Young children and their parents may come into your library this summer and ask for your help finding books that match their reading ability and interests. The following information explains how you can use Lexile® measures and the “Find a Book, Georgia” search utility to help your patrons.

What is a Lexile measure?
A Lexile measure indicates the reading level of an individual or a book, and is represented as a number followed by an “L” (for example, 700L). By comparing a child’s Lexile measure with the Lexile measure of a book, you can decide whether its text demand will be too difficult, too easy or just right for the child’s reading ability. The best way to strengthen his or her reading skills is to have the child read books within his or her Lexile range.

What is a child’s recommended Lexile range?
A child’s Lexile range spans from 100L below to 50L above his or her Lexile measure. When the child reads within his or her Lexile range, he or she should be able to comprehend enough of the book to make sense of it, while still being sufficiently challenged to maintain interest and learning.

How can I obtain a Lexile measure for a child?
There are three ways to determine an approximate Lexile measure for identifying books at a student’s appropriate reading level for summer reading.
1. Lexile measures are reported on the Individual Student Report for the Georgia Milestones English Language Arts Assessment.
2. Students can approximate their Lexile measures by looking at the Lexile measures associated with the last 4-5 books they read during the school year. Choose books around the Lexile measure of the book(s) they felt most comfortable reading.
3. Visit the “Find a Book, Georgia” site and enter the grade level of the student and check the statement that best describes the student’s comfort with reading and a Lexile range will be generated.

How can you use Lexile measures to help a child find books?
With the free “Find a Book, Georgia” search tool, you can help a child select books that best match his or her reading ability (Lexile measure), interests and goals. It’s easy and fun to use!

1. GO TO Lexile.com/fab/GA
2. ENTER the child’s Lexile measure
3. SELECT the child’s interest categories
4. VIEW AND REFINE the search results
   As you browse books that the child finds interesting, click the “Find in a Library” button next to the book title to check its availability at your local public library.
5. PRINT the child’s custom reading list