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Accelerated Reader Bookfinder™

At the Spirit Lake Public Library, we have a digital resource that can be helpful for students, parents, teachers, and librarians in finding appropriate AR books. It is called Accelerated Reader Bookfinder and is accessible on our website.

Begin by going to *slpublib.com*. In the upper left-hand corner, hover the cursor over “more,” then click on “Digital Resources.” Click on Accelerated Reader List. There is a short video that you can click on to watch a brief overview. Do that or just go right into the Accelerated Reader Bookfinder. Click and submit if you are a student, parent, teacher, or librarian.

Let’s start with a Quick Search. Type the name of the book into the search box. Not all books are in the system, so it’s possible for there to be no results. If it is in the system, you will see a record with more information. There will be ratings concerning interest level, book level, AR points, etc. The different types of quizzes are also listed: reading practice, recorded voice, literacy skills or vocabulary practice. Click on the title to expand the bibliographical record. This will give you more information on the book. There’s even an “AR Bookbag” that you can click on to save the title. It’s an easy way to make a list.

Next is the Advanced Search tab. On that page, you can input more specific information about the book you are looking for.

The third tab is Collections. The choices there are Awards and What Kids are Reading. You can search for books that have won different literary awards such as the Caldecott Honor or Newbery Medal. The What Kids Are Reading lists go back three years. Select the year, Fiction/Nonfiction Books, and grade level. There you will see the book list.

Another way to look for AR books that are in the SLPL collection, is to go into our card catalog. Click on More Search Options in the upper left-hand corner, and then use the drop-down menu that begins with Keywords. Select Accelerated Reader. From there you can input the point value range and reading value range. This will bring up titles of books that fit that criterion. Or if you are a browser, you can just look for the AR sticker on the spine of the book!