

E-TEXT SOURCES

For Younger Children

- Starfall (Free learn-to-read phonics activities for PK-2nd grade)
<http://www.starfall.com>
- International Children's Digital Library (Free access to actual page images of 900+ children's books in 35 languages, categorized by ages 3-5, 6-9, 10-13 and other groupings, such as real stories, imaginary creatures, and award-winning books. Reader options include using your browser or a java-enhanced "comic" reader. <http://www.icdlbooks.org/>
- Beantime Stories has stories and related games, developed by a HeadStart teacher and her husband. <http://www.meddybemps.com/5.1.html>
- Beatrix Potter Stories are in text (English or Japanese) with pictures. High quality audio files are also available. <http://wiredforbooks.org/kids.htm>

Books and Historical Documents

- Digital Book Libraries (over 90 sites listed) <http://www.ditext.com/etexts.html>
- Project Gutenberg (6000 free books, mainly classic literature)
<http://promo.net/pg/>
- University of Virginia's e-Book Library (1800 free e-books, can browse by subject, including a category for children's literature)
<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/ebooks/ebooklist.html>
- Alex (free classic literature & philosophy) <http://www.infomotions.com/alex/>
- Project Bartleby (free reference books including Gray's Anatomy, poetry, and historical editions) <http://www.bartleby.com/>
- American Memory (access to historical documents from the Library of Congress) <http://memory.loc.gov/>
- Microsoft Reader Library (Links to both free and pay-per-book sources of books formatted for easy reading using the free Microsoft Reader software. Look at Juvenile Fiction and Nonfiction) <http://www.msllit.com/>

Book Summaries and Notes

- Pink Monkey (400 books with background, analysis, chapter summaries, and study questions) Note: adjust browser window to eliminate distracting animations.
<http://www.pinkmonkey.com>

Adapted Books

- EFL Reading has free graded (simplified) reading materials (stories, humor, comic poems) designed for students of English. Adaptations have links to the full text versions. <http://www.gradedreading.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/>
- The Intersect Digital Library Catalog (free model accessible design of seven books plus historical documents) <http://intersect.uoregon.edu/>
- NYC Department of Education has adapted books and materials created with Boardmaker picture symbols, Writing with Symbols, and PowerPoint software for K-6.

<http://schools.nycenet.edu/d75/student/literacy/adaptedbooks/default.htm>

Using Technology to Support Diverse Learners

<http://www.wested.org/tdl>

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□ [Baltimore City](#) has posted over 7000 books adapted using Picture Communication Symbols (PCS) and BoardMaker for K-6, including suggested questions that connect to a 9-location, 20-location, or 56-location communication topic board.

Textbooks

□ Prentice Hall (website for online versions of over 15 textbooks, enhanced with video clips and other supplementary materials, in science, math, literature, social studies, etc., free to

book purchasers) http://www.phschool.com/successnet/preview_it.html

□ Holt Online Learning (Grades 6-12, online textbooks and supplementary materials, free to

book purchasers) <http://www.hrw.com/it/index.htm>

□ Glencoe Online (Grades 6-12, online textbooks and supplementary materials, free to book

purchasers) <http://www.glencoe.com/> Glencoe Literature: The Reader's Choice, Grade 6-

12 has text selections online, with questions embedded in the text.

<http://www.glencoe.com/sec/literature/index.html>

□ McDougal Littell ClassZone (Grades 6-12, supplementary materials are free. Full and

interactive version of textbooks available for purchase.)

<http://www.classzone.com/>

□ Macmillan/McGrawHill (K-Grade 6 online activities related to textbooks)

<http://www.mhschool.com>

Advanced High School & College Level

□ Freeload Press offers free textbooks and study aids for a limited number of college

courses in Business, Math and Computer Applications.

<http://www.freeloadpress.com/>

□ Questia (Subscription access to 50,000 books and 400,000 journal articles with integrated

tools for writing up research; creating quotations, citations, and a bibliography; and one

click links to a dictionary, thesaurus, or encyclopedia. Designed for college students.)

<http://www.questia.com>

□ Massachusetts Institute of Technology's OpenCourseWare site offers free public access

to all electronic course materials for all subjects including anthropology, aeronautics,

architecture, biology, chemistry, engineering, history, foreign languages, math, media, political science, etc. For example, a course on Comedy gives links to download comedic writing by Twain, Wilde, Aristophanes, and Shakespeare along with essay assignments.

<http://www.ocw.mit.edu>

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□ Similar OpenCourseWare public access can be found for selected courses from Johns Hopkins University, Tufts University, and Utah State University, along with international universities. Follow the link from the MIT site.

Articles, lesson plans, and web quests

□ Google Scholar allows focused searching of scholarly and academic work, including

journal articles, books, and book chapters. <http://scholar.google.com/>

□ New York Times Learning Network (Grades 3-12) allows you to turn on hyperlinks to a

dictionary and map in the news summaries. <http://www.nytimes.com/learning/>

□ KidsClick (web resources organized by subject, with estimated reading level) <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!>

□ Marco Polo (lesson plans and related electronic text organized by topic, subject, and grade level) <http://www.marcopolo-education.org/>

□ Web Quest has hundreds of lessons by grade level and topic <http://edweb.sdsu.edu/webquest/matrix.html>

□ ZuZu (online magazine by kids) <http://www.zuzu.org/>

□ National Geographic Kids <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/kids/index.html>

Note: Most electronic books come in four main formats; plain text, Adobe Reader, Microsoft

Reader, and Palm Reader. The latter three require downloading free software. Adobe Reader 7

will allow highlighting text so that it can be read by the system or a talking utility. Microsoft

Reader only works with Windows but comes with free software that will enable these books to

talk. For more information, on getting electronic text to talk, see the Technology Tips website.

For sources of **audible books**, see www.wested.org/tdl under Audio/Audiobooks. Current sources include

□ Free: Assistive Media has hundreds of copyright-cleared magazine articles and books on

a wide range of topics.

- Free: AudioBooksForFree.com- Public domain books and stories in MP3 format. Real voices in free versions are excellent. Pre-burned CDs for a charge.
- Free: LibriVox- Their goal is to convert every book in the public domain to digital audio. Real voices, MP3 files for download.
- Free: Free-Books- 700 public domain books in MP3 format using computer voices, with 136 on a list for children.