



# ELA Resources



We sincerely thank the teachers and administrators in Pennsylvania who continue, even in these unprecedented times, to focus on doing everything possible to ensure the health, safety, well-being, and education of their students.

The following resources are specifically intended for teachers and administrators to provide ideas and inspiration as they plan and implement remote learning during this extended closure.

If you have any questions about these or other resources, contact Rebekah Baum-Leaman, [rbaumleama@pa.gov](mailto:rbaumleama@pa.gov).

## General Links

[PDE ELA](#)

[SAS ELA](#)

[PA State Library](#)

[Power Library](#)



## General Information

[Free Online Resources for Schools Shifting Online During Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

[Video: 7 Tips For Remote Teaching](#)

[Norms for Virtual Classrooms](#)

[Penny Kittle & Kelly Gallagher discussion on YouTube](#)

[Building the Foundation: A Suggested Progression of Sub-skills to Achieve the Reading Standards: Foundational Skills](#)

[Generating and Savoring Positivity](#)

[A Principal's Reflections](#)

## Websites -- Resources

### Achieve 3000

Achieve 3000 has provided **free** printable literacy packets for kids who do not have internet access. These engaging and purposeful collections include strategic math, language arts, science, reading, and literacy learning opportunities.

<https://remotesupport.achieve3000.com/>

### Achieve the Core

Achieve the Core provides a searchable list of lesson and unit plans for grades K-12 in ELA and math. Novel units can be printed and sent home in a pack. Many units can be completed in a digital environment. All resources are open source and **free**.

### BrainPop

BrainPop offers over 1,000 short animated movies for students in grades K-12, together with quizzes and related materials, covering the subjects of science, social studies, English, math, engineering and technology, health, and arts and music. Materials are available in Spanish. BrainPOP is currently offering **free** access.

### CommonLit

The CommonLit Literacy Model is built on a foundation of over 2,000 high-quality free reading passages for grades 3-12, complemented by aligned interim assessments, growth-oriented data, and expert-led teacher development. Currently offering 4 weeks of lesson plans. This does require a registration but is **free**.

### Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Explore **free** K–12 activities and lessons by grade, across subjects, and adaptable for at-home learning. <https://www.hmhco.com/blog/free-learning-resources>

### Khan Academy

Khan Academy is a non-profit organization that has a library of video lessons, learning activities and challenges, and resources for multiple subjects K-12. Khan Academy is offering **free** resources for students, teachers, and parents.

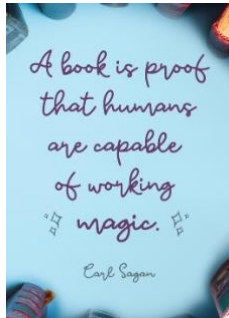
## KSLA

### Keystone to Reading Book Award program for 2020-2021

Visit the website for this year's book lists, book preview posters, voting ballots, and participation forms. You will also find an order form where you can order the book sets from Barnes and Noble.

Now is a great time, while we are at home, to begin previewing these books for yourself. Click on the link below to find all the information that you need!

<https://ksla.wildapricot.org/Keystone-to-Reading>



### Families and Reading Month

KSLA has proclaimed April as Families and Reading Month. To celebrate Families and Reading month, click on the link below for a packet of grade-appropriate book titles, activity calendars, and a certificate of participation.



[Families-and-Reading](#)



## Newsela

Newsela is providing **free** access to Newsela ELA, Newsela Social Studies, Newsela Science, and Social and Emotional Learning collections **AT NO COST** through the end of the year. We will also be providing daily webinars for teachers and parents on how to support learners remotely.

To support ongoing communication we have created the following document.

PA: [Newsela access during closures document](#).

## PBS Learning Media: Resources

As teachers, students, and families deal with school closures, PBS LearningMedia producers and educators have come together to curate a **free** special collection of resources organized by grade and subject area. Find videos, lesson plans, and activities that support learning at home. Featured lesson plans in this collection contain full contextualization for the media they include. Plan and adapt our lessons in creative ways, using the Lesson Builder tool, Google Classroom, Remind, and more.

## Readworks

Readworks offers **free** content and curriculum for grades K-12. It includes remote learning resources for educators, families, and students. Content includes reading

passages, question sets, paired texts, vocabulary, ebooks, audio narrations, and lessons and units. Readworks platform and materials are completely free.

## ReadWriteThink.org

[ReadWriteThink.org](#), from the National Council of Teachers of English, is a **free** searchable collection of “traditional” instructional resources, access to student interactive items and mobile apps for accessing learning activities. Grades K-12.

## Smekens Education

Smekens Education is offering **free**, ready-to-use mini-lesson videos developed in response to school closures caused by COVID-19. This growing collection of K-12 reading and writing lessons allows teachers to share videos directly with students. **This is not a free trial – it’s just free.** Click on this link: [Literacy Lessons](#).

## The Fordham Institute

[The Fordham Institute](#) has listed materials for podcasts, videos, and **free access** to materials that many publishers are offering for a short time. Consider audio and video options as you are planning lessons to provide a wide variety of access to texts in all media.

# Websites -- Programs

## Amplify

Amplify is a digital, adaptive, K–5 supplemental literacy program that provides remediation and enrichment for all students in building skills in decoding, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and close reading through age-appropriate adventures. Amplify Reading adapts to the needs of each individual student, providing them with the exact instruction and practice they need to advance their literacy skills in any setting, in just 45 minutes of independent practice a week.

To help educators and families, we’ve pulled from our top-rated programs to create a series of remote learning experiences that are high quality, easy to use at home, and **totally free**.

On this [new website](#), you’ll have quick and easy access to quality academic resources – from self-guided science videos to early reading instruction to guidelines for starting a virtual book club. We’ll also update the site every week, so please don’t forget to check back. These resources will remain available to you until July 1.

## MobyMax

[MobyMax](#) offers **free** personalized lessons in Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies. The program automatically adapts based on student progress and responses, making it ideal for scenarios where teachers are not readily available.

## New York Times Learning Network

[The New Your Times Learning Network](#) provides activities for students include writing, current articles and trends, crosswords, multimedia, and contests. Teachers resources are organized based on content areas.

## Smithsonian Tween Tribune

[Smithsonian Tween Tribune](#) (grades K-12) offers the option to create a **free** account and set up a class. Students can sign into your class. The teacher may assign articles which are accompanied by quizzes and monitor responses to articles through the dashboard.

## Scholastic Learn at Home

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#) provides **free** day by day projects to keep kids reading, thinking and growing (grades PreK – 9). Learn at Home provides 20 days' worth of active learning journeys designed to reinforce and sustain educational opportunities. New learning experiences are built around a story or video daily. Activities are divided into four grade spans: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-9.

## Renaissance at home

The Renaissance team is here to assist you as you work to find solutions for students suddenly learning remotely during this unexpected global crisis. [Renaissance at home](#) offers several free programs that enable students to access literacy and math activities and to complete assignments remotely.

## Authors & Illustrators

### Authors Everywhere!

A [YouTube channel](#) created and run by children's books writers and illustrators. Users will find workshops, readings, activities, art projects, writing games, and writing advice that will offer fun and creative distractions during potential school closures and quarantines.

## Grace Lin

Grace Lin, an illustrator and author of middle-grade novels and picture books, is posting drawing tutorials and readings from her books on her [YouTube channel](#).

Lin has also started a [podcast](#), Kids Ask Authors, which was in the works before the pandemic struck, in which children's authors answer questions from readers about their books and creative process



## Jarrett J. Krosoczka

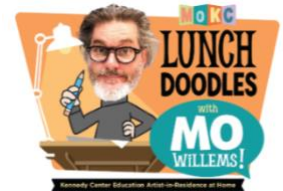
New York Times-bestselling author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka offers an expansive list of tutorials, activities, webcasts, etc. on his [YouTube channel](#).

## Kate Messner

Children's author Kate Messner has compiled an extensive list of Storytime and activity videos to her [main website](#), each one starring a different children's book author and illustrator.

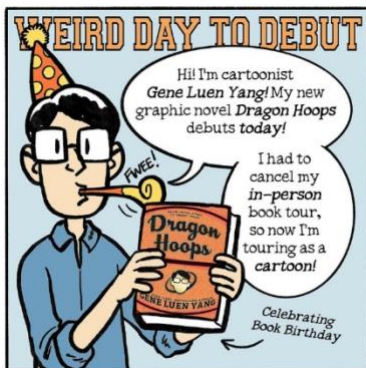
## Mo Willems

The author and illustrator Mo Willems began hosting sessions on [YouTube](#) on Monday. "There's nothing more fun than doodling with a friend," he said.



## Gene Luen Yang

When Gene Luen Yang's tour for his new graphic novel, "Dragon Hoops," was canceled as a result of the coronavirus outbreak, "I felt disheartened and helpless," he said. In lieu of an in-person tour, he held a [Facebook Live session](#) to discuss the book. He's also "touring as a cartoon" on his Instagram page, where he will take reader questions and respond in a comic strip. Be on the lookout for additional resources.



## BOOKS / APPS / GAMES / VIDEOS

### Audible Stories

[Audible Stories](#) is a **free** website where kids of all ages can listen to hundreds of Audible audio titles across six different languages—English, Spanish, French, German, Italian and Japanese.

### Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)

To read **free** e-books, download the SimplyE app for iOS or Android and add Digital Public Library of America as your library to access the DPLA Collection. It provides access to more than 5,000 free ebook titles. DPLA also provides access to Primary Source Sets that explore topics in history, literature, and culture developed by educators, complete with teaching guides.

### Epic!

A digital library for ages 12 and under, [Epic](#) is like a Netflix for books. Resources include text-to-speech, quizzes, learning videos, and more. Books can be saved to the app to be accessed without internet. Parents and educators can track student progress. Epic is offering this **free** for educators and a free month for families.

### National Geographic

[National Geographic](#) has been igniting the explorer in all of us for 132 years through groundbreaking storytelling from the best and brightest scientists, explorers, photographers, and filmmakers in the world. **Free** educational games and videos.

### Raz-Kids

[Raz-Kids](#) is a leveled reading resource for students K-5. Resources include text-to-speech, Spanish translations, student recordings, quizzes for determining comprehension and instructional needs. Teachers can make online assessments. This is a subscription-based product but Raz-Kids is offering **free** membership at this time.

### Storyline Online

[Storyline Online](#) is an award-winning website that features videos of actors reading from children's books, including Viola Davis, Chris Pine, Annette Bening, James Earl Jones, Betty White, and more. Each curriculum was designed to focus on strengthening reading comprehension, and verbal and writing skills.