



Children's Resources & Activities

Rockford Public Library

Visit **RPL's YouTube Channel** for exciting activities designed just for you!

RPL Digital Activities include:

- Storytimes – like our nightly live **Bedtime Storytime!**
- Craft Videos
- Book Talks
- Poetry – with our daily **Poem A Day posts!**

RPL's Digital Children's Books

- **TumbleBooks**
- **Cloud Library** - List handpicked by staff!
- **Hoopla** - Children's material list

Local Activities

- **Cherry Valley Public Library** - Join the Cherry Valley Public Library staff for their storytimes online!
- **Discovery Center Museum** - Look for social live-streams, and suggested science activities and experiments, and art projects for kids of all ages that you can do at home! Check back often for new content to inspire young learners.
- **Nicholas Conservatory Teacher Resources** - Explore the conservatory with digital activities.
- **Nicholas Conservatory Pond Cam** - Enjoy the sights and sounds of the conservatory's pond.
Mon, Wed, Fri 8am-4p
- **Queen Elsa Activity Hour** - Visit Queen Elsa's livestream Monday-Friday at 2 p.m. and weekends at 4 p.m.
- **Severson Dells Nature Center** - Join naturalists as they read stories, make crafts and tell you about the animals and plants of Severson Dells Nature Center.
- **Stateline Kids "Virtual Play Date" series** - Join other fun locals as they find activities to keep them busy during this time.
- **WREX-TV's Daily Storytime** - We know times are tough, but we here at WREX-TV want to lift your spirits. And parents, we want to give you a break. So, starting Monday, we're launching a special project called "Reading with WREX". We hope you'll join us for a little family time each morning at 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY : Activities

- 11:00am **Peter Reynolds** (Read Aloud)
- 12:00pm **Mo Willems** (Lunch Doodles)
- 12:00pm **Emily Arrow** (Music, singalongs, stories, and mindfulness)
- 12:00pm (ET) **LeVar Burton Reads**
- 1:00pm **Jarrett J. Krosoczka** (Drawing, writing, and read alouds)
- 1:00pm **Oliver Jeffers** (Read aloud picture books) – **Instagram Live @oliverjeffers**
- 1:00pm **Dan Gutman** (Read aloud: Miss Blake is a Fake)
- 1:00pm (ET) **Pete the Cat Club** (with James Dean)
- 2:00pm **Mac Barnett** (Read aloud picture books) **Instagram Live: @macbarnett**
- 3:00pm **Julie Falatko** (Read aloud) **Instagram Live: @julie falatko**
- 4:15pm **Megan Lacera** (Family activity ideas, drawing/illustrating, writing, storytelling, read alouds)
Twitter Live: @MeganLacera

TUESDAY : Activities

- 11:00am **Peter Reynolds** (Read Aloud)
- 12:00pm **Mo Willems** (Lunch Doodles)
- 12:00pm **Emily Arrow** (Music, singalongs, stories, and mindfulness)
- 1:00pm **Jarrett J. Krosoczka** (Drawing, writing, and read alouds)
- 1:00pm **Oliver Jeffers** (Read aloud picture books) – **Instagram Live @oliverjeffers**
- 1:00pm (ET) **Pete the Cat Club** (with James Dean)
- 2:00pm **Mac Barnett** (Read aloud picture books) **Instagram Live: @macbarnett**
- 3:00pm **Julie Falatko** (Read aloud) **Instagram Live: @julie falatko**
- 4:15pm – **Megan Lacera** (Family activity ideas, drawing/illustrating, writing, storytelling, read alouds) **Twitter Live: @MeganLacera**

WEDNESDAY : Activities

- 11:00am **Peter Reynolds** (Read Aloud)
- 11:00am **Lowey Bundy Sichol** (Virtual author visit)
- 12:00pm **Mo Willems** (Lunch Doodles)
- 12:00pm **Emily Arrow** (Music, singalongs, stories, and mindfulness)
- 1:00pm **Jarrett J. Krosoczka** (Drawing, writing, and read alouds)
- 1:00pm **Oliver Jeffers** (Read aloud picture books) – **Instagram Live @oliverjeffers**
- 1:00pm – **Ben Clanton** (Virtual Author Visit)
- 1:00pm (ET) **Pete the Cat Club** (with James Dean)
- 2:00pm **Mac Barnett** (Read aloud picture books) **Instagram Live: @macbarnett**
- 3:00pm **Julie Falatko** (Read aloud) **Instagram Live: @julie falatko**
- 4:15pm – **Megan Lacera** (Family activity ideas, drawing/illustrating, writing, storytelling, read alouds) **Twitter Live: @MeganLacera**

THURSDAY : Activities

- 10:00am **Weekly Online Interactive Music Hour- For KIDS!**
- 11:00am **Peter Reynolds** (Read Aloud)
- 12:00pm **Mo Willems** (Lunch Doodles)
- 12:00pm **Emily Arrow** (Music, singalongs, stories, and mindfulness)
- 1:00pm **Jarrett J. Krosoczka** (Drawing, writing, and read alouds)
- 1:00pm **Oliver Jeffers** (Read aloud picture books) – **Instagram Live @oliverjeffers**
- 1:00pm (ET) **Pete the Cat Club** (with James Dean)
- 2:00pm **Mac Barnett** (Read aloud picture books) **Instagram Live: @macbarnett**
- 3:00pm **Julie Falatko** (Read aloud) **Instagram Live: @julie_falatko**
- 4:15pm **Megan Lacera** (Family activity ideas, drawing/illustrating, writing, storytelling, read alouds)
Twitter Live: @MeganLacera
- 7:00pm (ET) **Goodnight with Dolly Parton**

FRIDAY : Activities

- 8:00am **Dave Pilkey at Home**
- 11:00am **Peter Reynolds** (Read Aloud)
- 12:00pm **Mo Willems** (Lunch Doodles)
- 12:00pm **Emily Arrow** (Music, singalongs, stories, and mindfulness)
- 1:00pm **Jarrett J. Krosoczka** (Drawing, writing, and read alouds)
- 1:00pm **Oliver Jeffers** (Read aloud picture books) – **Instagram Live @oliverjeffers**
- 1:00pm (ET) **Pete the Cat Club** (with James Dean)
- 2:00pm **Mac Barnett** (Read aloud picture books) **Instagram Live: @macbarnett**
- 3:00pm **Julie Falatko** (Read aloud) **Instagram Live: @julie_falatko**
- 4:00pm **March 20 Ben Clanton** (Virtual Author Visit)
- 4:15pm **Megan Lacera** (Family activity ideas, drawing/illustrating, writing, storytelling, read alouds)
Twitter Live: @MeganLacera
- **The Show Must Go On!** - Full-length, smash-hit musicals released every Friday for you to watch for free! It will be available for 48 hours, so you can tune in whenever you like over the weekend!

STORYTIME Activities Anytime !

- **David Walliams** - Every day at 11am, you can listen to one of David Walliams' World's Worst Children stories, so sit down, take a break, and enjoy 20ish minutes of pure fun!
- **Emily Arrow** - Literacy Inspired Ukulele Music for Young People
- **International Children's Digital Library** (books in various languages) - a digital collection of multicultural materials
- **Josh Gad** , the star from "Frozen 2" has been recording himself reading children's books and sharing them.
- **KidLitTV** - Enjoy storytime with authors at KLTV HQ!
- **The Laurie Berkner Band Channel** - Music for Preschoolers (and beyond!)
- **#SaveWithStories** - Celebrities, like Jennifer Garner and Amy Adams, read children's books online.
- **Storyline Online** streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.
- **Storytime from Space** - Watch astronauts on the Space Station read children's books and perform science demonstrations
- **Storytime with Bill** from Little Brown Books
- **TUMBLEBOOKS** – TumbleBooks is offering their ebook databases FREE to all public libraries through August 31.
- **Ukulele Storytime: Baby Rhyme Time!** -Songs and rhymes are geared towards children ages newborn to 24 months, but everyone of all ages can enjoy!

PODCAST for Kids, 1 of 2

- **Brains On** is an award-winning audio show for kids and families. Each week, a different kid co-host joins Molly Bloom to find answers to fascinating questions about the world. Our mission is to encourage kids' natural curiosity and wonder using science and history...but there's no age limit on curiosity, and episodes of Brains On can be enjoyed by anyone.
- **But Why** is a show led by you, kids! You ask the questions and we find the answers. It's a big interesting world out there. On *But Why*, we tackle topics large and small, about nature, words, even the end of the world.
- **Circle Round** Created and produced by parents of young children, WBUR's Circle Round adapts carefully-selected folktales from around the world into sound- and music-rich radio plays for kids ages 4 to 10. Each 10- to 20-minute episode explores important issues like kindness, persistence and generosity. And each episode ends with an activity that inspires a deeper conversation between children and grown-ups.
- **Kids Ask Authors** A weekly 5-10-minute podcast where children's book author/illustrator Grace Lin and a guest author answer one question from a child reader. Most episodes will end with a book review, poem, short story or a joke by kids! We hope that this podcast will be useful to all student writers and those helping them on their journey!

PODCAST for Kids, 2 of 2

- **The Music Box** Music boxes were invented to make music small enough to fit in your pocket, just like this podcast. With a tap you'll be carried into classrooms, across the city, and out into the field where we ask what is music and how do we make it. We're taking classical music out of the box and giving you the inspiration and tools to compose your stories into music. The Music Box is complete with ready-to-use activities integrating core grade-level standards.
- **Stories Podcast: A Bedtime Show for Kids** On the Stories Podcast, we perform a new story for your children every week. The stories range from retellings of fairy tales like Snow White to classic stories like Peter Rabbit and even completely original works. Everything is G rated and safe for all ages. The perfect kids podcast for imaginative families. Whether you're driving with your children or just want to limit your kids' screen time, Stories Podcast delivers entertainment that kids and parents alike will love.
- **The Story Seeds** Podcast celebrates creativity and imagination. On each episode, we capture the magic that sparks when kids 6-12 and best-selling authors meet up in person to collaborate and grow original stories inspired by children's story seeds! Hosted by kidlit maven, author, and librarian Betsy Bird.
- **Wow in the World** Hosts Mindy Thomas and Guy Raz guide curious kids and their grown-ups on a journey into the wonders of the world around them. We'll go inside our brains, out into space and deep into the coolest new stories in science and technology.

VIRTUAL TOURS : Museums, 1 of 4

- **American Museum of Natural History** You can still enjoy our exhibits and online offerings, from materials for families and teachers to virtual tours, videos, games, and more.
- **The Art Institute of Chicago** Home to one of the largest permanent collections of any museum in the United States, The Art Institute of Chicago houses 260,000 pieces of art from across the centuries. Nearly 600 of those works are made accessible digitally through the Arts & Culture initiative, including Mary Cassatt's "The Child's Bath," Cézanne's "The Basket of Apples" and Julia Margaret Cameron's portrait of Julia Jackson.
- **The British Museum** This iconic museum located in the heart of London allows virtual visitors to tour the Great Court and discover the ancient Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies.
- **Detroit Institute of Arts** One of the Midwest's artistic crown jewels, the Detroit Institute of Arts houses an incredible collection—one of the top six in the United States—under its Beaux-Arts roof. Among its most notable holdings accessible online are Frida Kahlo's "Self-Portrait on the Borderline Between Mexico and the United States," Caravaggio's "Martha and Mary Magdalene," and Ruysch's "Flowers in a Glass Vase."
- **Georgia O'Keefe Museum** A singularly American artist, Georgia O'Keefe famously lived her later years in the New Mexico desert, where the museum dedicated to her remains. The organization behind the institution advocates for the advancement of her legacy and also cares for many of O'Keefe's paintings, 30 of which are viewable online, including "Above the Clouds 1," "Autumn Trees-The Maple" and "Two Pink Shells."

VIRTUAL TOURS : Museums, 2 of 4

- **The High Museum of Art** is the leading art museum in the southeastern United States. With more than 15,000 works of art in its permanent collection, the High has an extensive anthology of 19th- and 20th-century American art; a substantial collection of historic and contemporary decorative arts and design.
- **The J. Paul Getty Museum** Featuring works from the eighth through to the 21st century, The J. Paul Getty Museum houses its collection in one of Los Angeles's most striking buildings, with sweeping views of the city. Though visitors may not be able to appreciate either of those features in person, Google allows you to view nearly 16,000 pieces from the museum's extensive holdings, including Rembrandt's "Rembrandt Laughing," Renoir's "La Promenade" and Van Gough's "Irises."
- **La Galleria Nazionale** With over 20,000 artworks, La Galleria Nazionale's collection includes pieces from antiquity to more contemporary works belonging to the Futurism and Surrealism movements. Nearly 500 works from its collection are digitally documented, including Monet's "Ninfee Rosa," Antonio Canova's "Ercole e Lica" and Boldini's "Ritratto di Mademoiselle Lanthèlme."
- **The Louvre** Travel to Paris, France to see amazing works of art at The Louvre with this virtual field trip.

VIRTUAL TOURS : Museums, 3 of 4

- **The Metropolitan Museum of Art** Arguably America's premier museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art is a New York icon with one of the most celebrated collections anywhere in the world. Twenty-six virtual exhibits and over 200,000 documented works give digital viewers a taste of pretty much any art from nearly any era, from Pieter Bruegel The Elder's "The Harvesters" to Chanel's iconic suit
- **Museo Frida Kahlo** La Casa Azul is where acclaimed artist Frida Kahlo lived and died. It is also home to the museum honoring her life and artistic legacy. Nearly 70 examples of Kahlo's personal effects, artworks and attire are accessible digitally, including the body cast she famously painted while ill and "Self-Portrait Wearing a Velvet Dress."
- **The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** is one of the most comprehensive art museums in the world with a collection that exemplifies the breadth, richness, and diversity of artistic expression, from prehistoric times to modern day.
- **Museum of Modern Art** Founded in 1929, the Museum of Modern Art was the first museum dedicated to collecting and presenting art from the modern era. The institution's holdings showcase some of contemporary art history's most famous paintings, from the likes of Van Gogh and Picasso. Google may only present 129 of those artworks, but they are some of the world's most notable, including Henri Rousseau's "The Dream," Van Gogh's "The Starry Night," Cézanne's "The Bather."

VIRTUAL TOURS : Museums, 4 of 4

- **The National Museum** has been India's premier museum since opening its doors in 1949. Today, it is home to thousands of works of art spanning 5,000 years of history, including painting, sculpture, jewelry, ancient texts, armor and decorative arts. Over 600 of those items are documented for viewing online
- **The National Museum of Anthropology - Mexico City** is devoted to the archaeology and history of Mexico's pre-Hispanic civilizations. It was inaugurated in 1964 and designed by Mexican architect Pedro Ramírez Vázquez.
- **National Museum of the United States Air Force** You can't take a ride in Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidential airplane, but you can check it out, in addition to other military weapons and aircraft, online in the Air Force's official museum.
- **Smithsonian Museum of Natural History** Move at your own pace through the 360-degree room-by-room tour of every exhibit in the museum.
- **Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum** Founded in 1937, the Guggenheim is among the world's foremost institutions dedicated to fostering an understanding of contemporary art and architecture. Over 200 works from its impressive holdings are viewable through Google's portal, including Glenn Ligon's "Prisoner of Love #2 "and Julieta Aranda's "Two shakes, a tick and a jiffy."
- **The Van Gogh Museum** in Amsterdam houses the largest collection of artworks by Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890) in the world. The permanent collection includes over 200 paintings by Vincent van Gogh, 500 drawings and more than 750 letters. The museum also presents exhibitions on various subjects from 19th-century art history.

VIRTUAL TOURS : Misc.

- **68 Online Cultural, Historical and Scientific Collections You Can Explore Online** Tour world-class museums, read historic cookbooks, browse interactive maps and more.
- **FarmFood 360** This Canadian site FarmFood 360 offers 11 Virtual Tours of farms from minks, pigs, and cows, to apples and eggs.
- **The Great Wall of China** This virtual tour of the Great Wall of China is beautiful and makes history come to life.
- **Mars** Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover.

VIRTUAL TOURS & WEBCAMS : Parks

- **Yellowstone National Park** - Tour this national park.
- See parks at a safe distance by accessing strategically placed cameras throughout the park system.
A handful of notable webcams include:
 - The summits of **Kilauea and Mauna Loa** (Hawai'i Volcanoes)
 - **The bears at Brooks Falls** (Katmai)
 - **Half Dome** (Yosemite)
 - **Painted Canyon** (Theodore Roosevelt)
 - The **Anhinga Trail** (Everglades)
 - The **Island in the Sky** (Canyonlands)
 - **Yavapai Point** (Grand Canyon)
 - **Anacapa Cove** (Channel Islands)

VIRTUAL TOURS : Disney Park Rides

- **Frozen Ever After** With the massive success of The Disney Movie Frozen EPCOT's Classic Maelstrom attraction (at Norway within the World showcase) has made way for "Frozen Ever After."
- **The Haunted Mansion** Walt Disney World Rides | Haunted Mansion Ride POV | Magic Kingdom | FL Attractions 360.
- **It's a Small World** 4K 360° views and be sure to look for Dream Disney where you can see FRONT & BACK Views and FLAT 360° every video is in 4K. So you can look where you want.
- **Monsters Inc.** Hop aboard a Monstropolis Transit Taxi for a journey thru Monstropolis and help Mike and Sulley return Boo back to the human world before the other monsters get her.
- **Pirates of the Caribbean** Disney World | Magic Kingdom Pirates of the Caribbean Ride.

VIRTUAL TOURS : Universal Studios Rides

- **The Cat in the Hat** Go for a spin with The Cat in the Hat as you ride your couch through the pages of Dr. Seuss's, best-loved children's book. This delightful ride takes the story of The Cat in the Hat and re-creates it scene for scene.
- **Harry Potter and the Escape from Gringott's** Footage of the pre showroom, Queue, and elevator POV of Gringott's roller coaster at Diagon Alley, Universal Florida.
- **Harry Potter: The Forbidden Journey** This is an On-Ride POV in HD of Harry Potter and The Forbidden Journey at Universal's Islands Of Adventure Florida (IOA).
- **Jurassic Park River Adventure** This is a POV of Jurassic Park The Ride or River Adventure at Universal Studios Islands of Adventure in Orlando Florida. Video includes some off-ride footage and POV in HD.
- **Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man** This is a Front On-Ride POV of The Amazing Adventures of Spider-Man 3D in HD.

Animal & Zoo Cameras, 1 of 3

- **African Watering Hole** - Watch elephants, hippos, giraffes, Grevy's zebras, gazelles, crocodiles, leopards and many other species take a drink (or a quick dip).
- **Akron Zoo** - Lunch and Learn Facebook Live events daily.
- **Atlanta Zoom** - Panda cam.
- **Beardsley Zoo** - Red panda cams.
- **Bear Watching Transylvania**
- **Blank Park Zoo** - Education Station Monday through Friday at 11 am.
- **Blank Park Zoo Aquarium Cam** - Please note: The aquarium has day/night cycle lighting. The camera will be may not be available for viewing during these times.
- **Brookfield Zoo** - Bring the Zoo to you, Monday through Friday.
- **Brooks Falls** - in Alaska's Katmai National Park is the best place in the world to watch brown bears feasting on salmon as they swim upstream to spawn.
- **Chattanooga Zoo** - Includes meerkat, snow leopard, tamarin, and spotted genet cams.
- **Chehaw Park and Zoo** - Keeper chats at 3:30 pm Central.
- **Cheyenne Mountain Zoo** - Daily installment of "Abnormally Normal," where they show off an animal or engage in an activity.
- **Cincinnati Zoo** - Home Safari on Facebook Live Monday through Friday, 2 pm Central. A new animal featured every day.

Animal & Zoo Cameras, 2 of 3

- **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo** - Virtual Classroom, 10 am Central with biologists; noon Central with naturalists.
- **Djuma Private Game Reserve Live Stream** - this is the oldest waterhole cam in Africa and the world.
- **El Paso Zoo** - Includes giraffe, meerkat, orangutan, sea lion, and siamang cams.
- **Georgia Aquarium** - Includes, Indo-Pacific barrier reef, beluga, southern sea otter, and California sea lion cams.
- **Henry Vilas Zoo** - Virtual Ask-a-Zookeeper events on Facebook Live. Check the Facebook page for more details.
- **Houston Zoo** - Includes giraffe, gorilla, elephant, leafcutter ant, rhino, and chimp cams.
- **Kansas City Zoo** - Includes penguin, polar bear, and giraffe cams.
- **Lincoln Children's Zoo** - Keeper Corner on Facebook Live Monday through Friday, 3 pm Central. New animals featured daily.
- **Maryland Zoo** - Includes penguin, lion, giraffe, flamingo, and goat cams.
- **Memphis Zoo** - Facebook Live: Virtual Wild Encounter is Monday through Friday, 12:30 pm Central; Zoo News is Monday through Sunday, 9 am; The Zoo Dude is Saturday 8 am, Sunday, noon.
- **Mesker Park Zoo** - Facebook Live at 3 pm Central.

Animal & Zoo Cameras, 3 of 3

- **Milwaukee Zoo** - Includes polar bear, jaguar, Lake Wisconsin, African lion and hyena, tiger, and penguin cams.
- **Monterey Bay Aquarium** - Includes aviary, jelly, coral reef, shark, sea otter, and penguin cams.
- **San Diego Zoom Animals & Plants Live Cams** - Including ape, baboon, condor, elephant, koala, panda, penguin, polar bear, and tiger cams.
- **Senior Dog Gathering Room** - The gathering room at Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary in Tennessee is where the action is!
- **Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute** - Includes naked mole-rat, lion, giant panda, and elephant cams.

Educational Websites, 1 of 6

- **The 24 Hour Plays: Viral Monologues** - bringing together creative communities to produce plays and musicals that are written, rehearsed, and performed in 24 hours.
- **ABCya!** - Educational games for grades PreK through 6 that will keep kids engaged and having fun.
- **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** - the ALPLM Education Department has created teacher resource guides specifically for educators .
- **Art Institute of Chicago** - Explore thousands of artworks in the museum's wide-ranging collection—from our world-renowned icons to lesser-known gems from every corner of the globe—as well as our books, writings, reference materials, and other resources.
- **Audible's Free Kids Audiobooks** - For as long as schools are closed, we're open. Starting today, kids everywhere can instantly stream an incredible collection of stories, including titles across six different languages, that will help them continue dreaming, learning, and just being kids.
- **Charlotte's Web Read-A-Loud** - Brought to life by Meryl Streep and a full cast, this beloved book by E. B. White, author of *Stuart Little* and *The Trumpet of the Swan*, is a classic of children's literature that is "just about perfect."
- **Chicago History Museum** - The Museum continues to share the stories of the city and its people through exhibitions, programs, publications, and digital media.

Educational Websites, 2 of 6

- **DC Kids Camp** - Join us every day for fun and interactive activities you can do at home and videos featuring our awesome artists and writers!
- **Discovery Education Virtual Field Trips** - These virtual events let educators take students to amazing places and give them remarkable experiences, without ever leaving the classroom.
- **Edgar Allen Poe Museum** - Educator Information Packet provided for educating students about Poe's literary accomplishments and his influence on our world today.
- **Emily Dickinson Museum** - Discover a wealth of Dickinson resources for your lesson plans and projects.
- **The Field Museum** - Continue exploring natural history with online resources and at-home activities for all ages.
- **Flocabulary** - Engage all learners on various topics with a hip-hop video covering lessons. Explore free offerings on their YouTube page.
- **FunBrain** - Online educational games for kids of all ages on math, science, spelling, and history.
- **The Globe Theatre** - Virtual tours, videos and podcasts celebrating Shakespeare.
- **Highlights Kids** - a place for children of all ages to play games and discover new jokes, surveys, answers to science questions, and fun crafts and recipes.

Educational Websites, 3 of 6

- **Illinois Digital Educator Alliance** - Resources to support you during your planning and preparation for e-learning within your districts. We have attempted to compile information for all grade levels and for whatever current learning platforms you may be using.
- **Into the Book** is a reading comprehension resource for elementary students and teachers. We focus on eight research-based strategies: Using Prior Knowledge, Making Connections, Questioning, Visualizing, Inferring, Summarizing, Evaluating and Synthesizing.
- **Kahn Academy** - Created by experts, Khan Academy's library of trusted, standards-aligned practice and lessons covers math K-12 through early college, grammar, science, history, AP®, SAT®, and more. It's all free for learners and teachers
- **Kate Messner's List of Resources** - a library of resources for kids, families, teachers, and librarians to make sure that reading & learning can happen anywhere this spring.
Resources for grades PreK-2 (ages 3-7) **Resources for grades 3-5 (ages 8-10)**
Resources for grades 6-8 (ages 11-13)
- **Kids InfoBits** introduces elementary school students to database searching with easy-to-use resources featuring age-appropriate, reliable, curriculum-related content covering a broad range of educational topics.
- **The Metropolitan Opera** - Each day, a different encore presentation from the company's *Live in HD* series is being made available for free streaming on the Met website.

Educational Websites, 4 of 6

- **Miss Humblebee's Academy** is an interactive kindergarten-readiness program that introduces children ages three to six to key concepts in math, science, social studies, language and literacy, art, and music. It's as challenging as it is fun!
- **The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago**—one of the largest science museums in the world—is designed to spark scientific inquiry and creativity.
- **Mütter Museum** - Explore online exhibits from America's finest museum of medical history.
- **NASA STEM Engagement** - Activities and opportunities selected by NASA STEM experts.
- **NatGeo for Kids!** - Learn all about fascinating animals and geography.
- **The National Civil Rights Museum** is committed to providing educators with resources and materials for teaching the struggle for freedom and justice to students. The resources will provide tools to engage students by prompting them to reflect on big questions about the human experience and how the history relates to contemporary events and everyday life.
- **National Museum of African American History and Culture** - We seek to impact the dialogue around race, racism and other challenging topics through work with educators, parents and the general public.
- **The National Museum of the American Indian** - cares for one of the world's most expansive **collections** of Native artifacts, including **objects**, **photographs**, **archives**, and **media** covering the entire Western Hemisphere, from the Arctic Circle to Tierra del Fuego.

Educational Websites, 5 of 6

- **National Museum of the Pacific War** - Kids studying World War II this school year? Visit the museum virtually through its YouTube channel. Each week it's posting Nimitz Minitz videos for kids in elementary school and middle school.
- **New York Public Library** - At Home Storytime Guides!
- **PBS Kids** - Educational games and videos from Curious George, Wild Kratts and other PBS KIDS shows!
- **PBS Great Performances** - Opera, orchestra, and Broadway performances.
- SCHOLASTIC - *FREE ACCESS to the following resources through April: Username: Learning20
Password: Clifford*
BookFlix (PreK-3) **TrueFlix** (Grades 3+) **ScienceFlix** (Grades 5+)
Watch & Learn Library (Prek-3)
- **Skype a Scientist** - We want to give students the opportunity to get to know a "real scientist." This program allows us to reach students from all over the world without having to leave the lab! We have thousands of scientists ready to chat!
- **Seussville** - These activities, crafts, and printables provide hours of Seussian ideas to engage your child in playful learning. **Starfall** is a children's website that teaches basic English reading and writing skills for Pre-K thru 3rd gr.

Educational Websites, 6 of 6

- At **Switch Zoo** you can make new animals, play animal games, build a biome, learn about animals, and hear animal music.
- **The Show Must Go On!** - Full-length, smash-hit musicals released every Friday for you to watch for free! It will be available for 48 hours, so you can tune in whenever you like over the weekend!
- **Theatre Without Theater** - A nightly theatrical broadcast aiming to fill the current artistic void at curtain time.
- **TIME for Kids** - digital library will be available for free for the remainder of the school year.
- TUMBLEBOOKS – TumbleBooks is offering their ebook databases FREE to all public libraries through August 31.
TumbleBookLibrary (K-6 children's book) and **TumbleMath** (K-6 math ebooks)
- **United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** - The Museum offers a wide selection of online resources about the Holocaust and other genocides and mass atrocities. These tools provide a variety of ways to learn and teach about this important history—whether for research, individual, or classroom use.
- **We Are Teachers** - Find fun websites, games, apps, and hands-on activities to assist and extend the distance learning.

Learn a NEW Language - for Kids !

- **ABCYA** - A free educational site for kids ages pre-K-6+ with games and activities in English, as well as Spanish word bingo and Spanish vocabulary.
- **Bookflix** - Accessible with an NYPL Library card and focuses on reading. The site is arranged by topics, and books are supplemented by puzzles and other activities. The content is available in English and Spanish.
- **Digital Dialects** - This site has free language practice games and interactive exercises for dozens of languages. It's designed for use by independent students and/or in classrooms.
- **Duolingo** - A free language learning site and app with lessons in nine languages. Lessons are short and the site emphasizes daily practice; users can also assess their level with exams.
- **LearnEnglishKids** - This site from the British Council has games, stories, and videos to help native speakers of Chinese, Arabic, Russian, French and Spanish learn English. The site includes resources for parents and teachers.
- **PBS** - You'll find various free learning programs on their website, including the "Oh Noah!" videos, designed for children to learn Spanish vocabulary through activities and games.
- **TumbleBookLibrary** - This resource is accessible with your Library card number and features books, puzzles, music, and games for children, including resources in Spanish and French.
- **YiddishPop** - This free site for Yiddish language learning is designed for children. Through colorful animations, users learn vocabulary, grammar, reading and writing.
- For older language learners, check out the library's free offering of **Rosetta Stone!** Make sure to have your library card number handy to log in.

Coding Activities for Kids & Teens

- **Code.org** - Good for all ages and levels
- **A Hour of Code** – Great for all ages and levels of knowledge
- **Scratch** – Great for all ages and levels. Perfect place for beginners!
- **Tynker** – Can create a free student account and have access to 20 coding games, also teaches how to mod Minecraft!
- **Vidcode** – Offering free virtual coding club every Tuesday and Thursday at 2pm (11 years old and up)

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- **Angie Thomas** Students reading Thomas' **The Hate U Give?** You'll find some good distance learning resources for discussion questions and projects **on this website**.
- **John Green** Fans of the author of **The Fault in Our Stars** and **Paper Towns**? Here's a link to some **discussion questions** surrounding his works. Green has also co-created **Crash Course**, a website that provides high-quality educational videos for high school and college-level classes. Students, parents, and teachers alike could be entertained for hours without ever leaving the site!
- **Kate Messer's Learning at Home Resources for High School**
- **LeVar Burton Reads** to young adults at 6:00pm (ET)
- **Neal Shusterman** is the New York Times bestselling author of more than thirty award-winning books for children, teens, and adults, including the Arc of a Scythe series. "With so many people working and learning from home due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), I wanted to give you all something special. Over the next few weeks, I'll be doing some readings from my short story collections: MINDQUAKES and MINDSTORMS."
- **Teen Book Cloud** an online database that offers teens and adult readers a robust selection of Graphic Novels, Enhanced Novels, eBooks, classic literature, National Geographic videos, educator resources, and audiobooks.

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- **NASA STEM Resources for High School** - Activities and opportunities selected by NASA STEM experts.
- **National Emergency Library** - a collection of books that supports emergency remote teaching, research activities, independent scholarship, and intellectual stimulation while universities, schools, training centers, and libraries are closed.
- **Nikon's Free Photography Classes** - Nikon's mission has always been to empower creators. In these uncertain times, we can do that by helping creators stay inspired, engaged and growing. That's why we're providing all of our courses free for the entire month of April.

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- COVID-19: E-Resources for Children & Teens - *Curated free e-resources to help keep children and teens engaged with reading and learning.* <https://www.ctlibrarians.org/page/c19childfam>
- Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings : Amazing Educational Resources : <http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>
- **Language Learner Activities**
- **Free Online Learning Resources For Schools Affected by Coronavirus/COVID-19**