

Hello everyone!

We wanted to compile a list of places where you (and your students) can go to get free e-books and/or audiobooks during this time. We will continue to update as we get new information.¹

TECH TIP: Blogging using Google Classroom: One thought would be to use the Question feature on Google Classroom as a blogging feature so that students can answer questions posed by you (as well as communicate with each other) about the books they are reading. [Here](#) is a link to a video included on our [Teacher Distance Learning Resources page](#) on how to do this.

Happy reading!

Abdo is making its Grade 5-12 collection of ebooks free through June 30, 2020. Books are read in your browser. Click on the **Grade Group** tab at the top to select the appropriate age range and the **Genre tab** to see fiction, graphic novels, hi-lo, non-fiction and YA offerings.

<https://abdodigital.com/browse/?bb=grade&grade=hs>

If you need a password, use the following: Username: ABDO Secondary | Password: 2020.

Audible is making a collection of audiobooks free. Note: these are not *all* of the Audible titles but there looks to be a nice selection. Titles can be streamed on a desktop, laptop, phone, or tablet. <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Audiobook Cloud: All ages audiobook database (with limited selection). There is unlimited access, and you can listen in your browser. Filter by type at the top.

<https://www.audiobookcloud.com/ViewByCover.aspx?categoryID=35&subcategoryID=19>

If you need a username and password, here it is: Username: tumble2020 | Password: A3b5c6

Hoopla: Available for free through West Hartford Public Library (WHPL). You need a WHPL card to access the materials and need to set up an account (creating your own username and password and linking the account to your WHPL card). Hoopla is a digital media service that allows individuals to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on their computers, tablets, or phones – and even their TVs! Titles can be streamed immediately, or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline enjoyment later. There are hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily.

¹ If any WHPS student does not have a West Hartford public library card, they can fill out this online form and they will, once the form is processed, receive a temporary card number via email:

<https://westhartford.seamlessdocs.com/f/jv3ai8>

Similarly, if a West Hartford teacher (even one that does not live in West Hartford) does not have a card, they can fill out the form and receive a temporary card number via email. Teachers need to indicate - perhaps in the Parent/Guardian box - that they teach in WHPS.

Click [here](#) to access Hoopla and set up a free account. [Here](#) is a link to a video prepared by one of our middle school LMSs showing how to use it.

Junior Library Guild is giving free access to the JLG Digital online reading platform, with eBook collections for elementary, middle, and high school students. There is unlimited access from any device, with no limit to the number of users. Once you click on the link below, scroll to the middle of the page and choose High School Stream. Then browse the selections or search for one using the search bar. You can click the red button under the book to either read in your browser (for e-books) or have it read to you (audio). No apps required!

See link for access info: <https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/at-home>

No username and password should be required.

Kindle Unlimited is offering [2 free months](#) of unlimited ebooks and audiobooks from a vast collection. Redeem before **April 30th, 2020**. After two months, you will be charged \$9.99/month unless you cancel.

Newsela: Hall teachers now have free access to Newsela's entire new product suite through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. That includes Newsela ELA, Newsela Social Studies, Newsela Science, and The Newsela Social-Emotional Learning Collection. They created this [distance learning toolkit](#) to help you activate your community for distance learning.

Overdrive: Students and staff can check out eBooks and Audiobooks from our large [digital collection](#). **Go to the [Library Catalog](#) page if you need instructions to download the Overdrive app so you can read/listen from your device.

We also obtained the **Sora Remote Reading Book Bundle**, a collection of hundreds of premium simultaneous use titles from publishers like Abrams, Britannica, Bellwether Media and Orca, in addition to required reading classics like *Emma* and *Call of the Wild*. These titles are for a 90-day period. [Here](#) is a list of books we got (checked books only).

Log in using the following: Username: your *network ID* (i.e., smithmary) | Password: your network password

RB Digital (through CT State Library) - Free e-books and audiobooks are available if the student registers for an account and puts in the State Library access code (see below). They appear to have a nice selection, including the current Nutmegs. Students should click on Register (in the upper right) in order to set up an account. There is an app available.

<https://iconnect.rbdigital.com/>

Access code: ctstatelib20

Sebco is providing access to multi-user ebooks across all reading levels, both fiction and nonfiction. The use of these free eBooks will be available through 6/30/2020. Username and password should automatically populate, but just in case:

<http://library.esebco.com/site/login?login=keepreading&password=SEBCO>

User Name: keepreading | Password: sebco

ID#: 1 (you do have to input this ID)

Teen Book Cloud: A collection of eBooks and educator resources perfect for middle school and high school. Find a selection of graphic novels, enhanced novels, eBooks, classic literature, National Geographic videos, educator resources, and audiobooks.

<https://www.teenbookcloud.com/Home.aspx>

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[Overdrive](#)