Not All Classroom Libraries Are Created Equal

Leveled Classroom Libraries

Over the past 20+ years, American Reading Company[®] (ARC[®]) has worked with more than 250 school and trade publishers in both the English and Spanish markets to compile a comprehensive, state-of-the-art, 150,000-title database.

Each Classroom Library provides teachers with a collection of engaging, informative, multicultural, high-interest titles, including nonfiction science and social studies titles and Wide Reading fiction titles.

Leveled text sets ensure access to books at the reading level of each student, including students who are significantly behind or just learning to speak English.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

Every ARC book wears a brightly colored sticker indicating its reading level. To determine reading level each book is evaluated by an expert leveler who determines which skills/

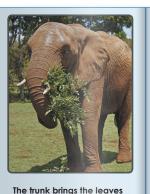
standards a reader needs to know and be able to apply to read the book, including:

- Foundational Skills for Reading Standards K–5
- Vocabulary and Language Standards 3–12
- Comprehension of Literature and Informational Text Standards
- Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity Standards

READING LEVEL IS DETERMINED BY:

- Quantitative Measures (where available)
- Qualitative Measures
- Reader and Task
 Considerations





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The elephant uses her trunk to take a shower



TEKS LEVELED CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

Increase Students' Access to Informational Text Across All Reading Levels

Teach Science and Social Studies Content With TEKS Leveled Text Sets

Informational text sets deliver grade-level content through independent reading and differentiated instruction. Students read from a leveled library of books on the same topic as they build background knowledge and academic vocabulary in Science and Social Studies content.



Thematic Leveled Text Set

Multileveled, Multisourced, Multiperspective

American Reading Company has been on a mission since 1998 to find every good book in print for children, with a special focus on books about historically underrepresented people. Each basket is carefully designed by our in-house reading specialists to ensure a diversity of topics, genres, text types, and main characters.

All students will find themselves and their families represented in these baskets. ARC goes to great lengths to reflect multiple perspectives in all of our collections, emphasizing the experiences of African Americans, Asian Americans, North American Indians, and Latinos as well as people of all classes and genders.

ARC has located more than 4,000 kid-tested African American titles and an additional 5,500 multicultural titles that form the centerpiece of the reading experience in our partner schools. In addition, because there were so few multicultural titles available for beginning readers, ARC created its own publishing company, ARC Press, which has produced more than 500 titles for beginning readers.

Visit www.americanreading.com/themes to see all available themes and genres.

Questions? Contact us at customercare@americanreading.com

Additional Support

Anchor Title Sets

Five titles in grade-level bands



Anchor Titles are on- or above-grade-level texts that deliver science/social studies content and academic vocabulary. They are used for Informational Read-Alouds.

Exemplar Text Packs

(Available for select Science themes)



Students do repeated close reading of short text on the same topic as they learn Science content and the TEKS.



Research Cards

Each card includes academic vocabulary essential to the study of the subject and standards-based questions to guide individual and collective learning.

