

From: Alison Procopio [aprocopio@americanreading.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2007 7:30 PM
To: What Works
Subject: RE: WWC inquiry about 100 Book Challenge
[Thank you for your response.](#)

We are concerned as a company because studies were "reviewed" but we were never contacted. Many of the "research studies" that were named in the WWC report are not ones we, as a company, would consider "studies" ourselves. Plus, the one study that we are proud of and would like the WWC to review was not even in the group of studies reviewed. This report, by Robert Offenburg, would have been the report we would have sent you and it is on our website. So, we were confused as to why the two DuCette studies were reviewed because they were on our website, but the Offenburg study was not.

[Is it possible for this report to be considered by WWC?](#)

[Thank you,](#)
[Alison](#)

From: What Works [<mailto:whatworks@mathematica-mpr.com>]
Sent: Saturday, September 22, 2007 3:15 PM
To: Alison Procopio; anathan@americanreading.com
Cc: Harps, Shauna N'; info@whatworkshelpdesk.ed.gov
Subject: RE: WWC inquiry about 100 Book Challenge

The WWC can respond only to written questions or inquiries about intervention reports. You can send your questions to this e-mail address and we will do our best to answer them. Responses to previous questions were provided by Jill Constantine.

Thanks for your interest.

The What Works Clearinghouse

-----Original Message-----

From: Alison Procopio [<mailto:aprocopio@americanreading.com>]
Sent: Thu 9/20/2007 4:28 PM
To: What Works; anathan@americanreading.com
Cc: 'Harps, Shauna N'; info@whatworkshelpdesk.ed.gov
Subject: RE: WWC inquiry about 100 Book Challenge

Thank you for your response. Is there someone that I could speak to in person about this, I have a few more questions? I tried to contact Jill Constantine but have not heard back from her yet.

Thank you very much for your help with this.
Alison Procopio

-----Original Message-----

From: What Works [<mailto:whatworks@mathematica-mpr.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 4:24 PM
To: anathan@americanreading.com

Cc: Harps, Shauna N; info@whatworkshelpdesk.ed.gov
Subject: WWC inquiry about 100 Book Challenge

The protocol for how the WWC assessed research on reading interventions, including 100 Book Challenge, can be reviewed at http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/reports/beginning_reading/. The protocol lays out the guidelines under which research was identified for the review and how it was incorporated into the WWC's reports.

For 100 Book Challenge, the WWC reviewed 12 publicly available documents, all which indicated that they were studies of 100 Book Challenge. All studies are listed in Appendix A5 of the Beginning Reading Topic Report. These included reports from school districts, as well as two studies by Ducette that are posted on the 100 Book Challenge website. Upon review, none of these studies met WWC evidence standards.

We are having technical difficulties with a few of the HTML files on the WWC website. Please use the following link to a pdf file view the appendix to the Beginning Reading Topic report.

http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/pdf/BR_APP_08_13_07.pdf

Thanks for your interest in the WWC.

The What Works Clearinghouse

-----Original Message-----

From: Alison Procopio
Sent: Wed, September 12, 2007 4:57 pm
To: info@whatworkshelpdesk.ed.gov
Subject: RE: Your email to the What Works Clearinghouse

Dear David,
I have still not received word from What Works Clearinghouse about my request. Is there someone I can call and speak to about this. We, as a company, are very confused and upset about recent WWC findings and would like to speak to someone as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Alison Nathan
Director of Academic Credibility
American Reading Company

From: info@whatworkshelpdesk.ed.gov [<mailto:info@whatworkshelpdesk.ed.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2007 2:40 PM
To: Alison Nathan
Subject: Your email to the What Works Clearinghouse

Dear Alison,

