HOPE Library – 2022/2023 School Year

Digital Library (Follett Destiny Discover)

HOPE's school library system can be accessed from any device connected to the internet. Search for title availability, view your account, check book due dates, and renew or check out an ebook. Students can access a limited number of HOPE ebooks anytime, where you can download and view eBooks offline, which reserves the eBook for a set circulation period. Our focus for the Digital Library is non-fiction titles that support our curriculum. Multiple students are able to check out the same books. How to look at your Library account:

1. Go to **https://www.gofollett.com/** choose **State** and **School** (Heritage Oak Private Education) Click **Go!**
2. Click **Guest** and **Log in**. The log in is the same as the one used for AR. It is the first letter of the student's first name followed by the first four letters of the student's last name. The Password to log in is "abc". Parents that have Library accounts can also log in using the same protocol.
3. Click the **Search** space at the top to search our Library for books by title, author, subject, series, or ISBN. You can also click "**Search Options**" to the right to search by keyword or reading level range. You will see books available for check out per request or at your Library next visit. You can also put books on hold, mark books as favorite and create lists (collections) of books you would like to read.
4. Click on the three bars on the top left side to see your library account ("My stuff"). You can view all your checkouts, due dates, and renew your books (books may be renewed twice). If a due date appears in red, that book is overdue and cannot be renewed. You can also see any ebooks that you have checked out, are open, or have been returned.
5. To access ebooks, click the **Search** box to locate ebooks. After you find the book you want, click on its cover. You can read (click open) or check out the book with one click in the **Check Out** box. You may keep the book for 21 days. If you need to renew it, you can check it out again when it expires. Simply click "Return" to return the book.
6. If you have any questions, click **Help** under the same menu.
7. If you have any problems logging in, please contact the school librarian at extension 406 or sandra.kimmel@gmail.com

Reading Program - Accelerated Reader (AR)

The Accelerated Reader program is a computerized program that tests reading comprehension and vocabulary. Students select books and articles at their reading level, read independently, and take an online independent comprehension and an optional vocabulary test.

Each book is worth a specific number of points based on its length (number of words, not pages) and corresponds to a reading level based on the vocabulary in the book. Students have a quarterly reading point goal and an 85% correct minimum accuracy goal. An accuracy average of 100% would mean the books the student is reading are too easy. An accuracy below 85% mean the books the students is reading are too difficult. Studies show, for student's best growth, accuracy is best between 85 and 95%. The point goal is based on their individual reading level and an average of 20

minutes of daily reading. Individual goals will be established by the teacher or the librarian each quarter after students complete a STAR test. They can be adjusted during the quarter based on student's performance. After reading the book, students log in, search for the book, and take the Reading Practice Quiz. If they pass the quiz (% correct above 60%), they earn points and they will be prompted to take the Vocabulary Practice Quiz (optional but recommended). They can also take the Vocabulary Practice Quiz at a later time (the bottom of the page shows books that students have taken Reading Practice Quizzes for, but not Vocabulary Practice Quizzes). To take a vocabulary quiz for one of those books, select the title, then select Take Quiz. For a Second Try on Review Words quizzes, select Vocabulary Review.

Student reading levels are assessed and periodically updated using the **STAR Testing program**. The STAR Test is a computerized reading assessment that uses computer-adaptive technology and is done in the beginning of each quarter. Questions continually adjust to the student's responses. If the student's response is correct, the difficulty level is increased. If the student misses a question, the difficulty level is reduced. The STAR test evaluates 46 reading skill areas and focuses both on critical thinking and vocabulary-based questions. This process gives teachers, students, and parents a good idea of the students' reading level and Zone of Proximal Development **(ZPD).** This ZPD aids students and parents in choosing books. Students should choose books within their ZPD range, so they are reading books that are "just right" for them, instead of those that are too easy or too challenging. Of course they may read books from outside their range for enjoyment, but most of their reading material should be within their range. Students can find books at their level at our school or public libraries. The AR program is web-based and accessible on computers and iPads in each classroom, and the library. Currently they can also take AR quizzes at home. Each student has an account with a user ID and password.

The purpose of the Accelerated Reader program is to motivate children to read! They experience success and grow as lifelong readers. You can help your child become a better reader by encouraging your child to read at home. As with anything, performance improves with practice. Create a culture of reading in your household by reading with your child, start a home library, visit your local library or bookstore on a regular basis, let your child see you reading, and discuss books that each of you have read.

Just because a child can read the words in a book doesn't mean that the content is appropriate. The interest level of the material must also be considered. Interest level is based on content, not reading level. It is based on book's themes, topics and ideas, and for an appropriate age group. The information below shows which grades fall into each interest level. These are only recommendations. It is the responsibility of teachers, librarians, and parents, to use their best judgment when guiding children to choose appropriate books.

LG—Lower Grades: K–2nd	MG—Middle Grades: 3rd–8th	MG+ or UG—Upper Grade Grades 7th-8th

How to take and AR Quiz at home

Please access quizzes using this link: **https://global-zone52.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/274577** Your student's username will only work on this address, because it is dedicated to our school. Google Chrome is preferred.

Your student should know their username (**usually first letter of the first name followed by first the four letters of the last name**). The password is **abc**. Please check after logging in that it is the correct account (check student name on the top right of the screen). If it is not working, please check if you are logging in using the correct link above. If this still does not work, please email Mrs. Kimmel at sandra.kimmel@heritageoak.org or Mrs. Pace at nancy.pace@heritageoak.org

1. Log in screen
2. Enter username and password
3. Click on the orange middle box "Accelerated Reader"
4. Search for the book. Type book title (not the book series name, just the title)

If you cannot find the book, please try searching the book by the author's name. Please be aware that sometimes the cover of the book is different from the one you just read. It could be a different edition or publisher. The important thing is the correct title and author. Sometimes books could have the same title but will have different authors, always check if it is the correct title and author before starting the quiz. Also check if it is not in Spanish. Sometimes the book cover looks the same in Spanish.

Please encourage the students to keep taking AR quizzes and also take vocabulary quizzes. They do not count against AR points or accuracy, but they help students expand their vocabulary and will help with their reading level. At the end of their reading quiz, there will be a question that asks if they want to take a vocabulary quiz. Just click yes!
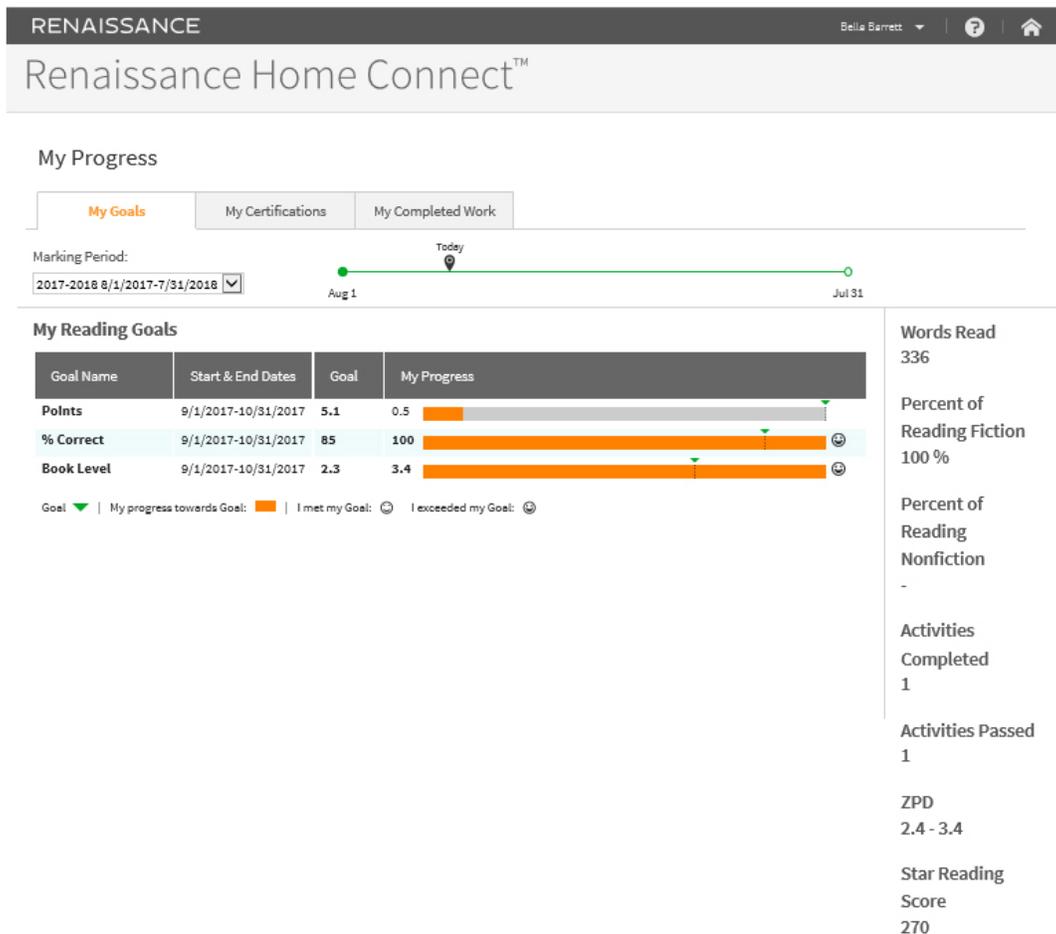
When taking quizzes at home, please be aware that this is a helpful tool to see if they understand what they are reading, so we can help and guide them to improve. Make sure:

1. Students are not receiving help on quizzes. While this assistance may be well intentioned, it may mask a problem that a teacher would be able to identify if the child quizzed at school. Students learning how to read can be assisted with reading and to understand the question and the answers but please do not provide the correct answer.

2. Students should be quizzing without the book for the most accurate measure of a child's comprehension level.

3. Students should not copy the questions and answer choices for the purpose of sharing with others. Due to the Internet, it has become very easy for students to share quiz information.

Home Connect **Renaissance Home Connect & AR Book Find**

This tool connects school with home and keeps parents informed of their student's AR progress. Go to: **https://global-zone52.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=274577**
and use the same username and password your student uses for his/her AR account. You can view your student's overall progress toward reading goals ("**My Goals**"). In the "**My Completed Work**" tab you can see the last quiz taken, as well as all books that your student has read and taken a quiz. Make sure to create an account (click on "**Get email updates**") to receive emails with immediate results from Reading Practice Quizzes. To activate your account, make sure to confirm the email you receive from the program. To find out if a book at home or that you are purchasing is AR, access the online search tool "**AR BookFinder"**, searching the book by title, author, series, or reading level at **www.arbookfind.com**

Renaissance MyOn News

Renaissance MyON News, delivers daily age-appropriate digital news articles for students, reporting on timely topics and current events. Articles incorporate engaging multimedia – videos, slideshows, built in dictionaries, and photo galleries – to help students better understand the news. Subjects cover everything from space science and endangered species to football and fashion, engaging even the most reluctant reader. In addition to five new articles each weekday, students can access a huge archive of thousands of previously published articles, all color-coded by topic. Each article comes in three languages (English, Spanish, and French), an extra resource for our students learning those languages and at three different reading levels. Authentic reporting by professional journalists and a careful review by a child psychologist help ensure every article is unbiased and appropriate for children.

To access MyOn News, just log in like you usually log in to take an AR quiz (same site, username and password), and click on the purple MyOn box located to the right of the AR quiz box. Click on the "News" tab at the top of the page. You can choose "Today's edition" or use the arrow to see past news. Click on "All articles" to search for specific news or narrow by subject. Encourage your student to check every weekday!

Access extra books and ebooks from your Public Library

If you do not have a Public Library card for your student, please sign up as soon as possible. It is a nice supplement to our school Library. We have a collection of over 28,000 books but not as large as a Public Library, especially for ebooks. Even if you have a local Library card, but do not have one with the three libraries below, please sign up in addition. The more library cards students have, the bigger the chance to get the books they want. For ebooks, the App Libby (see below) combines all the libraries in one place making it very easy to use.

Yorba Linda Library
Every student in our school can get a card in the Yorba Linda Library since our school is located in Yorba Linda. To apply for a Library card for click here: https://www.ylpl.org/librarycard/

OC Libraries
Every family that resides in Orange County can get a card for the OC Libraries. Make a virtual account at OC Libraries in addition to the Yorba Linda and your local Library. The OC Libraries are the combination of several OC cities, so they tend to have more ebooks available. There is a drop-down menu to choose your library at the bottom of the form, just choose Brea because it is the closest to HOPE or your city if it is listed. Apply for a card here: https://ocpl.org/cards

Placentia Library
Placentia Library can issue a library card to California residents with a valid driver's license. Apply for a card here:
https://www.placentialibrary.org/library-card

Your local neighborhood Library
Please check your local library and sign up for a card if your student does not already have one.

Libby App
A Public Library card is needed. Add all your Public Library cards and all your ebooks will be automatically combined and easy to access in one place. This App was developed to be used by children; it is very easy to use. The more library cards students have, bigger the chance to get the books they want. You can also check out and return ebooks from each library in the App, put books on hold and read the books. No need for extra Apps. There are thousands of ebooks and audio books, hand-selected by your public library, available for reading. Libby is only for digital titles. It doesn't include any physical materials from your public library. This App will be included on your student's school iPad. For more information about getting started with Libby check here: https://help.libbyapp.com/en-us/6103.htm