

Digital Resources

GRADES K-2

DIGITAL EXPERIENCES

Online lesson from adult guides while exploring digital content for information about how children's lives can be like Peter Mendel's. Visit www.libraryofthefuture.com/resources/online-lesson

Brains Out! podcast

A podcast where different kid cohorts take the mic each week to tackle wide-ranging and fascinating science questions from listeners across the country.

Design Squad Global website

Kids can take on challenges, watch videos, play games, and be viewed by the power of engineering.

Funbrain website

This website for children features cool science experiments, read-aloud videos, and fun games to explore.

Go Noodle website

Online videos that inspire movement for kids.

iCivics website

Activities and games for both families and educators, all aimed at providing fundamental lessons in civics knowledge.

The Imagine Neighborhood podcast

Kids will learn about social-emotional skills through stories, songs, and activities, priming conversations between children and caregivers about big feelings.

Molly of Denali podcast

Listen to the adventures of 10-year-old Molly, an Alaska Native girl who lives with her best pilot mom, adventure-guide dad, and her dog, Suki, in a small village.

Manatee Bay Aquarium live cams webpage www.floridabay.com/manatee-bay-aquarium
Jellyfish, sea otters, and sharks, oh my! Learn about and watch live videos with these sea animals and more.

NASA STEM @ Home website

For children ages five and up, this website includes many activities both on- and off-screen based around NASA and space. Activities are broken down into three sections based on grade level: K-2, 3-5, and 6-12.

National Geographic Kids website

This fun and educational website for children features games, videos, and brain boosters.

Scratch website

An innovative block-based programming language that allows for the creation and remixing of limitless programming, from games to music to animation.

"San Dong 360: Exploring the World's Largest Cave" virtual tour www.nationalgeographic.com/360/san-dong-cave-360-virtual-tour/

Explore the world's largest cave in Vietnam with National Geographic's 360-degree tour of Hang Son Doong, with fun facts, nature sounds, and interactive questions.

How in the World? podcast

A STEM-themed podcast with silly (but scientifically accurate) humor for curious young listeners.



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- **Summer Reading (K-2) 2022**



Summer Reading Grades K-2



PA Young Reader's Choice Award 2022-2023 Grades K-3

Summer Reading List Grades K-2

13 WAYS TO EAT A FLY
BY SUE HEAVENRICH, ILLUSTRATED BY DAVID CLARK
CHARLES BRIDGE, 2021
ISBN: 9781580898004

Count down from 13 to 1 as flies are zapped, wrapped, poked, soaked, and even baked in a cake in this hilariously informative book. Nutrition facts included.

BEAR BUILDS A HOUSE
BY MAXWELL CATON III
NEAL PORTER BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9780202447145

Cartoon illustrations depict all the steps Bear and his friends complete while building a functional house in the wilderness.

BOARDWALK BABIES
BY MARISSA MOSS, ILLUSTRATED BY APRIL CHU
CRISTON BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9781250954768

Step right up and learn about the amazing Dr. Courtney and his very small patients in this picture-book biography that explains how incubators for premature babies went from sideshow to medical practice.

CAMILA THE RECORD-BREAKING STAR
BY ALICIA SALAZAR, ILLUSTRATED BY THAIS DAMIÃO
PICTURES WINDOW, 2021
ISBN: 9781250892212

In this early chapter book series starter, Camila wants to become a star by breaking a world record. However, it turns out to be harder than it looks.

DAD BAKES
BY KATIE YAMASAKI
NORTON, 2021
ISBN: 9781250855413

Early in the morning, Dad goes to work at the bakery, and then he comes home to his daughter to play, read, and bake together.

DANCING WITH DADDY
BY ANITRA ROWE SCHULTE, ILLUSTRATED BY ZIYU CHEN
THORN, 2021
ISBN: 9781540071791

A nonverbal young girl in a wheelchair anticipates an upcoming father-daughter dance, supported by her attentive and loving family.

DEAR TREEFROG
BY JOYCE SIDMAN, ILLUSTRATED BY DIANA SUYKKA
CLARION, 2021
ISBN: 9780358906470

A young girl moves to a new neighborhood and settles into her surroundings by observing a tiny treefrog. Short poems are interspersed with facts about frog life cycles.

DREAM STREET
BY TRICIA ELAM WALKER, ILLUSTRATED BY ANNE SCHWARTZ BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9780265581139

All the neighbors on Dream Street have something that makes them special, whether it's how they dress, what they say, or both words and collage, make this an inspiring read-aloud for all ages.

EVERY DAY, CHEMISTRY
BY JULIA SOOY, ILLUSTRATED BY BONNIE PAING
FENNEL & FRENDS, 2021
ISBN: 9781250789899

A day in the life of a young girl shows us that chemistry is all around us, from a toasting piece of bread for breakfast to the battery-powered flashlight used to read a bedtime story.

EVERY LITTLE KINDNESS
BY MARTA BARTOLJ
CHRONICLE BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9781250702792

This wordless picture book with muted colors explores all the ways that kindness is cyclical. Kindness begins when a woman loses her dog but helps another find food.

FIRST FRIEND: HOW DOGS EVOLVED FROM WOLVES TO BECOME OUR BEST FRIENDS
BY KERSTEN HAMILTON, ILLUSTRATED BY JAIME KIM
PARADE, STREALS AND GROUND, 2021
ISBN: 9780376312422

A picture book that spans thousands of years to look at how wolves became the dogs that we love.

FROM THE TOPS OF THE TREES
BY KAO HAOJIA YANG, ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL WADA
CAROLRHODA BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9781641581302

Based on the author's childhood memories of living in a refugee camp in Thailand, this beautiful story portrays a father's love for his family and hope for their future.

HOW TO APOLOGIZE
BY DAVID LAROCHELLE, ILLUSTRATED BY MIKE WOHNOUTKA
CANDLEWICK, 2021
ISBN: 9781532098460

This hilarious picture book guides readers with practical tips about how to say sorry to someone.

HOW TO FIND A FOX
BY KATE GARDNER, PHOTOGRAPHS BY OSSU SAARINEN
RUNNING PRESS, 2021
ISBN: 9780265471255

In this informational picture book, breathtaking wildlife photos are paired with facts about foxes, as well as advice on making observations in nature.

I AM THE SUBWAY
BY MIN HYU-EUN, TRANSLATED BY DEBORAH SMITH
SCRIBNER, 2021
ISBN: 9781985084658

Zooming through Seoul, this story considers the lives of the many people we find on public transportation.

MEMORY JARS
BY VERA BRODOLJ
ROARING BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9781250324871

Freda is intrigued by how Gran saves the taste of blueberries by making jam. This makes her wonder what else can be saved in jars: cookies, crayons, even her best friend? A sweet story about how some things are meant to be enjoyed.

LIGHT FOR ALL
BY MARGARITA ENGLE, ILLUSTRATED BY RAUL COLON
PAULA WINGMAN BOOKS, 2021
ISBN: 9781534457270

This lyrical picture book pays tribute to the Statue of Liberty, reminding us of the hope, acceptance, and freedom it symbolizes for all.

THE LITTLE WOODEN ROBOT AND THE LOG PRINCESS
BY TOM GAULD
HOLIDAY HOUSE, 2021
ISBN: 9780823448888

An original fairy tale with adventure, a clever witch, helpful beetles, and the love of a brother and sister.

MAGIC CANDIES
BY HEENA BAKA, TRANSLATED BY SOPHIE BOVAMAN
AMAZON CROSSING HDIC, 2021
ISBN: 9781540259589

After popping a candy into his mouth, a lonely boy suddenly hears his couch talking. More candies allow him to hear more voices before finally finding his own voice.

MAMA AND MOMMY AND ME IN THE MIDDLE
BY NINA LACOUR, ILLUSTRATED BY KAYLANE JUANITA
CANDLEWICK, 2022
ISBN: 9781532615511

A young girl experiences a week of longing with Mama as they wait for Mommy to return home from a trip.

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ROARING BOOKS, 2021
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Freda is intrigued by how Gran saves the taste of blueberries by making jam. This makes her wonder what else can be saved in jars: cookies, crayons, even her best friend? A sweet story about how some things are meant to be enjoyed.

ORCA RESCUE! THE TRUE STORY OF AN ORPHANED ORCA NAMED SPRINGER
BY DONNA SANDSTRÖM, ILLUSTRATED BY SARAH BURRASH
KIDS CAN PRESS, 2021
ISBN: 9781525302179

A volunteer tells the story of reuniting a stranded orca calf with her family almost 300 miles away. Includes many resources for further exploration.

POWOW DAY
BY TRACY SORELL, ILLUSTRATED BY MADELYN GOODNIGHT
CHARLES BRIDGE, 2022
ISBN: 9781580898482

River and her family attend a local powwow, but a recent illness means that River cannot dance in her jingle dress. Thankfully, River's friends and family dance for her.

SHAPED BY HER HANDS: POTTER MARIA MARTINEZ
BY ANNA HARBER FREEMAN AND BARBARA GONZALES, ILLUSTRATED BY APHELANDRA ALBERT WHITMAN, 2021
ISBN: 9780607670994

Learn about the renowned Pueblo potter Maria Martinez and the clay firing technique that made her an inspiration to artists near and far.

THE SHAPE OF HOME
BY RASHIN KHEDRIVYEH
LEVINE QUERIDO, 2021
ISBN: 9781456140985

On the way to her first day of school in America, Rashin notices all the fun shapes in her new neighborhood. In class, her teacher makes a game out of shapes as the students introduce themselves and their countries of origin.

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STARLA JEAN
BY ELANA K. ARNOLD, ILLUSTRATED BY A. N. KANG
ROARING BROOK, 2021
ISBN: 9781250957672

In this early chapter book, Starla Jean's dad doesn't think she will catch the skinny chicken in the park, but that is what Starla Jean does. Now she just needs to figure out how to take care of it.

TY'S TRAVEL: BEACH DAY!
BY KELLY STARLING LYONS, ILLUSTRATED BY NINA MATA
HARPER, 2021
ISBN: 9780062952137

This story for beginning readers follows a young boy as he uses his imagination to turn his backyard sandbox into a day at the beach.

WE SHALL OVERCOME
BY BRYAN COLLIER
CROWCRO, 2021
ISBN: 9781238540276

This picture book juxtaposes the lyrics of the 1960s civil rights anthem with multilayered collage illustrations chronicling a day in the life of a contemporary Black child, against the backdrop of past events and struggles.

- [Boys Dance!](#)
- [- John Allman](#)
- [DJ Funkyfoot: Butler for Hire](#)
- [- Tom Angleberger](#)
- [A is for Another Rabbit](#)
- [- Hannah Batsel](#)
- [Aven Green Sleuthing Machine](#)
- [- Dusti Bowling](#)
- [Milo Imagines the World](#)
- [- Matt de la Pena](#)
- [After Dark: Poems about Nocturnal Animals](#)
- [- David Harrison](#)
- [The End of Something Wonderful: A Practical Guide to a Backyard Funeral](#)
- [- Stephanie Lucianovic](#)
- [Evelyn Del Ray is Moving Away](#)
- [- Meg Medina](#)
- [Winged Wonders: Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery](#)
- [- Meeg Pincus](#)
- [Baloney and Friends](#)
- [- Greg Pizzoli](#)
- [I Am a Thief!](#)
- [- Abigail Rayner](#)
- [Summertime Sleepers: Animals that Estivate](#)
- [- Melissa Stewart](#)
- [Except Antarctica!](#)
- [- Todd Sturgell](#)
- [Don't Feed the Coos!](#)
- [- Jonathan Stutzman](#)
- [Whoop Knew? The Truth about Owls](#)
- [- Annette Whipple](#)



Summer Reading Resources

[Peters Township Public Library](#)
[Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh](#)

[Epic! Books](#)

[Tumblebooks Library](#)

[Kids' Activism](#)

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GRADES 3-5

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Design Squad Global website pbskids.org/designsquad

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Go Noodle website gonoodle.com

Online videos that inspire movement for kids.

iCivics website icivics.org

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I Survived Book Club website scholastic.com/itsi/i-survived.html

Watch videos and download printable games and resources to go along with the I Survived book series, written by Lauren Tarshis.

Monterey Bay Aquarium live cams webpage montereybayaquarium.org/animals/livecams

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The Past and the Curious podcast thepastandthecurious.com

Kids and families can learn about shocking, inspirational, and often humorous historical events and people through short stories, humor, music, and fun.

Scratch website scratch.mit.edu

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"Sin Doong 360: Exploring the World's Largest Cave" virtual tour nationalgeographic.com/news/2020/03/27/sin-doong-360-virtual-tour/

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Wow in the World podcast linkcast.com/shows/wow-in-the-world

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Summer Reading Grades 3-5



PA Young Reader's Choice Award 2022-2023 Grades 3-6

Summer Reading List Grades 3-5

AVEN GREEN, SLEUTHING MACHINE
BY DUSTI BOWLING, ILLUSTRATED BY GINA PERRY
STERLING, 2022
ISBN: 9781454942214
Aven Green may have been born without arms, but that doesn't stop her from being on the case and finding out what happened to her teacher's lunch and her great-grandma's dog. This is the first book in a new series about Aven's life.

BARAKAH BEATS
BY MALEENA SIDDIQUI
SCHOLASTIC, 2021
ISBN: 9781236702064
Nina joins a boy band to repair a strained friendship, but she must keep the group a secret from her family since the music conflicts with her parents' teaching of Islam.

THE BEATRICE PROPHECY
BY KATE DICAMILLO, ILLUSTRATED BY SOPHIE BLACKALL
CANDLEWICK, 2021
ISBN: 9781576213414
A young girl appears at Brother Edik's monastery, somehow believing their most sacred goal, and changes not only the lives of the brothers at the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing but many others' as well.

BEN YOKOYAMA AND THE COOKIE OF PERFECTION
BY MATTHEW SWANSON, ILLUSTRATED BY ROBBIE BEHR
HMHQF, 2021
ISBN: 9780592202776
A fortune cookie that says "practice makes perfect" leads Ben to try to make his life, and everyone's around him, perfect. Third book in a series.

BURYING THE MOON
BY ANDRÉE POULIN, ILLUSTRATED BY SOMALI ZOHRA
GROUNDWOOD, 2021
ISBN: 9781773566402
Set in rural India, young Latika fights to get modern sanitation in her village, to keep girls in school, to keep mothers and children safe, and to better her community.

CAT KID COMIC CLUB: PERSPECTIVES
BY DAN FULKE
GRAPHIX, 2022
ISBN: 9781236784885
The second installment in the Cat Kid Comic Club series focuses on teaching Lili Peley and his frog friends how to apply the concept of perspective not just to their drawings but to their relationships with one another as well.

CROSSING THE STREAM
BY ELIZABETH IRINE BATIC
NORTON, 2022
ISBN: 9781236812987
It's been a long time since Ato has seen his grandmother, but in trying to solve a mystery at school, he begins to rebuild those broken family bonds.

EGG MARKS THE SPOT
BY AMY THIBERLEAKE, ILLUSTRATED BY JON HILSEN
ALGONQUIN, 2021
ISBN: 9781642750064
Roommates Skunk and Badger set off for a weekend of camping and rock finding. Unfortunately, Badger's cousin shows up with his red accomplices to steal the amber-encased egg they've found hidden in a cave.

ESCAPE AT 10,000 FEET: D. B. COOPER AND THE MISSING MONEY
BY TOM SULLIVAN
BALZER + BRAY, 2021
ISBN: 9780306299129
The mystery of D. B. Cooper and the missing \$200,000 is expertly unraveled in this true crime series starter heavily illustrated with unrivaled case files.

EVERYTHING AWESOME ABOUT SPACE AND OTHER GALACTIC FACTS!
BY MIKE LOWERY
OCEANHOPE, 2021
ISBN: 9781236209269
Playful illustrations and an amazing amount of information come together to give a fun and interesting view of our universe and our exploration of it.

THE GREAT STINK: HOW JOSEPH BAZALGETTE SOLVED LONDON'S POOP POLLUTION PROBLEM
BY COLLEEN PARFET, ILLUSTRATED BY NANCY CARPENTER
MARGARET K. MCDERMERY BOOKS, 2022
ISBN: 9781534444599
In a timely and timely 1858, only one person can save London from its waste-filled river and cholera outbreaks—engineer Joseph Bazalgette.

THE HATMAKERS
BY TANZIN MERCHANT, ILLUSTRATED BY PAOLA ESCOBAR
NORTON, 2021
ISBN: 9781236816208
Cordelia Hatmaker, who comes from a long and prestigious line of Hatmakers who weave magical enchantments into hats, sets out to find her missing father during a threat of war.

JUANA & LUCAS: MUCHOS CHOCOS
BY JUANA MEDINA
CANDLEWICK, 2021
ISBN: 9780763672094
Juana and her perro Lucas cope with experiences like visiting camp, a new stepdad, and a baby sibling on the way. Third in a series, in English with some Spanish words.

THE LEGEND OF GRAVITY: A TALL BASKETBALL TALE
BY CHARLY PALMER
FARRAR, STRAUSS AND GIROUX, 2022
ISBN: 9780375312369
A modern, illustrated tall tale set on the basketball courts of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the greatest basketball talent anyone has ever seen lace up his high-tops helps bring his pickup team the championship they've always dreamed of.

LILLA THE ACCIDENTAL WITCH
BY ELEANOR CREWES
LITTLE, BROWN, 2022
ISBN: 9780316438449
While spending the summer in Italy with family, 13-year-old Lilla discovers she has much to learn about herself.

THE LION OF MARS
BY JENNIFER L. HOLM
RANDOM HOUSE, 2021
ISBN: 9780592212828
Bell is just a regular kid who loves cake and is annoyed by his roommate's snoring. But life on Mars is a bit different, and a mysterious illness that threatens the adults in their settlement causes the kids to band together in surprising ways.

LOTERIA
BY KARLA ARENAS VALENTI, ILLUSTRATED BY DANA SANMAR
HMHQF, 2021
ISBN: 9780592270662
Life and Death play a game of fate with unsuspecting Clara as their pawn, but Clara's choices forge a new path that proves free will can save the day.

THE MAGICAL IMPERFECT
BY CHRIS BARDON
FOWLER & FRENCH, 2022
ISBN: 9781236207820
Evan struggles with selective mutism, being without his mom, and befriending a girl known as "The Creature" in this novel in verse set in 1989 San Francisco.

MARS IS: STARK SLOPES, SILVERY SNOW, AND STARTLING SURPRISES
BY SUZANNE SLADE
PEACHTREE, 2022
ISBN: 9781602632481
Explore and expand your knowledge of the red planet, Mars, in this book with stunning images and information gathered by NASA's HiRISE (High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment) camera.

NINA: A STORY OF NINA SIMONE
BY TRACI N. TODD, ILLUSTRATED BY CHRISTIAN ROBINSON
PUTNAM, 2021
ISBN: 9781524737383
A picture book biography of Little Eunice, who grew up to become one of the most influential, powerful voices in music.

NO ONE RETURNS FROM THE ENCHANTED FOREST
BY ROBIN ROBINSON
FIRST SECOND, 2021
ISBN: 9781250211212
When their underground home is threatened, goblin sisters Pella and Six venture into the forest to find the Earth Mother and discover tree trolls, water nymphs, and other creatures along the way in this full-color graphic novel.

RED SCARE
BY LIAM FRANCIS WALSH
GRAPHIX, 2022
ISBN: 9781236167092
McCarttlem looms when police survivor Peggy finds a magical item that allows her to defy gravity; meanwhile, the FBI is hunting the town for this same item in this action-packed graphic novel.

RISE OF THE WORLD EATER
BY JAMIE LITTLER
VIKING, 2021
ISBN: 9780441461405
The gripping Frostheart trilogy concludes with Commander Stormbreaker destroying

any chance of alliance with Ash to defeat the Devourer. Ash's last hope—and perhaps the answer to many of Ash's questions about the World Before—lies in the sacred yet lost lands.

STUNTBODY, IN THE MEANTIME
BY JASON REYNOLDS, ILLUSTRATED BY RAUL THE THIRD
ATHELETUM, 2022
ISBN: 9781534482625
Portico Reeves, aka Stuntboy, lives in a huge apartment building that he considers his castle. With the help of his friendly neighbors, Stuntboy faces enemies, anxiety, and bickering parents in a series of illustrated episodes.

THOSE KIDS FROM FAWN CREEK
BY ERIN ENTRADA KELLY
GREENWILLLOW, 2022
ISBN: 9780692970369
Mysterious Orchid Mason arrives in small-town Louisiana and shakes up the cliques and alliances at Fawn Creek K-12. Her new classmates find themselves thinking about who they are and the choices they make in ways they've never before considered.

TREATY WORDS: FOR AS LONG AS THE RIVERS FLOW
BY AMICE CRAFT, ILLUSTRATED BY LUKE SWINSON
ANNICK PRESS, 2021
ISBN: 9781772214962
Mahomis explains the true nature of treaties, a bond meant to encourage working together, to his granddaughter.

YUMMY: A HISTORY OF DESSERTS
BY VICTORIA GRACE ELLIOTT
RANDOM HOUSE GRAPHIC, 2021
ISBN: 9780593126276
Follow a trio of enthusiastic explorers as they share the history and science of desserts, including ice cream, cake, and cookies, in this graphic novel duology starter.

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- Real - Goddard**
- The Great Pet Heist - Ecton**
- Unsettled - Faruqi**
- Take Back the Block - Giles**
- Houdini and Me - Gutman**
- The Lion of Mars - Holm**
- Stella - Hoyle**
- The Eternal Soldier: The True Story of How a Dog Became a**
- Civil War Hero - Crotzer**
- Allergic: A Graphic Novel - Lloyd**
- Flip! How the Frisbee Took**
- Flight - Muirhead**
- Rodent Rascals - Munro**
- Hafway to Harmony - O'Connor**
- Simon B. Rhymin' - Reed**
- The Boy Who Fialed Show and**
- Tell - Sonnenblick**
- Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom - Swanson**

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