

Library System for Students Easy Access

Reach British School Library is now offering a new service for all the students this school year. The school purchased a library software named **Reading Cloud** which can be beneficial to all students and parents. Students will be given a username and password and they can access the library resources anytime, anywhere.

This is one of the great features of our library software for parents who wish to become more involved in their child's reading journey.

Students can access it through the website <https://www.readingcloud.net/>

More Features of Reading Cloud

- ❖ Who Next? – Personalized list of Recommended Books based on user's past loans.
- ❖ Featured Author – Profile of a particular Author, selection of their books, videos talking about their books, and links of other authors with the same writing style and genre.
- ❖ Star Review – Showcases all the latest book reviews made by other students, staff/teachers and it's a great way to select their next book.
- ❖ Trending – users can see at a glance which search term are trending in our school library or the reading cloud community. It includes hashtags from blogs and timeline posts too.
- ❖ Most Popular books – they can find New Resources, Top Resources and Latest Returns.
- ❖ My Blog – enables all users to become authors too by writing about what they enjoyed reading, which authors they like and what's happening in the library.
- ❖ My Home Library/My Account – Details of books on loan, past loans and reservations

The screenshot shows the Reading Cloud website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Reading Cloud logo, a search bar, and a language dropdown set to English. Below the navigation bar, there is a user profile section for 'Reach British School (0)' with a 'Who is online?' dropdown menu showing 'Notifications' and 'Friends'. The main content area is divided into several sections: a welcome message 'Hello Administrator, Welcome...' with a 'Send Librarian a message' button; a 'What's on your mind?' section with a text input field and a 'Post' button; a 'Timeline' section with a post from 'Administrator Built in' dated '7 months ago'; a 'Suggested' section; and two sidebars on the right: 'Book of the Week' and 'Word of the Day' (Ludicrous: Ridiculous, absurd).

**Encouraging Your Child's Reading for Pleasure: Our school library catalogue online and introducing
'Who Next' and the iMLS App**

Dear Parents / Carer

Our school is strongly committed to improving literacy and knows the importance of reading for pleasure. There is good evidence to suggest that young people who read for pleasure daily perform better in reading tests than those who never do. We want to encourage children to enjoy reading and to read a wide range of good quality literature.

I am delighted to inform you that the school has recently made a significant investment in our library with the introduction of a new online version of our library catalogue. The new system allows pupils, staff and parents to view our school library catalogue online and pupils are encouraged to use this to help with research, to write reviews about books they have read and search for new books and other library resources.

The system includes a fantastic new feature called 'Who Next' which recommends new books and authors based on the books that your child has already read. You will be able to use this feature at home to help your child select their next book.

You can access the system via the school website or directly using the following link: [insert URL for Junior Librarian.net / Eclipse.net].

If you have access to an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Android phone, then you can also download a new App called 'iMLS' to access the library from those devices. The app is available from the App Store and Android Market.

Having the library accessible in this way and having parents engaged with reading will help support our commitment to improving literacy standards. If you would like details of your child's username and password so that you can use the new app to also track their reading history and borrowing patterns, please complete the slip below and return it to the school librarian, [insert name].

We hope you find the new facility useful and welcome any feedback.

Yours faithfully,

Ms. Ivy Cruzata
School Librarian

Name of Child _____ Form _____

I / we would like to receive username and password details for my son / daughter to be able to access the new online library system and App.

Signed _____ Parent / Carer Date _____