

## **Fifth Grade Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Resources**

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Fifth grade marks a significant milestone in your child's life as the final year in your child's elementary schooling. This year will be utilized to prepare your child for middle school; responsibility and independence should be encouraged! In fifth grade, your child will read and understand a variety of grade level appropriate texts independently for long periods of time. Your child will be able to put reading strategies into practice to identify and understand unknown words they encounter while reading. Utilize Charlotte Mecklenburg Library resources below to help your child in this pivotal year!

### **Fifth Grade Literacy Skills to Master**

By the end of fifth grade, your child should be proficient in the skills in this list below. Library staff have paired free Library resources and activities to aid in the development of each skill. Click on any skill below to find out more: ([hyperlinks to everything in blue](#))

- [Determine theme and summarize the text.](#)
- [Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a variety of literature.](#)
- [Identify specific words or phrases that contribute to the meaning and tone of a text.](#)
- [Explain how the narrator's or the speaker's point of view influences the description of events.](#)
- [Analyze how visual and multimedia elements contribute to the tone, meaning, and look of the text.](#)
- [Quote from the text when explaining the text and making inferences.](#)
- [Integrate information from several texts on the same topic when writing or discussing the topic.](#)
- [Explain the interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, and concepts in historical, scientific, or technical text.](#)
- [Analyze multiple accounts of the same event or topic, noting similarities and differences in the points of view.](#)
- [Write well-developed opinion, informative, and narrative pieces.](#)
- [Use digital tools to produce and publish writing and collaborate/interact with others.](#)
- [Sufficiently use word processing skills and interpret figurative language.](#)
- [Conduct research projects that explore different aspects of a topic using several sources, summarizing and paraphrasing gathered information; provide a list of sources.](#)

### **Fifth Grade Curriculum Information for CMS Schools**

CMS has adopted the EL Education K-5 Language Arts curriculum. This comprehensive literacy curriculum involves three hours per day of content-based literacy, including four eight-week learning modules that will be covered each school year.

## Lexile Levels

The EL Education curriculum uses Lexile levels to indicate the complexity of the texts that will be used in each module. This can be confusing to parents and caregivers who may not be familiar with this system. Texts are assigned a Lexile level based on word difficulty and sentence complexity. While the goal is finding books that your child is interested in and excited to read, Lexile levels can be helpful in making sure they are reading literature appropriate to their ability, in terms of vocabulary and comprehension. Keep in mind that when texts are read aloud to fifth grade students in class, the Lexile level is usually two to three grade levels higher than what they are capable of reading independently.

Luckily, it is possible to filter books in the Library's catalog by Lexile level, and you can learn how to do so [here](#).

## Fifth Grade Modules and Support

Below you will find the focus and title of each of the four modules that are covered in fifth grade, with links to additional Library resources to support student learning for each one.

Module 1: Becoming a Close Reader and Writing to Learn- [Stories of Human Rights](#)

Module 2: Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others- [Biodiversity in the Rainforest](#)

Module 3: Considering Perspectives and Supporting Opinions- [Athlete Leaders of Social Change](#)

Module 4: Gathering Evidence and Speaking to Others- [The Impact of Natural Disasters](#)

Additional recommended books that are appropriate for fifth graders can be found [here](#).

## Additional Digital Library Resources to Extend Learning:

<a href="#">PebbleGo Next</a>	<a href="#">Scholastic GO!</a>	<a href="#">Kids InfoBits</a>	<a href="#">NCPedia</a>
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(Choose Top 4 Library Digital Resources that would be best for Fifth Grade)

**Additional Resources to Extend Learning** (Icons for [NCDPI](#), AND [CML OneAccess page](#))

