



The Accelerated Reader Program in Henrico County Public Schools

What is it?

The Accelerated Reader (AR) program is a computerized reading incentive program, sponsored by Henrico County Public Schools, that assigns a reading level and point value for each book in its program, depending on the book's difficulty.

- Multiple-choice quizzes are assigned to each book.
- Individual schools choose and purchase quizzes based on the school's book collection
- NO TWO SCHOOLS HAVE THE SAME QUIZ COLLECTION!

How is it used?

- Your child selects a book from her/his school's AR list that she/he can read independently.
- After thoroughly reading the book, your child uses a **school** computer to take a multiple-choice quiz based on the book.
- Students earn points based on the number of correct responses. Each teacher determines how to reward students for points earned.

Where can we get the School's lists and copies of the books?

- Check our website (<http://www.henricolibrary.org/kids/kidspage.html>) for a link named "Accelerated Reading Lists" that takes you right to a list of all schools' AR lists.
- Or, you can check your school's web page for its specific AR book list.
- Then, just select a title that's available in your school's library, classroom library, public library, and/or home library.

NOTE: The Public Library does not have copies of all books for all schools.

Why do schools use it?

- To create a love of reading
- To provide motivation for reading
- To improve students' reading fluency and comprehension
- To promote independent and leisure reading

Who may use Henrico's AR program?

It is available for all readers in Henrico County Public Elementary Schools as well as some Henrico County Public Secondary Schools.