

Book Lists

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/2015-summer-reading-list>

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collection/keep-kids-reading-all-summer-long>

<http://www.scholastic.com/readingcampaign/downloads/src2014-book-list-ages-all-ages.pdf>

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/ccba/> (books chosen by children)

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/diverse-kids-and-ya-lit/>

<http://rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/the-mid-atlantic.htm>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/summer>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/day-trips-book-lovers>

Educational Articles Regarding Reading (also includes helpful links and strategies for reading)

http://parenting.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/03/19/what-not-to-worry-about-in-teaching-young-children-to-read/?_r=0

<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/08/us/study-finds-reading-to-children-of-all-ages-grooms-them-to-read-more-on-their-own.html>

<http://rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/getting-your-child-to-love-reading.htm>

<http://rif.org/us/literacy-resources/articles/choosing-good-books.htm>

Summer Activities

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/summer/>

<http://readingrockets.org/calendar/summer#parent>

Online activities for families

Share examples of good interactive educational websites that parents and young kids can explore together. **PBS KIDS Lab** (<http://pbskids.org/lab>) offers the newest educational games, activities and mobile apps, for kids PreK to grade 3. There are lots of other quality websites for kids — here are a few more of our favorites:

- **National Geographic Kids** (<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>): offers great nature videos, activities, games, stories, and more
- **Discovery Kids** (<http://discoverykids.com/explore/>): video, games and activities to explore dinosaurs, sharks, space, pets, history and more.
- **Young Explorers** (http://www.britishmuseum.org/explore/young_explorers/play.aspx): Museum Run, The Great Dig, Time Explorer and more online games from the British Museum.
- **Smithsonian Kids Collecting** (http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/idealabs/amazing_collections.html): how to start your own collection and see what other kids collect
- **Explore Dinosaurs** (<http://paleobiology.si.edu/dinosaurs/index.html>): FAQs and top 10 myths about dinosaurs, a virtual dig, behind the scenes tours, and more from the National Museum of Natural History
- **Smithsonian Digging for Answers** (http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/students/idealabs/digging_for_answers.html): a site that tests your research skills and knowledge
- **NASA Quest** (<http://quest.nasa.gov/>): interactive explorations that engage students in real science and engineering. Topics include robots, helicopters, lunar exploration, and designing your own human-friendly planet
- **My Wonderful World** (<http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/mywonderfulworld/>): a multimedia tour of our seven continents
- **Time for Kids** (<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/kids/>): fun games (The Great State Race), an online weekly magazine written for kids, and news from around the world

Introduce your students and their families to stories from around the world.

Let them know about the **International Children's Digital Library**

(<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/index.shtml>), an amazing (and growing!) collection of international children's books available to read online in their original languages. **Big Universe** (<http://www.biguniverse.com/>) is another online library of fiction and nonfiction books for kids 0-12. The site also offers adults and kids the chance to create and publish their own stories.

Suggest audio books as an alternative to print, especially for kids with learning disabilities that make reading a struggle. You can now download stories to iPods and other mobile devices, perfect for car rides or a lazy hot afternoon. AudibleKids has an extensive collection of **downloadable books** (<http://kids.audible.com/>), and some of them are free through a partnership with RIF.

For students with vision or learning disabilities, tell your parents about **Learning Ally** (<http://www.learningally.org/>) (formerly Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic), which provides free audio books for kids to listen over the summer.