

Accelerated Reader and Content Levels

Reading level should NOT be used as a method for determining age appropriate content. Please also refer to the assigned content/interest value when choosing books for your children.

Reading Levels (Age appropriateness is not a criterion for reading level.)

The Accelerated Reader program utilizes the ATOS readability formula to determine the reading level based on the complete contents of a book. Reading level is determined by the three statistics researchers have found most predictive of reading difficulty: words per sentence, characters per word, and average grade level of words. The length of the book is also considered in determining reading level.

Content Levels

This rating is provided as an additional resource to the parent to aid in determining the age appropriateness of the content of the book. This rating is assigned by the manufacturer of the Accelerated Reader system - more information about these levels can be found at their website (www.renlearn.com) In addition, content reviews for many of these books are located at www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com or www.commonssensemedia.org

Please do not misinterpret reading level for age appropriateness.

Content/Interest Level	Explanation
Lower	Grades K to 3
Middle	Grades 4 to 8
Upper	Grades 9 to 12

Most of the books in the St. Bonaventure library with a more mature content have been labeled on the spine with a "YA" (Young Adult) label. We have made every effort to mark the books but if you come across a book with "YA" content, please bring it to our attention. The content in young adult books may be inappropriate for younger children. Therefore, books marked with a YA label will only be checked out to children in grades 6th through 8th.

If you would like your 4th or 5th grade child to have the option to check out young adult books, please give your permission here.

I give permission to for my child to check out books with young adult content.