

List of Online Summer Resources

Whole Family Activities or Mixed Subjects

Common Sense Media Online Resource List

This extensive list of links goes well beyond storytimes and drawing.

https://www.common sense media.org/blog/free-online-events-activities-kids-at-home-coronavirus?j=7711684&sfmc_sub=170486608&l=2048712_HTML&u=143747070&mid=6409703&jb=704&utm_source=covid19_freeactivities_20200323&utm_medium=email

A few highlights include:

Movement videos

<https://www.gonoodle.com/good-energy-at-home-kids-games-and-videos/>

Ken Burns documentaries and movies

<https://ca.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/kenburnsclassroom/home/>

San Diego Children's Museum hands-on "STREAM" activities

<https://www.sdcdm.org/blog>

Virtual "Outings" (from Common Sense Media link above plus others)

Live Animal Cams

<https://explore.org/livecams>

Monterey Bay Aquarium's Live Cams

<https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>

National Park Tours

https://www.travelzoo.com/blog/the-best-national-parks-to-visit-virtually/?dlinkId=2871550&ec=0&utm_campaign=2871550_html_-_deal%3A2871550&utm_content=2871550&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsflash_us

Virtual Tour of the Louvre

<https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>

The Nature Conservancy

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/who-we-are/how-we-work/youth-engagement/nature-lab/virtual-field-trips/>

Virtual rides on Disney attractions

<https://www.popsugar.com/family/videos-virtual-disney-rides-47314693>

Travel to Mars

<https://accessmars.withgoogle.com/>

Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants- Listen to a variety of scientists and naturalists from around the globe. Interact via the comment bar during these synchronous events. (currently last event 5/28)

<http://www.exploringbytheseat.com/>

We Are Teachers

Many resources for learning at home, such as:

25 virtual field trips

https://www.weareteachers.com/best-virtual-field-trips/?utm_source=WAT_MDR&utm_medium=Enews&utm_campaign=WAT_CVENews03212020

40 Best Educational Social Studies Websites (including virtual field trips and museum tours)

https://www.weareteachers.com/social-studies-websites/?utm_source=WAT_MDR&utm_medium=CVENews&utm_campaign=WAT_Enews03212020#lessons

OutSchool

Small group live video chat classes for ages 3-18. Over 10,000 classes cover a wide range of interests including: sewing, historical biographies, astronomy and ukelele. There is a small fee per class, starting at \$5 per session.

<https://outschool.com/#abk9vjw410>

NASA STEM @ Home Resources

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math activities you can do together (gr. K-4, 5-8, 9-12)

<https://www.nasa.gov/stem/forstudents/k-4/index.html>

Khan Academy

After creating an account, access instructional videos for grades K-12 (mainly math)

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Bill Nye the Science Guy (YouTube)

48 full episodes of Bill Nye's science videos (gr. 3 and above)

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_zuNdsXRcfMThB81edcSxSYQqG_41JMg

Crash Course (YouTube)

Short videos covering science and other topics (middle school and above)

<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcourse/featured>

Amoeba Sisters Biology Learning Playlist (YouTube)

9 hours worth of animated videos geared for middle school and above, delving into biology topics ranging from cellular activities to ecology.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwL0Myd7Dk1F0iQPGrjehze3eDpco1eVz>

Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems

Enjoy 15 approximately thirty-minute doodle sessions with Kennedy Center Education

Artist-in-Residence Mo Willems, author of kid favorite *Elephant and Piggie* titles, and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*.

https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/?utm_source=CHC+eNews&utm_campaign=a77b11a068-CommEd+WeeklyMar18.2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4e878e8b47-a77b11a068-252288593

BreakoutEDU- Fun@Home

Set up a password or log in via Twitter, Facebook or Google to play educational “escape room” games grouped by grade levels (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12).

<https://www.breakoutedu.com/funathome>

Or play with a Youtube video host without logging in:

<https://www.breakoutedu.com/liveepisodes>

Podcast/Kidcast Recommendations for K-12

About Cooking:

https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=Podcasts-for-quarantined-K-12-chefs-kidcasts-coronavirus-COVID-19&utm_source=Marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=may28ExtraHelping

About Pets:

<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=Podcasts-About-Pets-animals-for-K-12-Students-Kidcasts-covid-19-coronavirus-kidcasts-audio>

About Civics and U.S. History

<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=podcasts-about-civics-us-history-kidcasts-audio-remote-learning-covid-coronavirus>

About Arts and Crafts

https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=8--podcasts-to-Jumpstart-arts-crafts-kidcasts-remote-learning-covid-19-coronavirus&utm_source=Marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=june18ExtraHelping

About Black Voices

<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=black-voices-kidcasts-podcasts-for-children-audio>

About the Environment

https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=8-podcasts-about-climate-change-activism-for-K-12-students-kidcasts-libraries-sheltering&utm_source=Marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=june23ExtraHelping

Fitness and Non-screen Activity Ideas

Cardboard Box Creations

Get inspired by these videos about 9 year old Caine and his cardboard arcade

<http://cainesarcade.com/>

Maker Task Cards

For purchase (\$14.99 for set of 25; avail. gr. K-1, 2-3, 4-5) Using building materials and robotics, kids can design and build mazes, marble catchers etc. These cards have kid-friendly instructions on one side and materials list and instructor guide on the other.

https://www.demco.com/demco-reg-maker-task-cards-design-build?_ga=2.81549523.553997252.1591205692-2073103561.1583172136

Family Fitness Online Videos

This article gives links and a short description of cardio and yoga lessons.

https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=get-your-family-moving-with-these-fun-free-online-fitness-videos&utm_source=Marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=june10YourHomeLibrarian

Reading/English Language Arts

Join an online summer reading program!

Our district librarians are recommending both the Santa Clara County Library summer reading program and Read-a-Palooza, Scholastic's summer reading challenge. See below.

Scholastic's Home Base

From here, students access Read-a-Palooza, where they keep track of their reading streaks, earn rewards, and help total reading minutes to unlock book donations. Students can also create their own avatar, interact with Scholastic characters, play games and read books.

<https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>

https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/scholastic/summerReadingChallenge/2020/pdfs/RAP_2020InfoSheet.pdf

Santa Clara County Library

This year's summer reading theme is **Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover**. The program, for kids, teens and adults, with prizes for all, runs from June 1- July 31.

<https://scclld.org/summer2020/>

For other storytimes, book recommendations, and online events use:

<https://scclld.org/>

For student access to ebooks, audiobooks, databases and more, use district provided online library accounts (User name S+student id+LASD PIN is four digits- birth month and birth day):

students.sccl.org

Curbside Pickup and Returns now available! See link for procedures and hours:

<https://scclld.org/curbside/>

Mountain View Public Library

All CA residents can get a temporary digital library card to access ebooks, audiobooks, streaming media and databases 24/7.

<https://library.mountainview.gov/selfreg>

<https://www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/digitallibrary/ebooks.asp>

Your LASD School Library

Access Encyclopedia Britannica in English and Spanish. Proquest Databases such as eLibrary, CultureGrams and SIRS Discoverer are available with user name: losaltos and password: #LASDstudent1

Biblionasium- The Largest Social Book Club for Kids (K-8)

Parents and kids can both set up accounts. Kids can rate, review and recommend books; build a virtual bookshelf of books they've read or plan to read; keep reading logs and accept reading

challenges. Parents can check reading difficulty levels and create reading challenges (no access to ebooks)

<https://www.bibliomnasium.com/#tab/content-spring-picks>

Scholastic Learn at Home

Access engaging videos, narrated read along ebooks, nonfiction articles and accompanying activities, grades PreK-9 (grouped by grade levels) Some Spanish material included. No account needed.

<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

ReadWorks

After setting up a free account, choose from thousands of passages and articles (K-12) with comprehension and vocabulary questions, plus ebooks and audiobooks with reading lessons.

<https://www.readworks.org>

Unite for Literacy

Ebooks for beginning readers, ages 3-8. Very simple to use. Students can read by themselves, or press the icon for sound for each page to hear it being read to them. No accounts needed.

<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com>

We Are Teachers

27 Awesome Free (or Low-Cost) Websites for Practicing Reading

https://www.weareteachers.com/best-reading-websites/?utm_source=WAT_MDR&utm_medium=Enews&utm_campaign=WAT_CVE_news03212020

Audible- Audiobooks

Listen to select books (English, Spanish and other) from “littlest listeners” through teens

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Also, can do a 30 day free trial to access other audiobook titles (then \$14.95 per month)

<https://www.audible.com/>

Lightbox

1,000 interactive nonfiction ebooks for grades K-12, which include point of use audio, video, weblinks, maps, and quizzes. Free subscription can be accessed until Aug.1, 2020.

https://mailchi.mp/openlightbox.com/freesubscription_gumdrop

Epic!

Sign up for a free 30-day trial (\$7.99 a month). Over 40,000 E-books, audiobooks and videos (K-7) in English and Spanish

https://www.getepic.com/?utm_source=Iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=campaign_1083274

Abdo Online Digital Libraries

Currently scheduled to end July 31, 2020

Search for fiction and nonfiction ebooks by genre or subject; grouped by grades PreK-6, 5-12, and "Zoom Online Database" for PreK-2 using noted usernames and passwords

<https://abdodigital.com/?tk=4CD2971823F2F0334483B74C3AB4257F> abdo-elementary 072020

<https://abdodigital.com/?tk=2BAD8E765579168B2CFA074F892D1601> abdo-secondary 072020

<https://www.abdozoom.com/zoomchoice/?tk=6DCDDD77F68C85E0E1688D962154F2EC> abdo-zoom 072020

Universal School Library

An archive and lending library of hundreds of digitized books, primarily for readers from middle school through adult. Must set up an account.

<https://archive.org/details/uslprototype?tab=collection>

Knowbuddy Resources (with Blackrabbit and Creative Education publishers)

Mostly K-8 nonfiction with some Spanish titles. These are full ebook previews of titles.

For email username use: info@knowbuddyresources.com password: KNOWBUDDY

<http://virtual.knowbuddyresources.com/preview/index>

Stay Home with Candlewick Press

Videos, games and non-screen activities featuring beloved elementary characters such as Maisy, Mercy Watson, and Judy Moody. They will be offering an online "Camp Candlewick" for grades 1-12 from June 11-August 27

<https://stayhome.candlewick.com/>

Article about summer program:

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/childrens/childrens-industry-news/article/83372-candlewick-launches-online-summer-camp.html>

Magic Treehouse Website

Author Mary Pope Osborne hosts videos and "listen along" audio, plus activity packs, a themed online game, and reading challenges. Some activities need login.

<https://www.magictreehouse.com/go/>

Dav Pilkey at Home

In collaboration with Scholastic, the author of *Dog Man* and *Captain Underpants* offers 8 weeks of reading, writing and drawing activities.

<https://kids.scholastic.com/kids/books/dav-pilkey-at-home/>

Hogwarts Digital Escape Room

Created by a youth services librarian at a public library, this activity can be done as a group or individually.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfINxNM0jzbZJiUqOcXkwhGTfi4CM_CA3kCxImbY8c3AABEA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR1WNQo4ok-gvFIBFVshaQshKMMxJ7SV1kyZxUwdfYqgnXy3GQAx4L1ulk

Harry Potter at Home

Daniel Radcliffe reads the first chapter of Book One; quizzes and puzzles, plus earn house points by completing mini-challenges

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-at-home>

Webcomics for Tweens and Teens

This School Library Journal article provides reviews and links for free online graphic novels.

https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=webcomics-teens-tweens-free-middle-grade-YA&utm_source=Marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=april9ExtraHelping

JLG features *Aiden Tyler, Quaranteen, a Serial Novel*

Read the weekly chapters from author Rex Ogle as he writes about the ups and downs of Aidan and his family during the pandemic. (recommended for gr. 4-8) Also, meet-the-author and book talk webcasts.

<https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/jlg-webcasts>

Stimola Live

A collection of virtual events (preschool- adult) from authors and illustrators ranging from storytimes and drawing activities to writing lessons such as nature journaling and fantasy world building.

<https://www.stimolalive.com>

The Never Starting Tales

Short videos showing what would happen if fairytale characters never left the house, meant to encourage students to go outside and play. Accompanying activities include growing plants, observing weather, making a map, plus Language Arts activities.

https://www.weareteachers.com/never-starting-tales-free-lessons/?utm_source=WAT_MDR&utm_medium=Enews&utm_campaign=WAT_Enews05212020

Storytimes/Read-alouds

Storyline Online

Listen to celebrities reading beloved picture books (mainly K-3)

<https://www.storylineonline.net>

Author Kate Messner read-alouds

Includes many other well-known author read-alouds, plus other learn at home resources. Can be accessed by grade level groupings.

<https://www.katemessner.com/read-wonder-and-learn-favorite-authors-illustrators-share-resources-for-learning-anywhere-spring-2020/>

Mondays with Michelle Obama- Mondays, 9 am PST via PBSKids

on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PBSKIDS/>

on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/pbskids>

Sterling Publishing Storytimes- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 am PST

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Sterlingpublishing/videos>

Simon and Schuster Live Read-alouds - Tues. Wed. Thurs., 11 am PST

on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Simonkids/>

WeAreTeachers

Read-alouds by children's authors (elementary-middle)

https://www.weareteachers.com/storytime/?utm_source=WAT_MDR&utm_medium=Enews&utm_campaign=WAT_CVEnews30142020

More read-alouds and author activities online (elementary-young adult)

https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/?utm_source=WAT_MDR&utm_medium=Enews&utm_campaign=WAT_CVEnews03142020

Book Recommendations

I Love Libraries 2020 Summer Reading Picks by Grades

<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/article/librarians-2020-summer-reading-picks-kids>

School Library Journal Summer Reading Recommendations

This site, listing categories by broad levels and genres, will be populated with links to their written recommendation blurbs, as they are published over the summer. All books are available as e-books.

To access category site:

<https://www.slj.com/?page=summer-reading-2020>

Article listing availability dates for various recommendations:

https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=announcing-summer-reading-2020-best-reads-booklists&utm_source=Marketing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=june4ExtraHelping

Junior High Padlet of Book Lists

Lists of top picks by trusted sources such as School Library Journal and others

<https://padlet.com/nmorimoto/axyeej0bzq1h3xmk>

