

WHAT ARE READING LEVELS?

There are many different leveling systems and only a few are shown on our chart!

Please remember that correlations are approximate. No single assessment is enough to determine your child's reading level and children who are interested in specific subject matter will often be motivated to read above their reading level.

How Can I Determine the Reading Level of a Book?

Reading levels of books vary significantly! The Colour-Coded Reading Level System we have adopted is based on comparing and correlating many different leveling systems. Typically, we have used the Accelerated Reader Book Level (AR) to determine the level of our picture books and early readers. These levels can be found by searching by the book title at www.arbookfind.com

When choosing books that are not leveled, we recommend that you consider using the 5-Finger Rule (located on the back of this page) for choosing a "Just Right" book. Please remember that this method will only help evaluate your child's ability to read the words in the book, it will not determine whether your child *understands or comprehends* what they are reading (reading comprehension).



Reading Levels & Leveling Systems are ONLY Guides

Everyone is unique! Reading levels are *only* a guide to help parents help children who are learning to read. The idea is to help them choose books that will not be too hard and, therefore, too frustrating for them to try to read. We are all motivated by success!

It is always OK to read (and re-read) books that are below their reading level and it is also OK to try to read books that are somewhat above their reading level – if they are not becoming too frustrated. When or if that happens, suggest that they try a different book and you will read the more difficult one to them.

Children who are motivated by a certain topic or subject (such as Dinosaurs) will often be motivated to get through books that are more difficult so do not limit your kids to picking books based solely on the reading level. Be flexible and trust your judgment.

If you require further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to ask!

Our friendly library staff will be happy to help you.