



engaging children, parents  
& educators in reading  
for enjoyment.

# reading cloud

powered by



Embraced by schools of various academic level:

**Primary**

**Junior**

**Infant**

**Preparatory**

**SEN schools**



## Introducing the Reading Cloud

Our team at MLS created the UK's most popular library management system, Junior Librarian.net, and we are proud to introduce our brand new development: the Reading Cloud.

The Reading Cloud is powered by Junior Librarian and therefore utilises all of the management functionality and innovation we have developed over the past 25 years, with additional new features and social tools to help schools meet the challenges of the 21st century.

This makes the Reading Cloud our most powerful library and resource management system to date, supporting the curriculum whilst also providing an online reading community designed to engage children, parents and educators in reading for enjoyment.

We invite you to explore the ways in which the Reading Cloud can support your school and inspire your pupils with a lifelong love of reading...





## Pupil features Overview

Help your pupils get the most from the Reading Cloud



Explore 10 ways in which your pupils can engage with the Reading Cloud. Children can:

### 1. Have fun creating an online avatar and library profile

Choose their favourite look, style and accessories or even pick something at random for their personal avatar.

### 2. Add friends

By inviting friends from your school to view their profile biography, they will also get to see a timeline of activity which features updates from all of their friends.

### 3. Chat safely with friends about what they are reading

This optional features allows pupils to discuss what they have been reading lately or which new authors they have discovered – and even share what they have recently read using the content sharing button.

### 4. Write Book Reviews and Blogs

Write or record book reviews, offering their thoughts along with a star rating. Or for more in-depth discussion on a topic, utilise the Blogging tool and tag in popular topics.

### 5. Manage and Share Likes

Their friends can see which books and authors they like on the Reading Cloud, so by keeping these up to date their friends can identify common interests.

### 6. Access Suggested Reading

This built-in tool recommends books they might be interested in reading based upon their loan history – and will only make suggestions which are available in your school library.

### 7. See what is Trending

Explore the content and topics which are trending across the Reading Cloud both within your school and across the entire Reading Cloud community.

### 8. Build a Home Library

Not only can pupils access your schools extensive collection of library and school resources, they can also add their own titles onto their profiles to build up a Home Library collection. This collection can include books, games, CDs, DVDs and other resources, and the system offers a swap facility so that resources can be shared by friends.

### 9. Watch Author Movies

Pupils can watch a wide range of author video content and learn what motivated some of their favourite authors to write their most popular books.

### 10. Search their local public library

Work is underway to tie the Reading Cloud in with public library search tools, which will enable search results in the Reading Cloud to include results from your local library.





## Staff Overview

Explore 5 ways in which the Reading Cloud will help you meet the goal of providing a 21st Century library experience to your pupils:

### 1. Catalogue and track your school resources

Use the Reading Cloud to catalogue your library books, classroom collections, hardware, DVDs and more.

When it comes to adding books, one scan of the book ISBN is all that is needed. The system automatically adds the main book details such as Title, Author, Series & Classification and often includes the back cover summary and an image of the book cover.

The system is also used by many schools to catalogue other valuable resources such as laptops, tablets and other devices. With the Reading Cloud being accessible from any internet connected device, it can be especially helpful where resources are spread out across several classrooms, as is often the case with Reading Scheme collections.

### 2. Measure reading trends and report on progress across the school

The Reading Cloud has over 80 built-in reports, designed to help identify who are your top readers and who are reluctant readers, which of your titles are most and least popular and where you have gaps in your resources. We also have a built-in School Inspection report which summarises all of your library activity during a given period.

### 3. Help develop children's research skills

The Reading Cloud is loaded with a collection of over 5,000 curriculum relevant and age appropriate websites. Using the Reading Cloud as a starting point for any project research, pupils can search for popular topics and discover safe websites which support the school's library resources. Library staff can also add their own favourite websites to the catalogue, thus steering pupils towards a range of good quality online resources. We also have plans to include links to online encyclopaedias and other useful content.

### 4. Create targeted Reading Lists

Library staff can build reading lists on behalf of pupils, and by choosing the audience for these lists, target pupils with different needs. For example, a 'Recommended Reading List' specific to Year 6 pupils, which becomes visible in the profiles of only the specified year group. Or perhaps a list of resources specific to a topic that only 2 classes are working on. Pupils can also create their own!

### 5. Teach children how to stay safe online in a reading focused environment

The Reading Cloud is designed so that children can build their own online profile and connect with friends in their school.

All of the social features are designed to facilitate conversations about reading, as pupils can share their favourite authors, books, blogs and reviews with their friends. A timeline of activity helps keep children up to date with the latest reading activities that their friends have shared.







# Peters

## MLS Bookshop powered by Peters Books

Take advantage of exclusive pricing for MLS customers through the integrated, online Bookshop. The Bookshop is just one click away from Reading Cloud Management, and offers:

- Integration with the Reading Cloud catalogue
- Personal shopper service
- Barcode labelling and other book servicing options
- Wish List facility
- Book pack collections



## eMLS: Primary eBooks NOW!

Encourage your pupils to read for pleasure by activating our exciting digital collection of over 1,000 premium eBook titles.

All eBooks can be opened within the Reading Cloud software or via our iMLS mobile and tablet application, ensuring your pupils can access rich, varied writing styles, beloved titles and popular authors wherever they may be.

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Primary eBooks  
**NOW**





## MLS ID Solutions

**mls**  in partnership with **BioStore**  
Identity Management

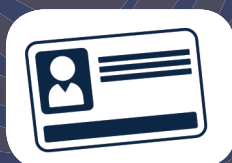
MLS work in partnership with Biostore to provide ID solutions to cover all needs.



### Fingerprint ID recognition

Use of biometrics negates the problems associated with lost library cards, and has always been popular amongst students who are keen to embrace technology.

Students can identify themselves by simply placing their finger on the scanner, which can improve security and speed of book circulation.



### Card ID recognition

Cards can be issued as a method of identification either alongside or in lieu of biometrics.



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MLS have partnered with Capita SIMS to provide a fully integrated link between the school's MIS and Reading Cloud.

**Simplicity** – save time by automating the import of student data from SIMS into your library software.

**Scheduled Automatic Updates** – SIMS Connect runs on a scheduled basis, adding new student data automatically.

**Secure Integration** – conforms to all industry standards for transfer of student data.

**Configuration** – user configuration has now been simplified, just requiring the entry of your basic login details for SIMS to launch the link.

**Easy Set Up** – as part of the library solution, MLS now provide a quick and easy installation package to support SIMS integration.

**Bi-directional Link** – instantly display your library dashboard within SIMS to provide simple access to your library data.

**Advanced Data Import** – in addition to the mandatory data, you can now import data fields including Free School Meals, Pupil Premium and Special Education Needs directly into the library borrower records, to support your library strategy.

The Reading Cloud also integrates with other types of MIS to provide an automated student import solution.





## MLS Assist

MLS Assist is a Managed Service solution that will complete day to day administration tasks in your library that will seamlessly integrate, and enhance your existing library procedures. The MLS Assist team will remotely implement a tailored solution specifically for your needs. Delivering a reliable and efficient service, MLS Assist can offer:

- Extra Pupil Import support from your school MIS - Pupil barcodes printed and posted to you, including bookmarks with Borrower barcodes
- Monthly reports emailed directly to you about your school library usage
- Management and tidying of your data
- Printing and delivery of spine labels for your books
- Activation of your scheduled tasks to import eBooks, WebLinks and author Video clips as well as general housekeeping
- Management of your Overdue book stock and generation of reminders
- User Name and Password management for staff and pupils

Working alongside the Help Desk, MLS Assist offers you a full service package ensuring that you are making the most of your library software throughout your school.

## MLS Library Advisory Service



If you no longer have access to the advisory support of a county schools library service, MLS can now provide a new advisory service. We can help your school library develop into an attractive and thriving learning environment and foster the culture of reading for pleasure and purpose.

At the heart of this service is access to the expertise of our dedicated and friendly team, whose love of children's books and passion for reading is the real driving force behind its popularity.

Service delivery includes email and online support, live discussions, regional network and training meetings on school library and literacy topics and a virtual librarian area on MyMLS. Professional advice available at flexible times that suit your school day.

By working in partnership with your school we are able to cover areas such as:

- Reader development ideas and initiatives
- Advice on meeting Ofsted requirements for the school library
- Effective and eye catching library layout and design
- Raising the profile of your library and showcasing achievements
- Making full use of the Reading Cloud
- Planning information and library skills programmes
- Development of pupil library helpers
- Guidance on the use of eBooks and the iMLS mobile app
- Advice on selecting exciting children's fiction and key resources

The MLS Advisory Service subscription also includes membership of The School Library Association which connects you to a national network of school librarians and provides The School Librarian quarterly magazine.

# HTML



Access via the Cloud

The Reading Cloud has been developed using HTML5, the latest and most powerful version of the markup language used in web development.

This means it can be accessed using the latest version of any mainstream web browser, and you can also open the Reading Cloud via our free mobile and tablet app, iMLS – enabling users of Apple, Android or Windows devices to experience the Reading Cloud while on the move.



## Customer Feedback

Take a look at what our customers have had to say about the Reading Cloud



*We have had the reading cloud for a few weeks now and the kids are absolutely loving it!*

*Our library logins have gone from 30 to 900!*

Principal Teacher, St Joseph's RC Primary School, Aberdeen

*The Reading Cloud has proved a huge success with the Sydenham girls, they love using it and rush into the library before school, during break, lunchtime and after school. It is used much more than the previous system as it is much more attractive to the students, it is easier to use and has more features that appeal to them particularly the avatars*

Librarian, Sydenham Girls School







*The Reading Cloud is a great platform for a community of readers, children can share their interest in specific books through ranking most popular titles, allocating likes and stars to their favourite books or writing their own reviews. Moreover, Reading Cloud builds and promotes conversation around books through several community oriented tools, for instance children can*

*chat about the books, see what is 'trending' among their friends and what their classmates liked or requested from the library.*

*It is a technological innovation that has reading for pleasure and schools at its heart. The accompanying iMLS app fosters a Reading Cloud experience 'on the go', harnessing the benefits of quick and seamless engagement*



UK Library Association Review

## **Want to know more?**

The Reading Cloud ensures the library is the most powerful place in your school.

For more information, watch our system overview demos or download the iMLS app and try the demo yourself.

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