



# AKR @ the Library

**AR Kids Read (AKR) is currently seeking library host sites for Summer 2024 tutoring programs. We are accepting applications from sites in Pulaski and Faulkner Counties. Submit an interest form [here](#).**

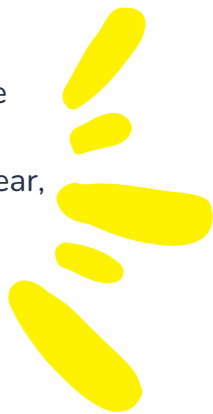
## What is AKR @ the Library?

AKR @ the Library is a summer reading tutoring program for students who are 6 months to a year behind in reading. AKR provides the science of reading-aligned curriculum, resources, pre- and post- testing, trained volunteer tutors, as well as oversight for the program. This tutoring program runs once per week for two hours. The tutoring room would need to be available for three hours (to accommodate for setup and cleanup) once per week in the late afternoon or early evening.



## The Benefits

At AKR, we nurture a love for reading through relationships. Through this program, we are offering an opportunity for parents and caregivers to enroll their students in a free tutoring program to help build their literacy skills and confidence over the summer months. Last year, 80% of enrolled students had no summer slide, with Library branches will have the opportunity to encourage participating families to sign up for a library card and introduce them to the library's regular programming.



## Program Dates

**Week of June 3: Pre-Assessment and Onboarding**

**Week of June 10 - week of July 15: Tutoring sessions**

**Week of July 22: Post-Assessment and Celebration**

## What's Involved?



### AKR pledges to

- Recruit, train, and mobilize community members to serve as reading tutors at the library tutoring program
- Recruit, hire, and train a college intern to supervise and facilitate the sessions as well as a certified teacher to support the tutors and supply families with engaging literacy activities to extend learning at home
- Ensure completion of background check requirements of teachers, interns, and community volunteers
- Administer pre- and post-assessments and provide a student data summary to the library staff
- Distribute books to enrolled students to help build their home libraries
- Provide parent involvement letters and activities to encourage families to extend the learning opportunities
- Address any site challenges or concerns in a timely manner
- Host the end-of-the summer program celebration, Hoop Session

### Library Sites pledge to

- Identify a point of contact who will serve as the Site Coordinator
- Provide a designated room for tutoring sessions to be held each week as well as a storage area for materials
- Establish a welcoming and collaborative atmosphere for tutors, students, and AKR staff for weekly sessions
- Assist with promoting the tutoring program by distributing flyers, making announcements at library events, posting on social media, and answering patrons' questions
- Attend the parent onboarding session to promote the library and encourage families to sign up for library cards
- Communicate with AKR staff regularly with any issues or concerns
- Submit an end of summer program feedback form to AKR to assist with future program design improvements

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