



# Reach Out and Read Book Explorer FAQs

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- **What is the Reach Out and Read Book Explorer?**

The Book Explorer is a database of all official Reach Out and Read program books offered by our partner vendors (All About Books, Barefoot Books, and Scholastic). It is a resource created by the Reach Out and Read National Books Team for both Affiliate and site staff to help select books relevant to each site's needs, interests, and patient populations.

Through browsing or searching the Book Explorer, you will be able to find books by specific themes and topics, age ranges, languages, elements of representation, and other aspects to help you select the best books for your Reach Out and Read program.

- o For example, you could filter the Book Explorer to show only titles with a Social-Emotional theme, for the ages of 24-36 months, in Spanish-English bilingual.

This resource is focused on the content of Reach Out and Read program books and is not connected directly to the ordering process. It does not list prices or links to vendor sites, as those may frequently change. While anyone at a site can access the Book Explorer and give input into book selection, only those in a book-ordering role can view the myROR Order Books page, which provides access to our vendor portals and instructions on placing orders. For more information about the Order Books page and who has access, please see the [myROR tutorial on how to access vendor online stores](#).

While many people at a site may be involved in the Reach Out and Read program, oftentimes only one or two people directly place the book orders. Through the Book Explorer, anyone at a site could review titles

across our partner vendors and make recommendations that address relevant topics, languages, or themes to the person ordering books

- **Who can use the Book Explorer?**

The Book Explorer is designed to be used by both Reach Out and Read Affiliate staff and site staff.

- **How do I access the Book Explorer?**

The Book Explorer can be accessed directly at [www.reachoutandread.org/bookexplorer](http://www.reachoutandread.org/bookexplorer). You can also access the Book Explorer, along with a link to the video tutorial and FAQs, through the [myROR Resource Library](#) and the [myROR Books page](#).

- **Do I need an access code or password?**

No, anyone with the link to the Book Explorer can access it.

- **What titles are included in the Book Explorer?**

The Book Explorer includes all official Reach Out and Read program books offered by our partner vendors (All About Books, Barefoot Books, and Scholastic). These vendors may have other titles on their websites that are not appropriate for Reach Out and Read visits and those are not included in this database. Book vendors who do not have an official partnership with Reach Out and Read will not be included in the Book Explorer.

- **Does the Book Explorer show prices or have links to the books on vendors' online stores?**

While the Book Explorer is designed as a resource for selecting books, the focus is on the content of books and it is not directly connected to the ordering process. We cannot include prices and links as those may frequently change, and vendor portals must be accessed through the myROR Order Books page (available to those in a book-ordering role).

- **When will new books be added?**

New program books will be added to the Book Explorer once they are approved by Reach Out and Read as program books and are available for purchase through vendor stores. New titles are added to the Book Explorer at least quarterly. Vendors may also have other titles that are

not program books on their websites and those are not included in this database.

- **Will more features or information be added to the Book Explorer?**

Yes, we will update and enhance the Book Explorer as we receive feedback from the network and create additional resources. We are continuing to add more keywords to improve the search function, and developing resources on how books can be used, such as videos and PDFs, which will be added to a title's Book Explorer record as they are developed.

- If you have suggestions and recommendations, we would love to hear them. Please fill out [our feedback form here](#).

- **Will the Book Explorer records for current program books be updated?**

Records for current titles will be updated as we create new resources, add additional keywords or other details, and continue to refine categorization. Additionally, if titles are no longer program titles, they will be removed from the Book Explorer.

- **Why are books assigned only one theme?**

We've assigned each title to a broad theme (for example, "Social-Emotional" or "Daily Routines") to make it easier to find books on specific subjects. We aim for the themes to be narrow enough to be helpful but also broad enough to include more than a few titles. Categorization is not an exact science, and often a book will have multiple themes that could be applicable.

While each book is assigned to only one overall theme, we do list other keywords and relevant topics and are continuously adding more of these. Books may also be re-categorized over time after additional review or feedback or if we make edits to the themes themselves.

- If you have suggestions for themes, keywords, or topics, please fill out [our feedback form](#).

- **Who do I contact with questions or feedback?**

For questions not answered in this document or any concerns, please email [books@reachoutandread.org](mailto:books@reachoutandread.org).

If you have general feedback, recommendations, or suggestions, please fill out [our feedback form](#). This helps us keep track of all comments and requests in one place as we continue to develop the Book Explorer. Your feedback is crucial in improving this resource, and we greatly appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts!