

This should keep us busy if we are bunkered at home - educating and entertaining the whole family

Public Domain Children's Books

Project Gutenberg

Project Gutenberg gives you free and legal access to a whole range of public domain works. If you are looking start up a virtual story-time and do not want to fall foul of copyright laws, this is a good place to start:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/search/?query=children%27s+books>

Free Children's Classics eBooks & Audiobooks

<https://www.researchify.co.uk/audiobooks.html>

Find Great Literature Online for Free

<https://readgreatliterature.com/how-to-find-great-literature-online-for-free/>

Storyline Online

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's award-winning children's literacy website, Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations. Readers include Viola Davis, Chris Pine, Lily Tomlin, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening, James Earl Jones, Betty White and dozens more.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Virtual Story-times happening now!

- Josh Gad's Gad Book Club - the man who contains the voice of Olaf in Frozen has been live-streaming himself reading picturebooks on his twitter account (<https://twitter.com/joshgad>). You can find the videos of past performances under the hashtag [#GadBookClub](#)
- Neil Gaiman and friends have read [The Graveyard Book & Coraline](#)

- Oliver Jeffers has been reading one of his books every weekday, you can watch previous recordings [here](#) or you can watch LIVE on his instagram ([@oliverjeffers](#)) at 6 PM GMT/ 2 PM EST/ 11 AM PST
- Lunch Doodles with Mo Williams, the creator of the Pigeon and Elephant & Piggie has been live-streaming doodle workshops at 1pm ET every weekday, you can catch up with his videos [here](#)
- [Audible Stories](#) free to use during the Coronavirus crisis
- [Elevenses](#) with David Walliams

Publisher Guidelines for Virtual Story-times

- Scholastic: <https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=scholastic-temporarily-revises-policy-for-online-read-alouds-coronavirus-copyright>
- Candlewick: <https://twitter.com/Candlewick/status/1240645865301295107> (applies to Walker Books US as well)
- Little Brown Young Readers: <https://www.lbyr.com/little-brown-young-readers/lbyr-blog/lbyr-book-sharing-permission-statement/>
- Penguin Random House: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/penguin-random-house-temporary-open-license/>
- Simon & Schuster: <https://www.simonandschuster.com/p/online-read-aloud-guidelines>
- Macmillan: <https://us.macmillan.com/macmillan-content-use-guidelines/>
- Abrams: <https://www.abramsbooks.com/abramskidspermission/>
- HarperCollins Childrens Books: <https://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/?detailStory=harpercollins-childrens-books-outlines-online-reading-policy-coronavirus-covid19>
- Lerner Books: <https://rights-permissions.lernerbooks.com/>
- Boyd Mills & Kane: <https://boydsmillsandkane.com/permissions2020/>
- Lee & Low Books: <https://blog.leeandlow.com/2020/03/20/lee-low-guidelines-for-virtual-book-read-alouds-during-covid-19/>
- Walker Books UK: http://www.walker.co.uk/UserFiles/file/2020/Storytime,%20Reading%20and%20Virtual%20Book%20Promotion%20Guidelines_COVID-19.pdf
- JK Rowling Harry Potter temporary open licence: <https://www.jkrowling.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/TBP-Temporary-Open-Licence-Schools-2.pdf>

Educational Resources

- Project MUSE is temporarily making a wide range of scholarly research articles available on their platform: <https://about.muse.jhu.edu/resources/freeresourcescovid19>
- Reading Realm Creative Writing Prompts: <https://thereadingrealm.co.uk/2020/03/17/free-reading-realm-home-learning-pack-3-creative-writing-prompts>
- Shirley Mcmillan video on how to make a 'zine/mini book: <https://youtu.be/6YzwaPt5VuA>
- Visit Museums & Art Galleries from home: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en>
- Horniman Museum online: <https://www.horniman.ac.uk/collections>
- Imperial War Museum Online: <https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections>
- London Transport Museum Online: <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/collections/collections-online>
- National Army Museum: <https://collection.nam.ac.uk/>
- Science Museum: <https://collection.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/>
- V&A Museum: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/collections?type=featured>
- Puppetry Workshops: <https://puppet.org/center-for-puppetry-arts-home/>
- National Literacy Trust Family Zone <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>
- RIBA Learning Resources: <https://www.architecture.com/education-cpd-and-careers/learning/riba-national-schools-programme/learning-resources>

Professional Development

WebJunction Course Catalog

Library-specific courses and webinar recordings available for free to all library workers and volunteers. Through the generous support of OCLC and many state library agencies across the US, WebJunction provides timely and relevant learning content for you to access anytime, from anywhere.

All new learners need to create an account. Select “Log in” at the top right of this page, and then “Create new account.” Once you’ve created your new account, explore the catalog of library-focused self-paced courses and webinars. Certificates of completion will be available to you after you have completed any course or webinar.

<https://learn.webjunction.org/>

Young Adult & Teen specific training:

<https://learn.webjunction.org/course/index.php?categoryid=25>

School Library Journal Offers Temporary Free Access to Digital Content

<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=school-library-journal-offers-free-full-access-to-content-digitized-magazines-coronavirus-slj>

Raising the Bar Integrating Early Childhood Education into Librarian Professional Development

a four-part training series developed by the New York Public Library, in collaboration with CUNY's Professional Development Institute and funded by the Institution of Museum and Library Services.

<https://nypl.teachable.com/>

Free Library Webconference:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSZu598n6w5ikj00_3eUxuK5n06iiqb7O47yN43kzHGEmUrw/viewform

Submit a piece to a Library 'Zine

<https://twitter.com/figthistlebooks/status/1241015278508675073>

Historical Fiction Webinar

<https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/webinar-crash-course-in-historical-fiction>

Middle Grade Magic Virtual Conference

<https://vshow.on24.com/vshow/middlegrade2020/registration/16561>

Teaching Social Justice: Navigating the Deep Waters of Equity in Early Childhood Programs

<https://www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com/webinars/teaching-social-justice-navigating-the-deep-waters-of-equity-in-early-childhood-programs/>

Culture

With publicly available performing arts having come to a standstill, many organisations, bands and individuals have stepped up to offer virtual(ly) live performances. Many of them for free. Below is list of some of what is available:

Ballet & Opera

The Royal Opera House will be bringing the drama to your home, the theatre will offer a free schedule of both opera and ballet broadcasts so audiences can access world-class performances right at their fingertips.

Full details: <https://secretldn.com/royal-opera-house-free-performances/>

Music

Together At Home Concerts

Musicians from John Legend to Chris Martin have been recording themselves playing concerts in their homes. You can catch up on these concerts here:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=togetherathome

Dropkick Murphys Streaming Up from Boston

The Dropkick Murphys broadcast their annual Saint Patrick's Day concert live online from an empty studio. The full concert can be watched online

here: https://youtu.be/5j06g0TE_Ao

Full-length Performances to Stream Online for Free

<https://allarts.org/2020/03/5-full-length-performances-available-to-stream-for-free/>

Self Care Reading List

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/self-care-not-selfish/>

<https://floridalibrarywebinars.org/self-care-protecting-yourself-and-others-from-burnout/>

<https://hildakweisburg.com/2018/10/29/on-libraries-positive-self-care/>

<https://school librarians united.libsyn.com/burnout-and-self-care>

<https://hacklibraryschool.com/2014/12/17/a-librarians-approach-to-self-care/>

<http://www.inthelibrarywiththeleadpipe.org/2018/vocational-awe/>

Other Useful Resources

The TeenLibrarian Toolbox: Roundup of Pandemic Resources for Librarians, Teachers and the Parents That We Serve

: <http://www.teenlibrariantoolbox.com/2020/03/a-roundup-of-pandemic-resources/>

A list of Coronavirus COVID-19 Information & Online Resources I compiled for my library:

<https://jocolibrary.bibliocommons.com/list/share/1412410137/1593793369>

Things to do if your school library is closed, by Sarah Pavey:

<https://slgtalkingbooks.com/2020/03/23/things-to-do-if-your-school-library-is-closed/>

Literary Resources courtesy of Lucas Maxwell:

<https://glenthornelrc.blogspot.com/2020/03/literary-resources.html>

Also check out Lucas's library newsletter, [The Portable Magic Dispenser](#)

[A Trauma-Informed Approach to Teaching Through Coronavirus](#) from Teaching Tolerance