

SLS New Resource List: 1 May 2020

The School Library Service Team are working through this period of lockdown so please continue to get in touch for support with your book and library related queries. This week we have been circulating ideas for secondary reading in libraries without AR and are busy compiling some fantastic new book lists for Key Stage 1.

Each week we will try to collate some of the other useful resources which are available online across all the key stages.

Educational Resources

Supporting your children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

The Oak National Academy, a new government backed virtual school was created in less than a fortnight and launched on what would have been the first day back at school after the Easter break. Matt Hood, principal of Oak National Academy, said it was "making good quality resources available to any teachers who need it, who can then, in turn, make them available to their pupils."

<https://www.tes.com/news/coronavirus-250k-lessons-day-one-online-academy>

To help fulfil its public service role of providing lessons for pupils not in school the BBC has recruited celebrities as part of BBC Bitesize Daily. Oti Mabuse & Anita Rani will read books aimed at primary and secondary pupils. Agüero will teach Spanish; Brian Cox will deliver science lessons; David Attenborough, Doctor Who's Jodie Whittaker, and Danny Dyer are all involved.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2020/apr/19/home-schools-back-with-help-from-aguero-oti-and-attenborough>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/internet/entries/51d7cc3b-0cb7-4de1-9347-0957744a7b99>

CBBC has lots to explore for KS2 pupils; the Blue Peter Book Awards, who to read next, story dice challenge, author chats and videos with writing tips, a story challenge with Matt Haig, Cressida Cowell and more. Pupils can also join in with the CBBC book club.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/cbbc-book-club>

Why not set watching one of these lovely animated stories on Jackanory Junior (CBeebies) as homework for KS1. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007t9wg>

Helping families with toddlers keep in touch Tiny Happy People have created a 4 week social media plan, with suggested posts, links and captions, updated every month. https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/toolkit/znxmwt?dm_t=0,0,0,0&dm_i=3YNL,14ESN,5TQZZ5,3Y65W,1

NLT Skills Academy programme is now free online. A reading intervention which improves Year 7 and 8 students' reading, rewarding their progress by unlocking exclusive video tutorials from some



of the UK's best freestyle footballers, beatboxers and breakdancers.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/our-skills-academy-programme-now-free-families-and-secondary-schools/>

Renaissance Learning are making access to myON e-book library and daily myON News service freely available for the duration of the closures. Whilst this doesn't provide the full suite of tools available in their myON literacy solution, it will allow pupils to access at home, on tablet and laptop, an e-library of over 6000 books. In addition, myON News provides 5 specially written age-appropriate and psychologist reviewed news articles, every weekday, helping your pupils to make sense of current events. <https://readon.myon.co.uk/>

And help for parents at <http://www.renlearn.co.uk/parent-resources/>

Secondary Book Resources (and upper KS2)

- The public library have audio books that can be downloaded. If students don't have membership they can click on 'Not a member' and set up an account online whilst libraries are still closed.
- https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/ebooks?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI0a7V58KL6QIVVPiRCh022wRhEAAAYiAAEgLYy_D_BwE
- Some good quality books for all ages read aloud on this site. Three specifically teen but five good new JF suitable for Y7/8 <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>
- Audible have made it free to download and listen to their stories <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>
- **Guy Bass** Video book reading plus more fun stuff on his website. <https://www.guybass.com/home-school>
- **Chris Bradford** 'Young Samurai: The Way of Fire' chapter readings on YouTube.
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/youngsamurai2008/videos>
- **Cressida Cowell** our Children's laureate is reading aloud a chapter a day from How to Train your Dragon on her Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLE5MZB5pedUMNJLdgu0wYaSIL0dRLHcU0>
- **Helena Duggan** is Reading a chapter a day from A Place Called Perfect <http://www.helenadugganwrites.com/post/a-place-called-perfect-story-time-chapter-1>
- **The Etherington brothers** Join Robin and Lorenzo Etherington, British comic, book and film creators. They created Von Doogan puzzle adventures for *The Phoenix*. Their clients include Disney, DreamWorks, Aardman, and the BBC. They have also worked on Star Wars, Transformers, Kung Fu Panda and How to Train Your Dragon, <http://theetheringtonbrothers.blogspot.com/>
- Read some chapters from their comics and books <http://comicsboutique.blogspot.com/>
- 300 free How to Think When You Draw tutorials <http://theetheringtonbrothers.blogspot.com/p/every-how-to-think-when-you-draw.html>



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- Free 50-page course on *How to Make Comics*, drawing lessons, puzzles, brain-teasers, lesson plans and much more (on Twitter). <https://twitter.com/EtheringtonBros>
- **Neil Gaiman** The official website for younger readers. Watch the latest Neil Gaiman videos and see Neil (and some famous friends!) read fantastic *The Graveyard Book* and *Coraline* in their entirety. Trailers, Meet Neil Gaiman, the books, illustrators, games and activities.
<http://www.mousecircus.com/videos/>
- **Anthony Horowitz** Reading aloud chapters from Stormbreaker each week
▪ <https://www.youtube.com/user/alexridersinsider>
- **Marcus Sedgwick** Marcus's website. The author is recording a chapter of his book *Floodland* every day and posting videos on his website.
<https://marcussedgwick.com/floodland/>
- **Andy Stanton** Andy reads Mr Gum and the Biscuit Billionaire on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pU5FBOX1m-0>
- **David Walliams** A new audio story is being released each day from World's worst children 2 <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>
- **Jacqueline Wilson** New stories of Tracy Beaker
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/tracy-beaker-cbbc-podcast>
- **Tom Palmer** Football stories. Two ebooks free to read online
<https://royofthroversofficial.com/news/2297>

Classics including Alice in Wonderland, Wind in the Willows, Railway Children, Jungle Book, Peter Pan, Black Beauty available in Word, pdf and audiobook formats. A few pages missing here and there in audio format. <https://www.researchify.co.uk/audiobooks.html>

Katherine Rundell has edited a collection of over a hundred stories, extracts, poems and pictures compiled as The Book of Hopes and made available to read free on the Literacy Trust home page <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/> Fabulous selection of authors.

Aquila is a monthly magazine for children aged 8-12, with articles, activities and puzzles covering science, history and general knowledge, plus themed topics. Try this free, specially produced, 92 page mega issue. <https://view.joomag.com/aquila-childrens-magazine-magnificentmegamag-92pages/0684174001584550709?short>

Reading Aloud and Permissions

A great way to stay in touch with pupils is to record yourself reading a story for them to access via the school website or through other online avenues and this is becoming increasingly popular, however there are copyright issues. Avoid being caught out by using the following resources and guidance.

- Regarding Copyright this site is useful and lists Publishers who have granted permission.
<https://www.alcs.co.uk/news/sharing-books-and-content-online>
- Andersen Press <https://www.andersenpress.co.uk/about-us/temporary-permissions/>



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- Hachette <https://www.hachetteschools.co.uk/hachette-schools-posts/2020/03/26/hachette-childrens-group-open-licences-and-permissions-for-online-story-time-and-classroom-read-aloud-videos-and-live-events/>
- Usborne Books: <https://faqs.usborne.com/article/83-id-like-to-make-a-recording-of-an-usborne-book>
- Quirk Books: <https://www.quirkbooks.com/post/want-read-quirk-books-kids-online-while-social-distancing-heres-how>
- 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)
- Simon & Schuster: <https://www.simonandschuster.com/p/online-read-aloud-guidelines>
- HarperCollins Childrens Books: <https://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/?detailStory=harpercollins-childrens-books-outlines-online-reading-policy-coronavirus-covid19>
- Macmillan: <https://www.panmacmillan.com/panmac/macmillan-content-use-guidelines>
- Check out this excellent website which also gives permissions for book reading and hints on how to make a video <https://www.carylhart.com/special-projects/author-events>

Books and Authors

- Staying Home by Sally Nichols and Viviane Schwartz: this duo of writer and illustrator have created a free book that can be downloaded via the Andersen Press website. This is a kind and reassuring look at family life during lockdown which will comfort children and quite probably parents too. http://www.andersenpress.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/STAYING_HOME_medium-res.pdf
- NLT team up with Greg James and Chris Smith to launch new series of weekly author exclusives. <https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/we-team-greg-james-and-chris-smith-launch-new-series-weekly-author-exclusives/>
- The Marvellous World of Roald Dahl: the story of his greatest adventures, and how his real-life escapades find expression in his most famous books, from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to Matilda. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b07m8n2q>
- Author Tom Percival's new book introduces ideas of emotional intelligence to children - but why exactly is it so important? <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2020/april/the-power-of-emotional-intelligence-in-strange-times-how-books-can-help-us-understand-our-feelings/>

ebooks

- Book Trust has a link to some excellent quality picture books to access online (like Hairy MaLary) which have the option to be read aloud too. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>
- Audible have made it free to download and listen to their stories <https://stories.audible.com/discovery>
- Oxford Owl has a range of free ebooks at different levels <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>



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- Collins have made 330 of their ebooks available free for parents.

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks>

Review sites

- Library Lady is an interesting website for keeping up to date including book reviews and links to what's going on in the world of children's books

<https://alibrarylady.blog/2020/04/18/reading-matters-news-from-the-world-of-childrens-books-15/>

- Children's book review website with over 11,000 reviews from children, parents, teachers and librarians. Browse books by title, author, illustrator, series, the age of children and read first chapter extracts. Great site. Why not send them a review of a book you've read?

<https://toppsta.com/>

Articles and Inspiration

Research Rich Pedagogies site which have two good case studies of how schools are supporting reading for pleasure at home during the lockdown.

<https://researchrichpedagogies.org/research/supporting-rah>

BBC Arts announced The Big Book Weekend, a three-day virtual festival that brings together the best of the cancelled UK literary festivals. Video interviews, panel discussions, and In Conversation sessions will be broadcast across three days over the first bank holiday weekend in May.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/culture-in-quarantine-big-book-weekend>

Culture In Quarantine: full line-up for the Big Book Weekend announced, including Michael Morpurgo. <https://bigbookweekend.com/>

As the Hay Literature Festival has been cancelled they are making a digital offering this year, including a programme for secondary schools <https://www.hayfestival.com/digital>

Safeguarding & Online Safety

Zoom has become a popular platform however the NSPCC has listed it as "medium risk" on its advice site Net Aware. The site recommends teachers and parents supervise children using the app "at all times", risks include "zoom bombing". <https://www.tes.com/news/coronavirus-schools-told-supervise-pupils-zoom>

Here's a blog by Zoom on how to secure your meeting

<https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/20/keep-uninvited-guests-out-of-your-zoom-event/>

Children's Commissioner's guidance.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/coronavirus/keeping-classrooms-safe-online/>

