangerous Game , Richard Connell (5.3, UG)	A Child Called "It" , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)	The Notebook , Nicholas Sparks (5.5, UG)
18	15	Crank , Ellen Hopkins (4.3, UG)	The Great Gatsby , F. Scott Fitzgerald (7.3, UG)	The Crucible , Arthur Miller (4.9, UG)
19	23	Julius Caesar , William Shakespeare (10.8, UG)	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	Speak , Laurie Halse Anderson (4.5, UG)
20	19	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	Marked: A House of Night Novel , P.C. Cast (5.4, UG)

Grade 9–12 (continued)				
		Overall	Boys	Girls
11–12	10–11 Rank Overall	Title, Author (ATOS Book Level, Interest Level)*		
21	33	Thirteen Reasons Why , Jay Asher (3.9, MG+)	Julius Caesar , William Shakespeare (10.8, UG)	The Lucky One , Nicholas Sparks (5.0, UG)
22	25	Speak , Laurie Halse Anderson (4.5, UG)	Frankenstein (Unabridged) , Mary Shelley (12.4, UG)	The Outsiders , S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG)
23	X	The Son of Neptune , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)	Dear John , Nicholas Sparks (5.5, UG)
24	1,273	The Help , Kathryn Stockett (4.4, UG)	The Battle of the Labyrinth , Rick Riordan (4.1, MG)	A Walk to Remember , Nicholas Sparks (5.8, UG)
25	76	Frankenstein (Unabridged) , Mary Shelley (12.4, UG)	The Titan's Curse , Rick Riordan (4.2, MG)	Lord of the Flies , William Golding (5.0, UG)
26	X	Inheritance , Christopher Paolini (7.5, UG)	Eragon , Christopher Paolini (5.6, UG)	Perfect Chemistry , Simone Elkeles (4.2, UG)
27	43	The Lost Hero , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Gym Candy , Carl Deuker (4.6, UG)	Pretty Little Liars , Sara Shepard (4.5, UG)
28	5	The Last Song , Nicholas Sparks (5.1, UG)	The Cask of Amontillado , Edgar Allan Poe (7.3, UG)	Beastly , Alex Flinn (3.7, UG)
29	32	Tears of a Tiger , Sharon M. Draper (4.3, UG)	The Red Pyramid , Rick Riordan (4.5, MG)	Frankenstein (Unabridged) , Mary Shelley (12.4, UG)
30	27	The Notebook , Nicholas Sparks (5.5, UG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	Glass , Ellen Hopkins (3.7, UG)
31	20	Marked: A House of Night Novel , P.C. Cast (5.4, UG)	Twilight , Stephenie Meyer (4.9, UG)	The Most Dangerous Game , Richard Connell (5.3, UG)
32	101	The Lucky One , Nicholas Sparks (5.0, UG)	The Maze Runner , James Dashner (5.3, UG)	If I Stay , Gayle Forman (5.3, UG)
33	21	The Sea of Monsters , Rick Riordan (4.6, MG)	Tears of a Tiger , Sharon M. Draper (4.3, UG)	Betrayed: A House of Night Novel , P.C. Cast (5.4, UG)
34	14	Dear John , Nicholas Sparks (5.5, UG)	We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success , Sampson Davis (5.8, UG)	Along for the Ride , Sarah Dessen (4.7, UG)
35	26	A Walk to Remember , Nicholas Sparks (5.8, UG)	The Throne of Fire , Rick Riordan (4.8, MG)	Julius Caesar , William Shakespeare (10.8, UG)
36	65	Macbeth , William Shakespeare (10.9, UG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)	Just Listen , Sarah Dessen (4.9, UG)
37	64	Perfect Chemistry , Simone Elkeles (4.2, UG)	Macbeth , William Shakespeare (10.9, UG)	Burned , Ellen Hopkins (4.2, UG)
38	30	The Last Olympian , Rick Riordan (4.3, MG)	Breaking Dawn , Stephenie Meyer (4.8, UG)	Heaven Is for Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His Trip to Heaven and Back , Todd Burpo (6.3, MG+)
39	102	The Cask of Amontillado , Edgar Allan Poe (7.3, UG)	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone , J.K. Rowling (5.5, MG)	New Moon , Stephenie Meyer (4.7, UG)
40	87	Anthem , Ayn Rand (6.1, UG)	Brisingsr , Christopher Paolini (7.8, UG)	Tears of a Tiger , Sharon M. Draper (4.3, UG)

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