

Summer Reading Resources for Life Students and their Parents



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Parents and Students:

Below I listed summer resources that are available to keep brains engaged in literacy throughout the summer! The best activity that you can do with your child is to READ 20 minutes everyday. Make daily reading a part of your summer routine!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Online Resources for Books:

1. **Epic** is free for 30 days! It is a child friendly website! For more information, <https://www.getepic.com/>
2. Do you have a library card and a digital device? If so, you can access all of the online resources that the public library has to offer using **Libby**, a free app. I use it all the time! It is one of my favorite reading resources!
<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>
3. **Bookshare**: A free ebook resource for dyslexic students.
<https://www.bookshare.org/cms/>
4. **Amazon Prime Members**: Amazon Prime offers members access to free books:
<https://www.amazon.com/primeinsider/reading/prime-reading-perks.html>
5. **Scholastic Learn at Home** is a free option to keep kids engaged in reading throughout the summer.
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>
6. **Storytime from Space**: Is your child into space exploration? This website offers free opportunities for students to listen to a variety of stories read by an astronaut on the International Space Station:
<https://storytimefromspace.com/library/>

7. **The Specific Learning Difficulties Association of South America:** Free online resources for parents that includes printable decodable phonics readers and phonics activities. <https://speld-sa.org.au/>
8. If you have a digital device, you can use the app, **Audify** to read any printed text aloud. It is free. But, you can upgrade the voice for a small fee: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/audiofy-book-text-to-speech/id1499125748>
9. Is your child motivated to read by achieving goals and points or by playing online games? If so, check out this online summer reading program, **Book Adventure**. This free program provides a variety of games and activities to test and expand the knowledge of vocabulary, comprehension and writing. You can upgrade for additional offerings: <https://bookadventure.com/>
10. Looking for a book to **read aloud** to your child or to enjoy as a family: <http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/brochures.html>
<http://www.scholastic.com/100bestreadaloudbooks/>
11. Use the following options to help your child **create a summer booklist**:

*AR Bookfinder,

<https://p.widencdn.net/s8wyxj/R40378-AR-Bookfinder-Parents-Guide>

*The American Library Association:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2020-summer-reading-list>

*If you know your child's Lexile level, you can find appropriately matched books using this website: <https://lexile.com/parents-students/>

*Scholastic Books provides suggested books for students:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading.htm>

Hands on Activities to Practice Literacy:

1. **25 ways to learn at home with Legos:** This website offers a variety of activities that students can do at home to build literacy, science, mathematics, and art skills throughout the summer. <https://childhood101.com/lego-learning-activities/>
2. **Reading Rockets** is a great resource for parents. Follow this link for 25 literacy activities you can do with your child: <https://www.readingrockets.org/article/25-activities-reading-and-writing-fun>

Dyslexic Student Online Resources:

1. **Nessy:** A website that offers online programs for dyslexic students ages 6-14. This program follows Orton Gillingham multisensory principles. This program is highly recommended by Orton Gillingham practitioners. I have not tried it. I would love to get your feedback! <https://www.nessy.com/us/> A free trial is available. But, for a small fee, currently \$32, you can access three online programs for reading and spelling, typing, and writing. <https://www.nessy.com/us/product/virtual-school-parent-pack/>

2. **Whizzmo:** Another website that offers online programs for dyslexic students for a fee. <https://www.whizzimo.com/> This one is developed by the Barton Reading and Spelling Group and follows Orton Gillingham principles.
3. **HearBuilder:** This is an online program for dyslexic students who are building foundational skills. The website provides activities for skills such as phonological awareness, auditory memory, and sequencing to help students struggling with listening, memory, and comprehension. <https://www.hearbuilder.com/> The program is free through June 30, 2020. I haven't used it, but a group of Orton Gillingham practitioners have recommended it.