

“Beyond AR”

It's good to develop a love of pleasure reading if possible, which tends to boost reading ability. In addition to AR books, be sure your child gets a chance to read some books of their choice - just for fun, not for AR tests.



“Children brought up in a home that viewed reading as a source of entertainment had greater reading-related competencies than children raised in homes that placed greater emphasis on the skills-related aspects of reading.” Sonnenschein, Baker, Serpell & Schmidt, 2000. According to Krashen (1993), students who choose what they read and have an informal environment in which to read tend to be more motivated, read more, and show greater language and literacy development. Both are quoted from <http://www.nationalliteracytrust.org.uk/research/Reading%20for%20pleasure.pdf>

A Guide to Locating Accelerated Reader Books



In the Plainfield-Guilford
Township Public Library
Children's Room



Plainfield-Guilford Township
Public Library
www.plainfieldlibrary.net
839-6602 ext. 109
1120 Stafford Road
Plainfield, Indiana 46168

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About A.R.

Used in many schools, Accelerated Reader is a reading software program created by Renaissance Learning. Students take A.R. tests only at school. Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library has many but not all of the books in the Accelerated Reader program.

Teachers give an online test to determine students' current reading level. They may take this test several times during the school year. After the test, a range of reading levels is assigned.

The students read books in their range, then take tests on them. Questions include vocabulary and comprehension, and students earn points based on the number of questions they answer correctly.



If your child has a reading range of 1.6-2.3, for example, it means she can take tests on books with a reading level between those two numbers.

Tips for finding AR Books

AR
level
4.8

In response to customer requests, we are labeling A.R. books with a purple spine label which includes the reading level of the book. Children's Services staff is working through the entire children's collection, adding labels to book spines. Several sections are completed, but it will take a while to finish the project!

Ask for help finding A.R. books. We'll be happy to assist you in your search.

For information about how reading levels are assigned to books, go to ATOS Readability Formula at <http://www.renlearn.com/ar/overview/ReadabilityBrochure.pdf>

Plainfield School Corporation students now have access to all 100,000 online quizzes. For other schools, please check on the school website or ask the teacher which tests the students may take.

Finding A.R. Books Without Level Labels

Some A.R. books still have the older style of label without levels. We'll be happy to check the level of a book for you online.



The AR website lists the reading level and number of points of the books. Searches can be done in several ways, including by book level. Online, you can toggle back and forth between the library catalog and the AR site to find books the library has which are in your child's range before you come to the library. Go to www.plainfieldlibrary.net > Children > Materials Lists > Accelerated Reading > Quiz Store to see books levels online.

For now, the Children's Room still has the original binder lists with A.R. books listed by school, reading level, and title. *PCSC students have many choices now beyond those in the original binders.*