

# Online Reading Resources for Students

## *Useful Online Resources Available at No Cost*

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### [Let the Show Begin! Literary Talent Show](#) (Grades K-6)

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/show-begin-literary-talent-30609.html>

Children choose their favorite songs, poems, or stories to **act out** in a talent show for friends and family.

### [Alphabet for Kids](#) (Pre-K-1)

[http://www.literacycenter.net/lessonview\\_en.php](http://www.literacycenter.net/lessonview_en.php)

**Alphabet** activities, including a letter-matching, letter-sequencing, and matching upper case with lowercase letters.

### [Have You Seen the Movie Yet?](#) (Grades 6-8)

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/have-seen-movie-30298.html>

Create movie scenes based on a **book** you read.

### [Start Your Own Book Club](#) (Grades 3-5)

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/start-your-book-club-30289.html>

Children can enjoy a community-building experience by meeting with friends to choose, read, and discuss books together.

### [Tell What You Think about Books](#) (Grades K-6)

<http://www.spaghettibookclub.org/>

**Book reviews** written by kids for kids. The Spaghetti Book Club encourages kids' love for reading by giving them an opportunity to connect on a personal level with the books they are reading and then share their reactions, thoughts, and opinions with family members, friends, and kids around the world.

### [Learn about Books](#) (Grades PreK-8)

<http://childrensbooks.about.com/>

**Browse books** by topic and age, get reading resources, and view book blogs

### [Character Scrapbook](#) (K-8)

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/scrapbook/index.htm>

Children can analyze the **characters** in any book, as well as print and collect scrapbook pages.

### [Create Trading Cards for Favorite Characters](#) (Grades 3-5)

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/create-trading-cards-favorite-30171.html>

Use the online Character Trading Cards tool to have children make cards describing their favorite characters from the books on their reading list.

### [Environmental Print](#) (Pre-K-1)

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/37100>

Children and parents use signs, labels, wrappers, and other types of packaging found within their environment in order to make connections between print and reading.

### [Folk Tales from Around the World](#) (Pre-K-3)

<http://www.pitara.com/talespin/folktales.asp>

Children learn about cultures through **folk tales** from many countries.

### [Exploring the Library](#) (Grades 3-5)

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/exploring-library-30286.html>

Plan a visit to a library to discover more about this magical place.

### [Mail Time!](#) (Grades 3-5)

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/mail-time-30288.html>

Sort through your junk mail and talk about what you find for a fun literacy activity before recycling it!

### [Language Building Activities](#) (K-2)

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bll/index.htm>

Children to play **naming, letter identification, and rhyming** games.

### [Novel Companions](#) (Grades 3-8)

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/activity/scholastic-bookfiles>

Helps you understand plot, setting, words and more from popular **novels**.

### [A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words](#) (Pre-K-1)

<http://abc-read.com/write.html>

Children develop their own stories to go along with wordless **picture books**.

### [Read and Write about Poems](#) (Grades 3-8)

<http://www.poetry4kids.com/>

The largest collection of poetry for kids on the internet.

[Make a Mystery Puzzle](#) (Grades 5-8)

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/activities-projects/make-mystery-puzzle-30146.html>

Have children explore the different parts of mystery writing by making a **puzzle about a favorite book**. They can then invent and write their own mysteries using the online Mystery Cube tool.

[Online Books and Magazines](#) (Grades 3-8)

<http://www.ipl.org/IPLBrowse/GetSubject?vid=12&cid=3&tid=4248&parent=0>

Browse and **read** a wide selection of kids' books and magazines and view various book lists.

[Online Books from around the World](#) (Grades K-8)

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

A collection of books from throughout the world that you can **read** and browse online

[The Biography Maker](#) (3-6)

<http://bellinghamschools.org/department-owner/curriculum/bsd-bio-maker-biography-maker>

Children **read** and organize information to create biographies.

[One Stop Learning Activities](#) (K-2 and 3-5)

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/clf/index.htm?grade=grdk2&subject=spanish>

Children can choose from many different **reading and writing** activities, including rhyming, spelling, read-a long, matching sounds with letters and words, and story starters.

[Share What You're Reading](#) (Grades 1-12)

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/swyar/index.asp>

**Share what you are reading** with other students and discover new books

[PBS Between the Lions](#) (Pre-K-3)

<http://pbskids.org/lions/>

Activities that develop skills with songs and **stories**.