

Level Up

At Your Library

Summer 2025

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Reading Companion
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Ag-Accurate Book Recommendation:	Accompanying IAITC Lesson:
<i>Stepping Stones</i> by Lucy Knisley	Plant Parts Logic Puzzle: Test students' knowledge of which part of the plant their favorite vegetables are with this mind-bending logic puzzle activity!
<i>Right This Very Minute</i> by Lisl Detlefsen	Spot IL! Learn more about Illinois Agriculture with this fun, fast-paced observation card game!
<i>Farming Strong All Year Long</i> by Sherri Duskey Rinker	Corn Soy Hog Pumpkin Cattle: Get ready for some hand-slapping mayhem with this Illinois Agriculture version of a popular card game!
<i>The Secret Life of Bugs</i> by Moira Butterfield	Good Bugs, Bad Bugs Memory: Learn about life cycles of insects and which bugs are beneficial and harmful in this fun matching game!
<i>The Great Big Water Cycle Adventure</i> by Kay Barnham and Maddie Frost	Water Cycle Tower: Students will enjoy learning about the water cycle with this fun new take on a classic game.
<i>Max Explains Everything: Grocery Store Expert</i> by Stacy McAnulty	Indoor BINGO: This fun at-home activity expands students' knowledge of co-products and by-products in agriculture.
<i>Carl and the Meaning of Life</i> by Deborah Freedman	Beneficial Bugs Scavenger Hunt: Let students explore the natural world and find as many beneficial bugs as they can!
<i>On the Farm, At the Market</i> by G. Brian Karas	Farmers Market Scavenger Hunt: Learn more about locally-grown products and meet the farmers who grow them with this Farmers Market scavenger hunt!
<i>Logan's Greenhouse</i> by JaNay Brown-Wood	Ins and Outs: Think you know what the "ins and outs" of the fruits and vegetables you eat look like? Test your knowledge with this fun matching activity!
<i>Superlative A. Lincoln</i> by Eileen R. Meyer	Tin Foil Flat Boat: Help students learn more about buoyancy, density, and other science concepts with this fun, hands-on STEM activity.
<i>The Great Pumpkin Smash</i> by Lori Haskins Houran	Pumpkin Catapult: Students will love this engaging STEM activity where students must figure out how to launch a tiny pumpkin.
<i>Off Like the Wind!: The First Ride of the Pony Express</i> by Michael P. Spradlin	Walking Paper Horse: Students can create a paper horse that walks itself down an incline with this exciting STEM activity.
<i>Pizza!: A Slice of History</i> by Greg Pizzoli	Solar Oven: Students can make their own solar ovens in this exciting STEM activity.
<i>The Magic and Mystery of Trees</i> by Jen Green	Healthy Trees: Apple Addition: Get students out of their seats to learn about the many factors necessary to grow healthy apple trees.

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