







Online Resources for Independent Reading

Resource	How to find it	Useful Extras
<p style="text-align: center;">ABookandAHug</p> <p>A Book and a Hug</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great resource for locating books by category (reluctant readers, mystery, etc.) and by age group 	<p>http://www.abookandahug.com/index.php</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes new and featured books each month Use the “Books Alive!” link and watch video interviews with well-known authors
<p style="text-align: center;"> BookFLIX</p> <p>BookFlix</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks to build a love of reading and learning. The engaging way to link fact and fiction, BookFlix reinforces early reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration. 	<p>Elementary Research Resources (http://www.cbsd.org/Page/990)</p> <p>Choose PowerLibrary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access is open in school From home you need a barcode and PIN from your public library card – go to your public library and ask for a PIN number <p>Choose Children’s Resources, then BookFlix</p>	<p>To search for books by grade level, Spanish language, award winners, number of pages, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click on Resources then choose a sort option
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Book Adventure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book Adventure is a fun, free way to motivate your child to read! Kids in grades K-8 can search for books, read them offline, come back to quiz on what they’ve read, and earn prizes for their reading success. 	<p>http://www.bookadventure.com</p> <p>Registering for the site is optional (prizes are optional), please monitor children online when you are providing an email address</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kid’s Zone has lots of fun and engaging reading opportunities Parent’s Place allows you to monitor your child’s reading progress, track quiz results, approve your child’s prize selection and help your child find their next book to read Resources you can use to help motivate your child to read

 <p>Bucks County Public Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the book you want part of the FREE public library system? • The Kids page includes links to many great resources 	<p>http://www.buckslib.org/kids/</p>	<p>Links to many resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer reading activities • Homework help • Searchable library catalog • Early literacy resources
 <p>e-Books available in some Central Bucks libraries</p>	<p>Ask your child’s librarian if your school has e-books available from your school’s library</p>	
 <p>National Geographic Young Explorer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A nonfiction magazine for kindergarten and first grade from National Geographic • Uses a two page “magazine” layout with available read-along option and full color photographs 	<p>http://ngexplorer.cengage.com/ngyoungexplorer/index.html</p>	<p>Click “More Issues” to search all available topics</p>
 <p>PebbleGo Database:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each nonfiction database features expertly-leveled text and navigation specifically designed for your beginning researchers. Enriched with spoken-word audio, text highlighting and audio and video clips, PebbleGo builds a foundation of research skills for every learner. 	<p>http://www.pebblego.com Access is open from school From home: Username = cblib Password = school</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent nonfiction resources for: animals, Earth and space, biographies, and social studies topics • Read Aloud feature can be turned on or off • Nonfiction topics are broken into brief sections that make sense to young readers and researchers • Most topics include video clips and other multimedia items (maps, etc.)



Scholastic Parents:

- Get expert reading strategies, homework help, learning activities, and more.

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/>

- Book Finder allows you to search by your child's age and interests
- Popular book recommendations and online activities to accompany many titles
- Parent Guides and videos for many topics relating to helping children become confident and successful readers



A Story Before Bed

- A Story Before Bed is an online service that lets you record a children's book online with audio and video. Kids can play back the recording as often as they like on iPad, iPhone, Mac, or PC. Recording requires a subscription fee, but the website can be used for free with the author reading the story aloud in a small pop up window.

<http://www.astorybeforebed.com/storytime>

- Use the "watch" button to enjoy the story for free
- Click "browse our books" for text only versions. These are free, but there is a watermark that says "preview" on top of the illustrations






Storyline Online

- Storyline Online is a literacy program of the Screen Actors Guild Foundation. Storyline Online inspires a love of reading in children with videos of actors and actresses reading aloud well known picture books.

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

- Arrange the stories by title, author or name of the reader (actress or actor)
- Be sure to click on the "Activity Guides" at the bottom of the screen for excellent extension activities

 <p>Speakaboos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakaboos brings classic children's entertainment into a digital world. Beloved characters and treasured stories are given new life through celebrity performances, beautiful illustrations, and original music. At Speakaboos, children develop literacy skills while learning about technology in a safe and fun environment. 	<p>http://www.speakaboos.com/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free downloadable app for iPad • Stories grouped by theme (Scary Stories, Sports, Sing-a-long Songs, etc.) • Follow-up games and activities are included
 <p>TumbleBooks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TumbleBook Library is an online collection of animated; talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. 	<p>http://www.buckslib.org/kids/</p> <p>Click on the link to TumbleBooks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search by keyword • Search by genre using the links on the center of the page • Games and puzzles accompany many of the books • Read Aloud feature can be turned on or off
 <p>Unite for Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The text, images and narrated audio support are designed to give families the immediate reassurance of seeing and hearing their home cultures reflected in a book. Audio files allow the reader to listen to our books in 18 different languages. This 	<p>http://www.uniteforliteracy.com/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The books are structured to reflect the most current research on the specific features that impact success for beginning readers of all ages. Some of these features include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ predictable, rhythmic language ○ consistent placement of text

means that our books are uniquely suited to 2nd language learners of all ages, as well as to populations who are engaged in revitalizing their native languages. The photographs and illustrations in our books authentically depict a child's-eye view of the real world. Unite for Literacy is steadily building a book collection that reflects the lives of families everywhere.

- images with clear subjects and a close relationship to the text
- narrated support in a warm, expressive reading voice by a native speak