

PRACTICAL HELP WITH ACCELERATED READING - FOR PARENTS!

- How do I get a list of AR books in my child's reading range?
- How do I find out what my child scored on his last AR test?
- How can I find out how which books my child has already tested on?

Your Library Committee is here to help!

Let's start with generating a list of AR books appropriate for your child . . .

Go online to: <http://www.arbookfind.com/default.aspx> (you might want to go ahead and bookmark this page)

You are now on the Quick Search page.

*****Here is the trick for generating a list of appropriate books for your child:**

Look for the "Advanced Search" tab (next to the "Quick Search" tab) and click on it.

Now you have the ability to customize the list you will generate.

Select the interest level of your child (Lower Grades, Middle Grades or Upper Grades).

Choose the genre of book your child likes best - topics include Animals, Fantasy, Poetry, Sports, and many more.

Now you have other choices: you can limit the AR reading level range, Fiction or Nonfiction, the language, etc.

You also have the option for searching by Title or Author.

When you click the "GO" button you will get a personalized book list for your child.

Now to see how your child did on the AR test that they took today here is what you do:

Go online to: <https://hosted78.renlearn.com/211772/homeconnect/login.aspx> (bookmark this page, too)

Sign in with your child's User Name and Password (they should know this)

Now you should see the last AR test they took, the score, points awarded, and the book level. You will also clearly see their overall progress, with the average percentage of correct answers and average book level that they are achieving.

Here is the best part:

Look at the top right of the page and find "Email Setup" (next to your child's name)

This takes you to a page where you give your name and email address.

The Home Connect site will send a message to that address with a link that you must click to activate the service.

Once you have clicked on the confirmation link you are done!

The service will send you an email every time your child takes an AR test. It will tell you what book they tested on and what score they got. They even include a link to the main Home Connect page where you can log in (as above) to see more detail.

****If you have more than one child you must log in separately under each child's User Name and Password and activate the "Email Setup" for each child with your email address.**

To see what books your child has already tested on (because the system remembers all their books from years past and will not let them retake a test) here is what you do:

Go to the same Home Connect website : <https://hosted78.renlearn.com/211772/homeconnect/login.aspx>

Log in with your child's User Name and Password

On their page look under the information on the last book that they tested on and you will see "View My Bookshelf"

This will show you all the books they have ever tested on, and if you click on any one of those books you will see when they tested and what score they received.

So there you have it, lots of information at your fingertips without any special passwords to remember or extra work on your part!

The Library Committee is here for you, we hope this helps!

