

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR LITERACY
LAPS SY 20-21**



LICENSES THE SCHOOL HAS PURCHASED

Site with Link	What does it have?	How could it be used?	Other notes
Pioneer Valley Literacy Footprints	A collection of leveled digital texts leveled preA-Z	● Projecting for whole class or small group shared reads ● Projecting for 1:1 or small group reading	● Every classroom teacher will receive a teacher license that will provide access to every text in the online library ● Each grade level will also receive a license for paras to share ● These licenses do not include access to the capability to assign books to students or the online assessments.
Reading A-Z	A leveled online library of leveled texts that can be searched by reading level, topic, title, or series	● Shared reads (they have nursery rhymes and some songs available that are great for PreK/K2 shared reads ● 1:1 and small group reading meetings	● We will have ONE Reading A-Z login for the whole school to use. Multiple users can be logged in with the same ID at the same time. ● Reading A-Z levels are slightly different than the F&P levels we are used to. You can use this chart to see correlations

FREE RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

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Unite for Literacy	Texts organized by topic for beginning readers (roughly levels A-J)	● Great for connecting to and firming up content knowledge ● Whole class shared reads ● 1:1 and small group reading	● Free! No account needed, so links to books can easily be shared with students ● Texts are not organized by level, but by topic ● Written texts are in both English and Spanish ● Texts can be narrated in multiple languages
Archive	This is an extensive online library of scanned books (in color) that holds many children's trade books	● Great for engaging kids with series of texts (Henry & Mudge, Mercy Watson, Poppleton, Frog & Toad, etc.) ● Whole class read-aloud lessons ● Whole or small group shared reads ● 1:1/small group reading meetings	● Free! But you have to set up an account ● You can only check books out for only 2 weeks at a time, but you can renew them when the two weeks is up ● Some texts may only be checked out for an hour and some texts have a waitlist
Rivet Books	An online library of high-interest books organized by topics and can be selected by level	● 1:1/small group reading meetings to engage students in reading	● Free! No subscription needed, so links to books can be shared with students to read on their own
Reading IQ	A large online library that includes many high interest texts including Disney and Marvel books as well as popular trade books and a balance of genres.	● Whole group read alouds ● Shared reading ● 1:1/small groups	● Free for teachers! ● Can search by level and by topic or category
Epic Books	A large online library of many popular trade books that we use at the Lee Academy.	● Whole group read alouds ● Shared reading ● 1:1/small groups	● Free! You can set up a classroom account and assign books for students to read or listen to online

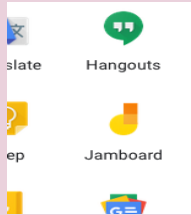
			Can search by topic or genre or F&P level/grade level
Newsela	An online library of real news articles from national news sources that have been rewritten at different lexiles making national news accessible to young people	- Project for whole group shared reads connected to unit topics and topics of student interest - Can be used for 1:1 and small groups - Articles can be cut and pasted into google docs to create student assignments (or they can be downloaded)	- Many features free for teachers - Articles come with activities and questions for students - Lexile levels can be adjusted for each article - Best for grades 2 and 3
Readworks	Short excerpts and passages organized around genre and topic	Excerpts and passages can be cut and pasted into google docs to create student assignments (or they can be downloaded)	Passages vary widely in quality and many are not high quality so use with discretion
What's Going on in this Picture - NY Times	A weekly photograph for students to examine using visual thinking strategies. Images are stripped of their captions and eventually revealed at the end of the week. Photos and explanations are archived going back several years.	- Whole class or small group visual thinking strategies activities - students build skills in evaluating context; noticing; critical thinking - Students work collaboratively to build an understanding of what is happening in the photo using speaking and listening standards	Here is a free webinar about this resource
Nat Geo Kids	The free edition of the website has activities for kids on various topics, including slideshows and videos and activities.	- Slideshows and images can be used for visual thinking strategies (i.e., see/think/wonder) - Resources can be used to build content knowledge around units and student interests - Kids could use the resources on the site for research	Website is free and accessible for all; subscription to the monthly magazine costs extra

Black Lives Matter Library	Curated collection of texts connected to identity, activism, advocacy, empowerment, and celebrating Black lives. There are also texts in Spanish. Texts are read-aloud by people who look like our Black and Brown students.	• Can be used as an online read aloud for whole group/small group • Links to specific texts can be shared to the whole class and individual students to assign books to listen to if posted on Google Classroom or SeeSaw	• Last slide in the resource links to sites and resources with similar content
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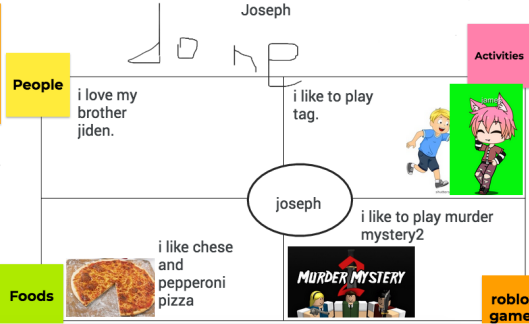
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Tumblebooks	An online library of story books, books for young readers, games, videos.	• Whole group read alouds • Shared reading • 1:1/small groups	• Recommended for teacher use only
Tumblebooks Jr.	TumbleBookCloud Junior (www.tbcjr.com) is an online collection of ebooks and read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, graphic novels, educational videos, and audio books! This database is a great option for adventurous young readers who wish to read beyond the picture book collection in the TumbleBookLibrary. It is designed specifically for kids in grades three to six.	• Older students (grades 2 and 3) can be given the website to search for books of interest and to do independent reading at home	• Students can navigate this online library but it takes some searching to find books; students will need help figuring out which books are for them
Sora by Overdrive	An online library linked to Boston Public Libraries that can be linked to other library systems. Users can check out books.	• Can be used to project books for read alouds or shared read • Has some guided reading books (many of the King School Series)	• District webinar on Sora
Storyline Online	Online collection of read alouds of popular children's storybooks	• Can be used to project and share a read aloud (if you do not have access to the text) • Links to specific videos can be posted on Google Classroom or	

		Seesaw for the whole class or individual students to use at home or during managed independent learning	
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OTHER ONLINE LITERACY RESOURCES

Resource and Link	Description
University of Florida Literacy Institute Virtual Teaching Hub	Literacy scholars at the Univ of Florida have worked to try to recreate elements of a balanced literacy program online. They have resources designed for supporting: • Phonemic awareness • Letter-sound relationships • Decoding/Encoding • High Frequency Words • Writing/Handwriting (contains writing paper and traceables for letter writing) Here is a link to a series of webinars for how to use the resources
Magnetic Letters	Link can be shared with students; students can share their screen and they can practice manipulating letters to make words and build fluency with word work
Instructional Videos for teaching literacy online	Literacy educator and researcher Nell Duke has a collection of videos on teaching word work online and teaching small groups online. There is also a video on using projected Reading A-Z text for online shared reading to teach voice to print match (1:1 correspondence)
Jamboard (find in Google Apps) 	Jamboard is a Google application that can be used as a virtual whiteboard. Multiple users can be on the same Jamboard at once. The Jamboard can be used as a writing tool, but students can also sort letters, create stories and work together on virtual projects. See below for examples of what Jamboard looks like.

Your Job: 1. Use pen tool to write your name in the circle. 2. Insert at least one image. 3. Use a text box to write the name of someone you love in the "People" box. 4. Create a sticky note to add a new category. 5. Delete this sticky note



BUILD-Move the letters to build the word.

TOUCH-touch each letter in the word to and say it's name

READ-read the word!

b d n
e a
h t
i g

and

big

the