

The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act of 2009 & Your Library

"In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity— it is a pre-requisite. The countries that out-teach us today will out-compete us tomorrow."

— **President Barack Obama, Feb. 24, 2009**

What Is The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act?

The American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Of 2009 (ARRA) injects approximately \$100 billion into our state and local governments for education. This new funding generates a historic opportunity to save jobs, support school districts, and move ahead with reforms and improvements that will create long-lasting results for our students and our nation. The overall goals of the ARRA are to stimulate the economy in the short term and invest in education and other essential public services to ensure the long-term economic health of our nation.

Education funds released by the American Recovery And Reinvestment Act Of 2009 must be used on products and services **that improve student achievement**. This means that dollars received should be spent on programs that show quantitative, measurable, learning advancement.

What Does This Mean For Your Library?

The ARRA has the potential of making a SIGNIFICANT impact on the funding for your library. Billions have been set aside by the federal government for the sole purpose of equipping schools for the 21st century. Depending on your state or district –THIS COULD BE LIBRARY BOOKS! Make sure to check with your administrators to see how the ARRA affects YOU!

How Does Oliver and Andy's Book Co. Fit In?

Oliver & Andy's has recognized that our country is at an important crossroads. The time is NOW for reinvestment in American infrastructure - OUR SCHOOLS. We are excited that lawmakers have realized the United States' leadership role in global education and what these funds could mean for our educators, students, and school systems.

Our goal is to make your life easier by providing high-quality library books kids WANT to read. Combining our titles with the Accelerated Reader Reading Program® OR an established guided reading program would be an excellent way of meeting the requirements of the ARRA. Either of these reading programs, combined with the titles we sell, gives you an excellent way to monitor progress and ensure your students are making progress.

REMEMBER, educators using new stimulus funds *MUST* purchase products and services that have the purpose of improving student achievement. **Oliver and Andy's books meet these standards!**

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