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Dear Public Library Director/Librarian,

Summer is finally here – a time for our kids to have a break from school and spend more time with the family. Studies show the summer is when our students are at risk to lose some of the reading skills they learned during the school year, so let's make sure they can have a good book in their hands while away from the classroom. With the Find-a-Book Web site, [www.lexile.com/findabook](http://www.lexile.com/findabook), students can do just that. They can find books that will help them continue learning – and learn to love reading.

The Find-a-Book site uses a student's Lexile reading measure to determine appropriate reading books for your child. A Lexile measures a student's reading ability and a book's text difficulty, and it is the most widely-adopted reading measure in use today. In North Carolina, students in grades 3-8 as well as high school students taking the English I state assessment, will receive a Lexile measure in their end-of-year test results.

We are working to encourage parents to take their students to public libraries this summer and use the Find-a-Book Web site and their Lexile measure to find books that will help them improve comprehension and retain the valuable reading skills they have worked so hard to build over the school year.

Attached you will find additional information from the NCDPI about Lexile scores and the Find-a-Book Web site. Please keep a copy of this information at your circulation desk so you can use it to assist parents or students who have questions about Lexiles or the Find-a-Book site. You also may want to consider how you can include Lexile measures into your existing book lists and/or summer reading programs. For more information about Lexiles, visit [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com) or contact Chris Vitiello at [cvitiello@lexile.com](mailto:cvitiello@lexile.com).

During the summer my husband, Bob, and I will read to students across the state. I urge you and other library employees also to become involved in volunteering for the summer reading program. This is a rewarding experience through which you can make a difference in the lives of kids across your community.

Thank you for joining us in our efforts to help students "Find-a-Book" and grow their reading skills this summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bev Perdue".

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