

## Spring 2020 EXTRAS: More resources to read, learn, and have fun at home

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### ONLINE BOOKS/EBOOKS

<p><b><a href="#">Epic (30 Day Free Trial)</a></b> Need to sign up for a new account.</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Vooks (30 Day Free Trials)</a></b> Need to sign up for a new account.</p>
<p><b><a href="#">Unite for Literacy</a></b> Mostly nonfiction ebooks for very young readers. Text displayed in English or <b>Spanish</b>, with read aloud option in 43 languages including Burmese and Karen.</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Spanish Playground</a></b> <b>Spanish</b> reading for kids, including links to stories online, downloadable stories, and printables.</p>
<p><b>CHAPEL HILL/ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES</b> <b><a href="#">The Easy Access</a> library program</b> Students Log In with their Student ID Number</p> <p><b>No account yet?</b> <b><a href="#">Free ONLINE account sign up!</a></b></p>	<p><b><a href="#">NC Kids Digital Library (via CHCCS CHPL/OCPL Easy Access account)</a></b> <b>Things Just For Kids</b> Ebooks and Audiobooks. Some LitCon and Battle Books too!</p> <p><b><a href="#">Libby APP (Library Card Required)</a></b> Gives you an easy way to read public library ebooks and listen to audiobooks</p>
<p><b><a href="#">AUDIBLE STORIES</a></b> Free access to story collections on Audible in multiple languages.</p>	<p><b>Abdo Digital (Free Through June 30)</b> <b><a href="#">Abdo Grades PreK-8 Online Digital Library</a></b></p>
<p><b>Daily author readings and activities</b> <b><a href="#">The Big List of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds and Activities</a></b></p>	

## AUTHOR READ ALOUDS, VIDEO STORIES, & ACTIVITIES

<p><b><a href="#">Kate Messner - Read Wonder and Learn</a></b> Learn anywhere. Compiled by author Kate Messner</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Mo Willems Daily Doodle</a></b> 1pm Daily Doodle with author Mo Willems. Sponsored by the Kennedy Center.</p>
<p><b><a href="#">KidLit TV</a></b> Author read-alouds, podcasts, book-related crafts &amp; activities.</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Storyline</a></b> Videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.</p>
<p><b><a href="#">Read Brightly</a></b> Lots of storytime options with read alouds of some new favorites.</p>	<p><b><a href="#">100+ Video Read Alouds</a></b> Some overlap with other sites, but all in one place for children to click and choose. Courtesy of Indianapolis Public Library</p>
<p><b><a href="#">Draw Every Day with JJK</a></b> Author Jarrett J. Krosoczka's daily drawing lesson.</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Mouse Circus</a></b> Author Neil Gaiman's site for kids, with activities and videos of him reading The Graveyard Book and Coraline!</p>
<p><b>Daily author readings</b> <a href="#">Dan Gutman</a>      <a href="#">Lauren Tarshis</a> <a href="#">Grace Lin</a> <a href="#">Peter H. Reynolds</a></p>	<p><b>Operation Storytime</b> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/romper">https://twitter.com/romper</a> Or follow <a href="#">#OperationStoryTime</a> Celebrities and authors reading books aloud.!</p>
<p><b><a href="#">Harry Potter at Home (JK Rowling)</a></b> Listen to the first Harry Potter audiobook in English, <b>Spanish</b>, &amp; 4 other languages, for free! Also available as an eBook. Activities, crafts, &amp; quizzes.</p>	<p><b><a href="#">We Are Teachers</a></b> Storytime Video Series featuring children's book authors <a href="#">We are teachers - Big list of authors doing online read alouds and activities</a></p>
<p><b><a href="#">JK Rowling</a></b> JK Rowling is allowing an open license to teachers to read the Harry Potter series to kids! (Until July 30, 2020, or the end of the school year, whichever comes first.)</p>	<p><b><a href="#">#Operation ASL Storytime</a></b> American Sign Language Storytimes Youtube Channel</p>
<p><b><a href="#">Authors Everywhere</a></b> Children's book authors and illustrators inspire families to read, draw, and create.</p>	<p><b><a href="#">Storytime From Space</a></b> Stories read by astronauts in orbit!</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Ezra Jack Keats</u></a>          Animated Ezra Jack Keats stories. Check out the rest of the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation website for book-themed games and more!</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Book Trust</u></a>          Interactive books to read online or watch with signing, as well as related games.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Salsa</u></a>          From PBS/NPR/Georgia Public Broadcasting <b>Spanish</b> language children's videos with storybook characters (Ricitos de Oro, Caperucita Roja, etc.).</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Spanish children's stories</u></a>          By The Spanish Experiment.          "Well-known children's stories translated into Spanish and spoken by a native Spanish speaker. Great for kids... and adults too! Read along in Spanish or English."  <b>Narration in Spanish.</b>          5 stories available with video option OR with audio/text; 4 with audio/text at the linked The Fable Cottage site.</p>

## K-5 GENERAL RESOURCES

<p><a href="#"><u>Scholastic Learn At Home</u></a>          Day-by-day guide for kids levels PreK-6+ and has reading, writing, virtual field trips, that work together as a lesson.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>PBS for Parents - Finding Ways to Play</u></a>          Educational activities for the whole family.</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Wonderopolis</u></a>          Site devoted to exploring the world around us with a daily wonder question that can be explored in a variety of ways.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Wide Open School (from Common Sense Media)</u></a>          "Features a free collection of the best learning experiences and activities for kids, organized by grade band and subject. You will also find daily schedules with creative breaks and recommendations to keep kids engaged and exploring..."</p>

## PODCASTS FOR KIDS

<p><a href="#"><u>Brains On: Science for Kids</u></a>          Kids interview scientists on a wide variety of subjects</p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Wow in the World</u></a>          Hosts Mindy Thomas and Guy Raz guide curious kids and their grown-ups on a journey into the wonders of the world around them.</p>
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**[But Why: A Podcast for Curious Kids](#)**

This podcast show is led by kids. You ask the questions and they find the answers.

## VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS

**[NC 360](#)**

An immersive experience that allows anyone across the world to virtually discover some of NC's most popular natural and cultural attractions.

**[Access Mars](#)**

Explore the surface of Mars on the Curiosity Rover.

**[Interactive Tour of Ellis Island](#)**

**[Virtual Farm Tours](#)**

**[VR Field Trips Around the World](#)**

**[Explore.org Webcams](#)**

Live animal cams and location cams around the world.

**[NC Museum of History - History-At-Home](#)**

Explore the NC Museum of History digitally.

**Zoo Cams**

**[San Diego Zoo](#)**   **[The Houston Zoo](#)**   **[The National Zoo](#)**

**[Zoo Atlanta](#)**

**Aquarium Cams**

**[National Aquarium Virtual Tour and Live Web Cam](#)**

**[Georgia Aquarium](#)**

**[Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)**

## MAKER ACTIVITIES

**[Tami's Tower](#)**

Smithsonian's Science Education Center presents a fun engineering game for kids

**[Be a Maker](#)**

Katey Howes, author of Be a Maker, is posting a Maker activity to Youtube everyday!

**[Hour of Code](#)**

Hour-long coding activities for students of all ages.

**[Jarrett Lerner activity sheets](#)**

Free printables from the author/illustrator of Lunch Lady graphic novel series.

- "Finish this comic!"
- "Turn your favorite book into a movie"
- "Look! It's a time machine"
- "Decide what these spells do"
- "Program your very own robot - what will it say and do?"
- "Come up with ridiculous ice cream flavors"
- "Give these books titles"
- & many more.