



# AKR @ the Library

**AR Kids Read (AKR) is currently seeking library host sites for Summer 2025 tutoring programs. We are accepting applications from sites in Central and Southeast Arkansas. Submit an interest form here.**

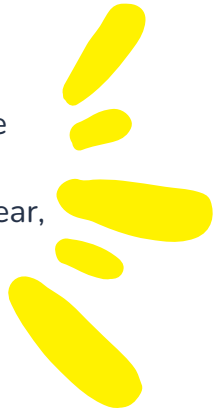
## What is AKR @ the Library?

AKR @ the Library is an engaging and camp-style literacy 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, certified teachers and interns to provide oversight for the program. The program runs twice per week for two hours, (Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays). A detailed discussion on program scheduling will take place. The tutoring room would need to be available for three hours (to accommodate for setup and cleanup) twice 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, 94% of enrolled students had no summer slide. Library branches 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 2: Pre-Assessment and Family Meeting Nights
- Week of June 9 - week of June 23: Tutoring sessions
- Week of June 30: Pre-Assessment and Family Meeting Nights
- Week of July 7 - week of July 21: Tutoring sessions

## What's Involved?



### AKR pledges to

- Recruit, hire and train a certified teacher and intern to lead the Library Summer program
- 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 kickoff family night 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,

### 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 staff, team and students 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 kick off for the family meeting night 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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