

Grady Media Center News December 2018



Help Grady meet our goal of 60,127 minutes of reading!

Atlanta Public Schools is *raising the bar* for reading via the district-wide **APS Race2Read: The 2 Million Minutes Challenge!** Reading minutes for each school are based on student enrollment and APS is challenging Grady students to read a combined total of **60,127 minutes**.

As we Race2Read, we're creating a culture of engaged readers at Grady. All reading counts whether it's reading for fun or reading for school! Read for pleasure, read to find out, read to defend a point of view, read to persuade, read to laugh, read to cry, read to understand. Read novels, newspapers, comics and more. Read, read, read anything! Just be sure to log your minutes.

LOGGING READING MINUTES

Your teen has an account set up on our school's Beanstack site: apsgrady.beanstack.org

Navigate to the site and select "Sign In"

1. Your teen's login is his/her school username (network ID) and the password is race2read
2. As your teen logs reading, he/she will earn virtual badges and special recognition
3. **Individual students and classes with the most logged minutes will also be eligible for special prizes.**



PARENTS & FRIENDS CAN JOIN THE RACE2READ TOO!

APS invites students, teachers, staff, parents and community partners to join us as we race to read a collective goal of 2 million minutes, and *cross the finish line* by the end of the 2018-2019 academic year!

Parents and friends (who are not enrolled in APS) can sign up to join the Race2Read at Race2Read.beanstack.org. **Remember to attribute your minutes to Grady High School!**

THERE IS ALSO AN APP FOR THAT!

- Visit the App Store or Play Store and download the Beanstack Tracker App
- Search for Grady High School and select it
- Sign in using the same login credentials

Here you may scan the books your child reads and more easily track (and time!) reading sessions!

For more information about the Race2Read, please contact Lisa Taft at taftl@atlanta.k12.ga.us



Introducing the CLASS Pass (Connecting Libraries and Students for Success)!

If you are an Atlanta Public Schools student or employee you already have access to dozens of resources, including online databases, eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming videos, as well as hundreds of thousands of books available at libraries throughout the city of Atlanta and Fulton County. **If you are an APS student, all you need is your Student ID number and your lunch code to get started.**

Student Login:

1. Navigate to MyBackPack (mybackpack.apsk12.or) and choose **ClassPass OR** in a web browser type the URL: <http://www.afpls.org/class>
2. Select your grade level.
3. Follow the directions for login access to specific resources. Some will require both your network ID and your lunch # (PIN).
4. To access SAT/ACT/AP test prep, go to the top navigation bar and choose "Book and Materials" – "eCampus" – "Testing and Education Reference Center".

Employee Login:

1. Navigate to MyBackPack (mybackpack.apsk12.or) and choose **ClassPass OR** in a web browser type the URL: <http://www.afpls.org/class>
2. Select "Employees Only"
3. Login with your Lawson number & "changeme"
 - a. Library Card Number = Your 6-digit Lawson Number
 - b. PIN= "changeme" (all lowercase)

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