

Grade 9

During the 2020–2021 school year, 38,775 ninth graders read about 5 print books and 224,805 words each. Nearly 175,000 ninth graders spent time reading digitally.

New and Now Reads

Newly discovered titles offer fresh reading options for students searching for that next great read. Students read and quizzed on these books for the first time in Fall 2021.

- **Counting the Stars: The Story of Katherine Johnson, NASA Mathematician** **NF**
Lesa Cline-Ransome (5.9, LG, 1030L)
- **Dear Justyce**
Nic Stone (5.3, UG, 780L)
- **Circe**
Madeline Miller (5.0, UG, 660L)
- **96 Miles**
J.L. Esplin (5.2, MG, 760L)
- **Punching the Air**
Ibi Zoboi (5.7, UG)

Top Print Titles

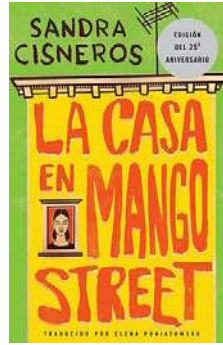
- 1 **To Kill a Mockingbird** **SP**
Harper Lee (5.6, UG, 790L)
- 2 **Romeo and Juliet** **SP**
William Shakespeare (8.6, UG)
- 3 **Night** **NF**
Elie Wiesel (4.8, UG, 590L)
- 4 **The Most Dangerous Game**
Richard Connell (5.3, UG)
- 5 **Of Mice and Men** **SP**
John Steinbeck (4.5, UG, 630L)
- 6 **The Outsiders** **SP**
S.E. Hinton (4.7, UG, 750L)
- 7 **Lord of the Flies** **SP**
William Golding (5.0, UG, 770L)
- 8 **Animal Farm** **SP**
George Orwell (7.3, UG, 1730L)
- 9 **Hunger Games Series** **SP**
Suzanne Collins (5.3–6.1, MG+, 800L–860L)
- 10 **Divergent Series** **SP**
Veronica Roth (4.8–5.8, UG, 700L–850L)

Popular Digital Books

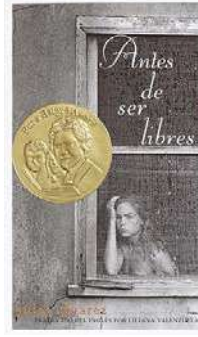
- 1 **Creepy Urban Legends** **NF**
Tim Ohei (4.0, MG, 640L)
- 2 **Dracula (Graphic Revolve)**
Michael Burgan (2.6, MG, 540L)
- 3 **Take Your Pick of Monster Encounters** **NF**
G.G. Lake (3.8, MG, 590L)
- 4 **Zombie Winter**
Jason Strange (3.7, MG, 520L)
- 5 **Pro Football's All-Time Greatest Comebacks** **NF**
Drew Lyon (5.7, MG, 970L)
- 6 **Handbook to Ghosts, Poltergeists, and Haunted Houses** **NF**
Sean McCollum (5.6, MG, 830L)
- 7 **Haunted Hotels Around the World** **NF**
Megan Cooley Peterson (5.0, MG, 750L)
- 8 **Full Moon Horror**
Jason Strange (3.0, MG, 380L)
- 9 **Pride and Prejudice**
Jane Austen (12.0, UG, 1430L)
- 10 **The Canterville Ghost**
Oscar Wilde (12.6, MG, 1430L)

Authentic Spanish Titles

Authentic Spanish texts written for native speakers help students make real-life connections, develop deeper vocabulary and linguistic understanding, and grow cultural appreciation.



La casa en Mango Street **SP**
Sandra Cisneros
(4.5, UG, 890L)



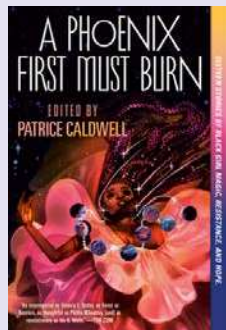
Antes de ser libres **SP**
Julia Alvarez (5.6, MG)



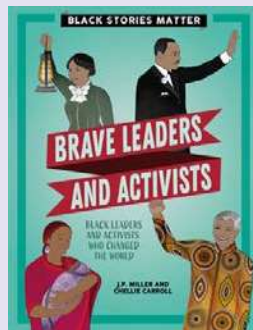
Me llaman héroe: Recuerdos de mi juventud **NF SP**
Daniel Hernández
(7.2, MG+)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Themes

Each of us is a unique blend of characteristics and traits that matter implicitly. Consider these titles to begin conversations about our diverse makeup and how inclusion allows us all to thrive.



A Phoenix First Must Burn: Sixteen Stories of Black Girl Magic, Resistance, and Hope
Patrice Caldwell
(5.4, MG+)



Brave Leaders and Activists **NF**
J.P. Miller
(6.9, MG, 1010L)



Starfish
Akemi Dawn Bowman
(4.5, UG, 670L)



The Astonishing Color of After
Emily X.R. Pan
(4.8, UG, 670L)

Social and Emotional Learning Topics

Safe and healthy communities exist when people accept themselves as well as understand and care for those around them. The following titles cover topics that may support social and emotional learning.



Ensuring Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

In choosing books for Accelerated Reader quizzes, we strive to ensure that students of all backgrounds see their lives and experiences reflected in what they are reading.