



# Accelerated Reader

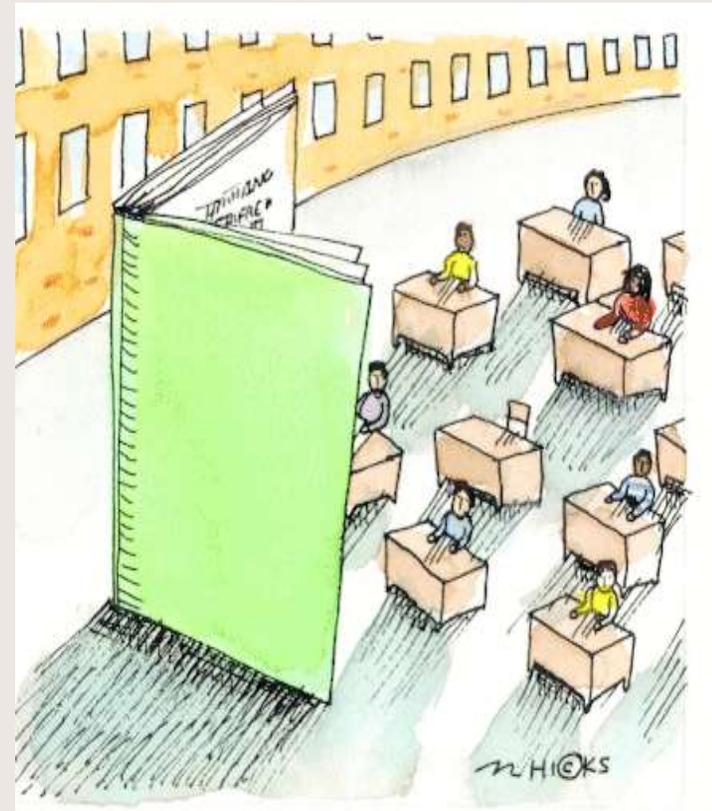
## Parent Tutorial - CTA Liberty





# What Is Accelerated Reader?

Based on the principle, practice makes perfect, AR is a computerized learning system designed to help teachers motivate, monitor and manage student reading practice.





# How Does It Work?

1. A student selects an AR book within his reading range.
2. The student reads the book.
3. The student takes a computerized quiz that assesses his literal comprehension of the book's characters, events, and literary features.
4. The score, generated by the computer, gives the student immediate feedback.
5. Teacher monitors and intervenes.





# Determining Reading Level

- Your child will be given a computerized reading assessment known as STAR.
- The test uses multiple-choice questions that adjust depending on your child's responses.
- After completing the test, a computerized score sheet reflecting your child's ZPD (reading range) will be printed.



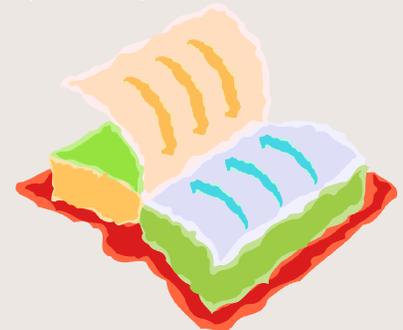


# Practice at an Appropriate Level

The reading range is your child's INDEPENDENT reading level, the range in which he reads best when he is alone, without needing assistance from an adult. Books within your child's reading range will contain new vocabulary that will challenge him without being frustrating.

3.5 – 4.6

3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.0, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6





*The content of a book is not taken into consideration when determining a book's reading level. Just because a book is within your child's reading range doesn't mean he SHOULD read it. Your child is encouraged to evaluate a book to determine if the content of the book interests him (and/or is appropriate). By selecting a book that peaks his interest, he is more likely to be successful and comprehend more of what he is reading.*

# Creating a Book Bag

Once your child knows his reading range he is encouraged to create a book bag. A book bag is a listing of the books our library has within his reading range.

1. In our cataloging software, Follett Destiny, change the Reading Program from Unlimited to Accelerated Reader.

Library Search - Windows Internet Explorer

http://destiny.chandler.k12.az.us/cataloging/servlet/presentadvancedsearchredirectorform.do?l2m=Library%20Search&tm=...

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Library Search

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Home Catalog

Library Search

Library Search How do I... ?

Top 10 Basic Power Visual Copy Categories

Find [ ] Reset All

Keyword Title Author Subject Series

Narrow your search to: Show Less

Location CTA-Liberty School

Material Type Any Type

Award Winner Unlimited

Reading Level From [ ] to [ ]

Interest Level From Unlimited to Unlimited

Reading Programs Unlimited

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2. Type in your reading range. If you ENTER now, you will get a listing of ALL the books our library has within your range. Or, after entering your reading range, you may type in a particular subject or genre that you'd like the books within your range to be about and then click ENTER.

Library Search - Windows Internet Explorer

http://destiny.chandler.k12.az.us/cataloging/servlet/handlebasicsearchform.do

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Library Search

Library Search

How do I... ?

Destiny Quest

WebPath Express

Resource Lists

Español

Top 10

Basic Power Visual Copy Categories

Find

Reset All

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Narrow your search to: Show Less

Limiters have been set...

Location CTA-Liberty School

Material Type Any Type

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Reading Level From to

Interest Level From Unlimited to Unlimited

Reading Programs Accelerated Reader

AR Level From 3.5 to 4.6

Point Value From 0.0 to 130.0

Internet 100%

3. Next to each title are the words ADD TO THIS LIST. Click on those words to add that title into your book bag. You may also enter on any book title and click on ADD TO THIS LIST below its summary.

Any book added will cause, "Add to this List," to change to, "In this List."

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying search results for CTA-Liberty School. The address bar shows the URL: <http://destiny.chandler.k12.az.us/cataloging/servlet/handlebasicsearchform.do?siteTypeID=-2&siteID=0&keywordText=&se>. The page title is "Search Results - Windows Internet Explorer".

The main content area shows the CTA-Liberty School logo and navigation links for Home and Catalog. Below the logo, there is a "Library Search" section with a search bar and a "Spanish" button. The search results are displayed in a table format, showing the following books:

Title	Author	Published	Reading Level	Interest Level	Accelerated Reader® Level	Availability	Action
<b>The Cybil war</b>	FIC BYA Byars, Betsy Cromer.	Published 1990	Reading Level: 4.2	Interest Level: 3-6	Accelerated Reader® Level: 4.2 / 3.0 pts.	1 of 1 available	<a href="#">Add to this List</a>
<b>Stay away from Simon!</b>	FIC CAR Carrick, Carol.	Published 1985	Reading Level: 4.0	Interest Level: 3-6	Accelerated Reader® Level: 3.8 / 1.0 pts.	1 of 1 available	<a href="#">Add to this List</a>
<b>Henry and Beezus / #2</b>	FIC CLE Cleary, Beverly.	Published 2001	Reading Level: 4.7	Interest Level: 3-6	Accelerated Reader® Level: 4.6 / 4.0 nts.	1 of 1 available	<a href="#">Add to this List</a>

An arrow points to the "Add to this List" button for the book "Stay away from Simon!".

4. Click on IN this LIST. Then, click on PRINTABLE to print the listing. Your child should refer to the listing during trips to our library, public libraries or bookstores.

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the CTA-Liberty School library catalog. The address bar shows the URL: <http://destiny.chandler.k12.az.us/cataloging/servlet/presentbooklistform.do?collectionType=0>. The page title is "CTA-Liberty School" and the navigation menu includes "Home" and "Catalog". The current page is "Library Search > Search Results > My List".

On the left side, there is a "Library Search" sidebar with options: "Destiny Quest", "WebPath Express", "Resource Lists", and "Español".

The main content area shows search results for "Titles 1 - 1 out of 1". The results are sorted by "Call Number". The first result is "Henry and Beezus / #2" by Beverly Cleary. The details for this book are:

- Author: Cleary, Beverly.
- Published: 2001
- Reading Level: 4.7
- Interest Level: 3-6
- Accelerated Reader® Level: 4.6 / 4.0 pts.

There are several action buttons for this listing: "Library Materials", "Web Sites", "Printable", "Citation", "Remove", and "Remove All". An arrow points to the "Printable" button.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text: "©2002-2010 Follett Software Company 7/31/2011 7:19 PM GMT-07:00".



Your child may create a book bag  
from home by accessing:

[Destiny's Home Page](#)

# How Do I Know If A Book Has An AR Quiz?



**Your child has access to over 110,000 quizzes!  
You can check if a particular book is part  
of the AR program by going to  
[arbookfind.com](http://arbookfind.com)**



## **AR Book Finder**

This online site houses the names of all 110,000 quizzes to which you have access. It is a great site to use when wanting books that our library doesn't own, but that you want to check out from a public library or buy at a bookstore.

## **Quick Search**

1. Go to [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)
2. From the Quick Search tab, type a book title, topic OR author's name into the blank and click GO.
3. Click the Add to AR BookBag icon next to the books you want to add to your book bag.
4. When you are finished adding books to your book bag, click AR BookBag.
5. Print your listing. You may save ink and paper by choosing NOT to have the cover of your chosen books printed.

**Our school library has an AR label on the inside of all our books that are part of the AR program and, therefore, have a quiz.**



# Accelerated Reader Motivates Students



- Each AR book is assigned points. Points are automatically awarded to your child's record after each quiz.
- Your child's points will allow him to earn dog tags that he is encouraged to wear on Fridays to showcase his success.



BLUE	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
10	75	150	300
25	375	450	600
50	675	750	900
100			
125			
175			
200			

Lost or stolen dog tags, and broken chains, are not replaced.

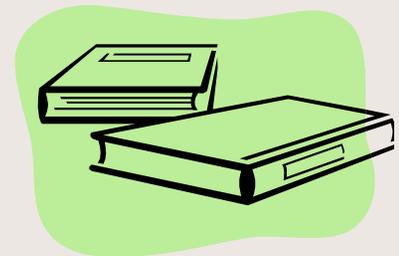




# Taking an AR Quiz

- A student selects Renaissance Place -Accelerated Reader from the Student Link icon.
- The student must know his user name and password.
- The student must know the title, author OR quiz number (available on [arbookfind.com](http://arbookfind.com)). Quiz number is preferred.
- The student must take the quiz by himself. Because AR allows teachers to view how well a student reads **INDEPENDENTLY**, parents are not allowed to assist their child during the taking of a quiz.

Each quiz is written on the same level as the book.





# The Teacher is Key

Your child's teacher will meet with him to discuss a point goal he is comfortable achieving. Setting individualized point goals allows the teacher to tailor expectations to your child's ability.

Your child will be given time in class to practice silent, independent reading, during which time his teacher will have mini conferences with students to discuss their progress.

Your child's teacher will monitor the reading logs of all students throughout the week. Checking reading logs provides accountability and allows the teacher to intervene if your child is experiencing difficulty.



# Home Connect



- Parents may view their child's progress in Accelerated Reader, view books for which quizzes have already been taken, and help their child select new books to read at any time simply by accessing Home Connect from any computer with Internet access.
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- Home Connect also allows you to specify the guardians or relatives who are to receive updates of your child's progress. Recipients who accept the invitation for the notifications will automatically receive emails that contain the results of any Accelerated Reader quizzes your child completes.
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- To log in to Home Connect go to: <https://global-zone08.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=254902>
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- Enter your child's user name and password:
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  - Username will be S + ID (Ex. S12345)
  - Password will be s + ID + ! (Ex. s12345!)
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- *This user name and password is only for parents to use when logging into Home Connect. Students will be using a different user name and password when taking Accelerated Reader quizzes.*
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- Click **Email Setup** to sign up to receive emails showing your child's quiz results. Click **Help** to get answers to your questions about Home Connect.



“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can’t read.”

Mark Twain

