

# myON Reader Frequently Asked Questions

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## WHAT IS myON READER?

myON reader is a personalized literacy program that provides access to the largest integrated collection of digital books with reading supports, customized to a student's interest and reading abilities. Created to enhance the reading experience, myON reader develops an individual profile for each student based on his or her interests and reading ability, and generates a recommended book list.

## HOW DOES myON READER WORK?

myON enables anytime, anywhere access to digital books that students can read, rate, review, and share with classmates through safe social networking. Through embedded assessments - end of book quizzes and benchmark quizzes - myON reader allows educators, student, and families to monitor, track and measure student reading growth. myON reader was designed for PreK-8 students and is being used successfully in high schools with students reading below level.

## HOW DOES myON DECIDE WHAT BOOKS TO INCLUDE?

The myON reader collection is developed and expanded based on factors that help personalize recommended reading for every student. We look to add more books in extended categories and grade ranges, as well as reading levels as measured by the Lexile® level. We balance our collection to represent 70% of titles in non-fiction and 30% in fiction; with at least 10% of those titles being Spanish. Books are selected from a pool of content made available through Capstone Publishers, with preference given to award-winners, highly rated, reviewed titles, best-sellers, and those books of more recent copyright.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS?

Students have the opportunity to choose what they want to read, in a digital environment in which they are comfortable, motivating them to become better and more confident readers. Reading supports such as naturally recorded audio, and highlighting at the word and sentence level, are available to allow students to explore new genres and become familiar with undiscovered topics. Reading books from their recommended list provides practice opportunities for students to read for longer periods or time with more challenging types of text. Student develop better attitudes and behaviors around reading.



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## HOW OFTEN ARE NEW BOOKS ADDED TO myON READER?

myON reader launched in January 2011 with more than 800 digital books. We're adding about 100 titles per month, and as of October 2013 we have 3,500 books.

## WHERE CAN I SEE A LIST OF BOOKS INCLUDED IN myON READER?

Teachers, students, and parents with myON reader accounts simply log in to gain access to a rich array of books, and amazing search features.

## WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I DON'T WANT MY STUDENT TO HAVE ACCESS TO A BOOK?

Your child's teacher can direct you to the appropriate contact within your school or at district offices. If your school has a librarian, he or she may also be available to answer any questions you may have.

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT BOOKS ARE APPROPRIATE FOR MY CHILD?

There are many resources that are available to help encourage your child to read.

- Capstone provides information about research done on reading and comprehension, leveling guides and other supplemental materials to help children read. Click [here](#) for details.
- American Association of School Librarians provides tips and guides on how to help your children with reading. For a complete listing of resources, click [here](#).
- The Department of Education provides reading resources for parents on their [website](#).

## WHAT SORT OF PARENTAL CONTROLS ARE AVAILABLE IN myON READER?

A grade-level filter is available that displays search results appropriate to student grade levels. To learn more about the parental control option and be alerted as we develop additional parent tools, subscribe to our newsletter by completing the form on our [website](#) and in the "Interest Box", click on 'Subscribe to Capstone Digital Monthly Newsletter'.



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## **HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE READING THE BOOKS IN THE myON READER DIGITAL COLLECTION?**

Close to 2.5 million students in over 400 school districts are using myON reader and combined, they have read over 13 million books from January 2011 – August 2013.

## **IS myON READER ACCESSIBLE ON MOBILE DEVICES?**

myON reader users can securely login through myON.com and have full access to the platform many mobile devices. A FREE myON app is also available for iPads, Android Tablets (with an operating system of 3.0 or higher), and the Kindle Fire HD. The app comes with one downloadable book and subscribers can download up to 20 books at a time for offline reading.

## **CAN STUDENTS USE myON READER AT HOME?**

myON reader furnishes a collaborative reading environment in which students, educators and parents work together to support student reading performance. The online platform uses cloud-based technology to connect school and home through anytime, anywhere access to an expanding collection of enhanced digital books.



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