



The Library Project

The books below are suggested for purchase using the IDA Ontario mini-grant funds. If you find a book or resource that is not listed that you would like to purchase using grant funds, please email programs@idaontario.com. We will happily review it and add it to the list if appropriate. This project aims to increase awareness of dyslexia and accessibility to fiction and nonfiction books for struggling readers. Thank you for your participation.





Decodable Books



Decodable books are an important part of an evidence-based approach to reading instruction. Decodable books contain words made of spelling and morphological (e.g. prefixes & suffixes) patterns that have been explicitly taught. To make the text more readable, a small number of words that have non-phonetic spellings, such as 'the' and 'was,' are also used. Decodable series progress in complexity as the child learns new spelling patterns/conventions. Decodable texts are associated with emergent readers. An emergent reader can be of any age/grade, so decodable books should match their interest and reading levels.

 Canadian publisher or distributor |  available on Amazon |  available at Indigo


French Decodable Books

Website	Description
<p><u>Available from the publisher</u></p> 	<p>Each story showcases the beauty and diversity of the French culture in Canada. The texts will come in at least two differentiated versions, allowing for all students to engage with the texts.</p>
<p><u>Available from the publisher</u> ships in 4-12 days</p> 	<p>These Facile à lire books progress from: 1) adult support child learning sounds of letters and syllables 2) texts contain a lot of repetitions in order to facilitate comprehension 3) discover compound sounds 4) consolidate compound sounds into more complex sentences 5) discover complex sounds 6) discover rare and complex spellings.</p>








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<p><u>Available from the publisher</u></p> <p></p>	<p>Une syllabe à la fois is aimed at children who are learning to read as well as those for whom this learning poses difficulties. To facilitate learning to read, the words that make up the stories have been selected according to their familiarity, their syllabic structure and the graphemes they contain.</p>
<p><u>Available from the publisher</u></p> <p></p>	<p>Décode is a collection of graded books specially designed to accompany the reader step by step in learning to decode. It offers six levels that gradually include grapheme-phoneme correspondences and the particularities of the French language.</p>

For Emergent Readers



Website	Description
<p><u>Available from the publisher</u></p> <p></p>	<p>Phonic Books are written by reading specialist teachers, and are designed to engage and enthuse beginner and reluctant readers. The highly-structured phonic sequence ensures reading success and building of confidence from the very beginning. Phonic Books offers various series tailored for both younger and older students.</p>
<p><u>Available from the publisher</u> and <u>available from a Canadian Distributor</u></p>	<p>Express Readers contain fun animals that reappear in books. Students like the large print.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>free teacher resources on the website</i>



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Available from the publisher	Learning Without Tears: Each Phonics, Reading, and Me lesson focuses on a targeted skill within a systematic scope and sequence.
Available from the publisher 	Practice Readers books aims to make it easy for parents to find fun and meaningful texts for the earliest readers and spellers, no matter what program their teacher uses in school.
Available from the publisher US Shipping 	Little Learners Love Literacy® is a sequential, explicit program backed by research. Our teaching focuses on phonemic awareness, the alphabetic code (phonics), vocabulary and linking the teaching of reading, spelling and writing - no guessing strategies!
Available from the publisher US Shipping 	Simple Words Decodable Chapter Books use words taught at early levels so striving readers can enjoy 'big-kid' books with engaging and fun stories that build vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension.
Available from the publisher 	SyllaSense Decodable Readers by Lee-Ann Lear allows students to develop and practice grapheme-phoneme correspondence and an understanding of orthographic conventions, morphology, and high-frequency words while reading meaningful text with natural language structures. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>free teacher resources on the website</i>
Available from the publisher 	Wacky Tat are based on the science of reading. Letter-sounds are introduced gradually and in a specific order.
Available from the publisher	The Whole Phonics™ program consists of five levels. The first three levels contain fifteen decodable readers dedicated to a specific phonetic element and new sight word(s). Every new reader builds on the sounds presented by the prior readers. Workbook pages, games and supplemental activities accompany each reader.



For Older Kids

Website	Description
<p><u>Available from the publisher</u></p> 	<p>Foothills Educational Materials offers various high-interest/low-vocabulary books for older children.</p>
<p><u>Available from the publisher</u></p> 	<p>These Phonic Books are age-appropriate, decodable, synthetic phonic reading books for older, struggling readers. Suitable for ages 8 – 14 and designed to introduce the English Phonic Code in small sequential steps.</p>

Books About Reading

In addition to including books for dyslexic students and struggling readers, we encourage libraries to purchase books about dyslexia and reading development. Unfortunately, quite a few books on the market about dyslexia provide inaccurate or outright false information. We have created this short list of titles that we recommend.

Title	Author	Publisher	Description
Language at the Speed of Sight	Mark Seidenberg	Basic Books	0465019323 Provides research and reasoning on why teaching children to read should include building their abilities to connect reading with speech and amplifying them through practice.
Overcoming Dyslexia	Sally Shaywitz	A.A Knopf	9780679781592 A comprehensive, updated, and practical book on identifying, understanding, and overcoming reading problems. Includes the most recent research on evidence-based approaches.
Proust and the Squid	Maryanne Wolf	Harper	9780060933845 Examines the journey of the reading brain throughout a child's life. Reveals why children with dyslexia have reading difficulties and singular gifts.
Reading for Life	Lyn Stone	Routledge	1138590924 This accessible guide, suitable for parents, teachers, and literacy professionals, bridges the gap between research and practice, translating academic findings into practical suggestions and ready-to-use techniques.
Reading for Our Lives: A Literacy Action Plan from Birth to Six	Maya Payne Smart	Avery	0593332172 An award-winning journalist and literacy advocate provides a clear, step-by-step guide to helping your child thrive as a reader and a learner.
The Art and Science of Teaching Primary Reading	Christopher Such	Corwin Press Inc.	978-1529764161 This book is an essential guide for primary teachers that explores the key technical and practical aspects of how children read with strong links to theory and how to translate this into the classroom.