

Links to Literacy

(Selections below are from <http://www.readwritethink.org> and <http://TeachingK-8.com>)

100 Best Books for Kids

<http://www.teachersfirst.com/100books.htm>

This list was selected by the National Education Association, is posted on the TeachersFirst.com website, and recommends best books for kids grouped by age level. There are also site links to Reading Resources, Storytelling Resources, and Reading Lessons.

Between the Lions

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

This website is designed for parents and kids to surf together. Stories from the popular PBS show are posted online with links to associated games.

BookHive

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

BookHive is designed for students through age 12, their parents and teachers. Created by public librarians in North Carolina, the site lists good children's books arranged categorically. The lists provide a synopsis of the book, its intended audience, and occasional reviews.

Children's Literature Reviews

<http://www.childrenslit.com/th.htm>

Children's Literature Reviews features interviews with children's book authors and illustrators, and several sets of themed reviews archived for continued reference. The site also provides more than 1000 links to author/illustrator sites, publishers, kids, parent and teacher resources, children's literature collections, upcoming events relating to children's literature and much more.

Children's Literature Web Guide

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/>

Designed by David K. Brown of the Doucette Library of Teaching Resources of the University of Calgary, this site includes materials for children's and young adult's literature ranging from teaching resources to book lists.

Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

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

Devoted to national and international picture book art, this museum site emphasizes ways of combining visual and virtual literacy. The virtual tour provides great visuals, which could be a springboard for language or visual arts projects.

FunBrain.com

<http://funbrain.com/>

This site by the Family Education Network provides free educational games and quizzes in math, grammar, science, spelling, and history. It also provides excellent resources for teachers and parents.

Guys Read: A Literacy Initiative from Jon Scieszka

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

This site's mission is "to offer leadership, practical solutions, a forum, and support to get guys reading." The site includes Favorite Books for Guys, What You Can Do, and Guys Speak.

Index to Internet Sites: Children's and Young Adults' Authors & Illustrators

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/biochildhome.htm>

This website, hosted by James Madison University, includes an extensive collection of resources that link to websites for children's book authors, illustrators and related resources.

Jan Brett's Web Site

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

Well-known author Jan Brett provides a wealth of illustrated instructional materials that she adds to regularly, as well as tie-ins to her many books and contests for teachers and students.

KidsReads.com

<http://www.kidsreads.com/index.asp>

This site promotes quality reading through book reviews, related games, author biographies and interviews, and more. Students can also find out how to set up a successful book club, along with discussion guides for select books.

Picturing Books

<http://picturingbooks.imaginarylands.org/>

This comprehensive website on picture books includes information on evaluating and using picture books for younger and older children. It includes book lists and numerous links.

Reading Rainbow

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

Reading Rainbow, PBS's award-winning children's series, offers this website which details on books featured on the television show, online games and activities, and information for adults and families. While the site complements the television show, the resources can easily stand alone, though students may need access to the books mentioned.

Seussville

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

Brightly animated and highly interactive, Seussville entertains children as they complete word puzzles, matching games, and other activities based on the books of Dr. Seuss. Kids can also write a story and bring it to life with fanciful characters, music, and scenery.

Starfall

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

Designed for the emergent reader, the website has interactive books and rhyming word family games that teach phonemic awareness, comprehension, vocabulary building, and spelling skills. Free, supplemental materials can be downloaded or ordered online.

StoryDog

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

StoryDog offers a new story every day for kids and parents to share at home. Designed by parents interested in having their children read daily but understanding that our lives can be busy, the site offers short adventures that last for one week. Kids and parents can also find great games and activities on the site.

Trelease-on-Reading.com

<http://www.trelease-on-reading.com/>

Author of the classic *Read-Aloud Handbook*, Jim Trelease provides this extensive collection of resources, excerpts from his books, and other professional development materials on topics including censorship, reading "incentive" programs, and read-aloud.

Webbing Into Literacy

<http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/wil/home.html>

This site features downloadable nursery rhymes and alphabet books, along with related lesson plans. It also includes a list of 101 great books for children.

Child and Family Webguide

<http://www.cfw.tufts.edu>

This site features hundreds of research-based web resources for parents.

Go City Kids

<http://www.qocitykids.com/choose>

This site features great activities to do in a variety of key U.S. cities.

Reading is Fundamental

<http://www.rif.org/readingplanet>

Select books by interest and age.

Book Adventure

<http://bookadventure.com>

Free reading motivation program by Sylvan Learning.

Scholastic Leveling Site

<http://src.scholastic.com/ecatalog/default.asp?>

This site allows you to type in a title of a book and get a Guided Reading Level.

