Purpose: This document explains how to use the Accelerated Reader functionality from Eclipse2 and Junior Librarian 3.

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How to find out how many resources have quizzes

To find out the resources in the catalogue which have quizzes, it is essential that the Accelerated Reader master quiz list is imported into the LMS.

The master quiz list is a list of all Accelerated Reader Quizzes provided by Renaissance Learning. By importing this list into the program, it adds the Accelerated Reader information to all of the books in the catalogue that have quizzes. It is then possible to view a list of the books which have quizzes and also search for books which have, for example, specific book levels.

Importing the **Accelerated Reader Quiz List** is a process that must be repeated once books have been added into the LMS. This is because each time an item is added to the software it is created with no quiz data attached to it.

From the Management/Librarian Only interface, click **Help** / **MLS on the Web** / **MLS User Area…**

A login page should open. Log in with the appropriate MLS user number and school postcode then click on the link under **System Updates**.

Alternatively, click on the below and log in to access the download page directly:

https://www.microlib.co.uk/MyMLS/Updates.aspx

From the list of updates, click on the link to download the **Accelerated Reader Quiz List**. Save this file onto the computer with the library system installed or save it to a memory stick.

Once downloaded, extract this file from the location it was saved to. It is essential that the file is extracted because it will not import in a .ZIP file format. Once extracted, an Armast.txt file should be present.

On the a computer with the library system installed, open the Management / Librarian Only area and click **Tools** / **Import** / **Accelerated Reader** from the menu at the top of the program.

Please note, if the *import* option is greyed out then see Knowledgebase article No. 1653.

Select the Accelerated Reader text file (armast.txt) and click **Open** to being importing this file. The program will then attempt to match items in the text file with resources in the library catalogue.

Once the quiz file has finished importing, the program will display a message advising how many quizzes have been matched with the library catalogue.

After the quiz file has been imported, click catalogue to view a list of all the library resources.

Then from the bottom of the window, click **Views** to access the system page views.

From the list of page views, click **Books with AR Quizzes** to highlight it and then click **Select** to view it.

The program will then display all items in the library catalogue that have an Accelerated Reader quiz.

Printing Accelerated Reader labels

It is possible to print Accelerated Reader labels directly through the library system. When printed, these labels will display the following information:

Accession Number
Title
Author
Book Level
Quiz Points

MLS have created a pre-defined Label Style that will display the information displayed above, without having to create a new style through the program. Click here for instructions on how to download and install the Accelerated Reader label style.

Once the label style has been installed, firstly select the items that the labels are going to be generated for. This could be *all books with quizzes* if it is the first time the labels are being printed or it could be a filtered selection.

Once the resources that labels are going to generated for, click **LabelPrint** at the bottom of the catalogue toolbar.

A new window will open, ensure that **Current search list** is selected and click **OK**.

The labels are then generated and displayed on screen. However, initially the Accelerated Reader information will not be displayed. This is because the Renaissance Learning template is not selected.

From the **Contents** drop down, choose **Renaissance Learning**.

The labels will refresh displaying the information specific to Accelerated Reader.

Please note, if you have an MLS advantage subscription, MLS provide an unlimited amount of free Avery L7651 labels for printing the quiz details onto. Click here for more information.

Generating the Accelerated Reader Master Quiz List Report

The **AR Master Quiz List** report generates a list of all resources that there are quizzes for. To access the reports, click **Tools** / **Reports** / **Standard Reports** from the menu at the top of the management / Librarian Only page.

From the list of reports, click **AR Master Quiz List** and click **Run** to generate this report.

Creating a Books with Quizzes Page View

A 'Books with Quizzes' page view can be created so that the students can view the books with quizzes when browsing the library catalogue from the front end.

To create a **Books with Quizzes** page view and make it available for the students start by clicking **Views** at the bottom of the program administrative/Librarian Only area.

From here, locate the system default page view of **Books with AR Quizzes** and click **Edit**.

At the bottom of the page view editing windows tick **Display this view in Search Star** or **Display this view in Enquiry**.

Click **Save** to retain the changes.

To view the Books with AR Quizzes in SearchStar/Enquiry, continue to the next section; viewing books with quizzes on the welcome pages of this document.

Viewing books with quizzes on the welcome pages

The instructions below explain how to view the Accelerated Reader quiz data from the Junior Librarian 3 and Eclipse2 interfaces.

Junior Lib 3

In Junior Librarian 3 when browsing the library catalogue from **Enquiry**, the books with quizzes can be displayed through a Page View or when a user is logged on to the program. If a page view has been created to display in Enquiry as described in Creating a Books with Quizzes Page View then simply click on this view at the bottom of the Enquiry window.

Double click on this page view to view a list of all books in the library catalogue that have an Accelerated Reader quiz. By default this view includes the AR Book Level and Quiz Points, but could also be customised to display the Quiz Number and Interest Level if desired.

It will also display when a borrower is in the **Review** section of the program.

If a book has an Accelerated Reader Quiz, click the button for **Take the Quiz** to launch the Renaissance Place login page.

In addition to the above, if a page view has been created to display the books in the library catalogue that have quizzes (as explained here) this can be used to locate items with an Accelerated Reader quiz.

Eclipse2

In Eclipse2 when browsing the catalogue fromSearchStar, the quiz data can be displayed from a Page View or from their account. If a page view has been created to display in SearchStar as described in Creating a Books with Quizzes Page View then simply click on this view at the bottom of the Enquiry window.

Double click on this page view to view a list of all books in the library catalogue that have an Accelerated Reader quiz. By default this view includes the AR Book Level and Quiz Points, but could also be customised to display the Quiz Number and Interest Level if desired.

An option for **Take the Quiz** will also display when in a borrowers account for items a user has read that also have a quiz available.

Specifying the Renaissance Place URL

When a borrower clicks **Take the Quiz** either from Enquiry or SearchStar the idea is that a browser is launched to the login page where a user can take the quiz about the book they have read. As each users URL is different, the Renaissance Place URL can be defined in the program.

Log on to the **Management** / **Librarian Only** section and click **Security** / **Administrator Options** from the top menu.

In the settings window, click the **Renaissance Place** tab.

Enter the Renaissance Place URL in the text box as displayed above then click **Save** to retain the changes.