

How to Select Just Right Electronic Books for the Early Childhood Classroom

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Web Based Tools

A Story Before Bed

Children and adults can record and read books online. The site also contains pre-recorded stories.
Free and subscription

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

Book Flix

Pairs fiction and nonfiction. Students can read the book with or without audio. Words are highlighted as they are read. Games and activities accompany the books.

Free trial and subscription

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/bookflix/#/>

Common Sense Media Best Book Apps for Kids

A list of interactive eBooks that combine a great story with interactivity. This site rates each book and provides links where you can purchase the app.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/best-book-apps-for-kids>

Epic

You can create a teacher account and assign books to your students. Books come in digitized text, read to me, and audiobook versions. Videos and quizzes are available.

Digital library for children under 12 years old. \$7.99 per month.

Free 30 day trial

https://www.getepic.com/?utm_channel=search&gclid=CjwKCAiAwZTuBRAYEiwAcr67OXorYxamr9dwHQRUfpp_dTshOmdUT1Vy3AI_jzNncfwPQDYE_JbutBoCTOcQAvD_BwE

Free Kids Books

Children can read an online digitized version of the book or download a pdf version.

Free

<https://freekidsbooks.org/reading-level/children/>

Magic Blox

Digitized versions of the print book with no bells and whistles.

Free

<https://magicblox.com/>

Over Drive

A large selection of eBooks and audio books.

Can listen to samples. Subscription, usually libraries.

<https://www.overdrive.com/>

Oxford Owl

Created by the Oxford University Press you will find more than 150 eBooks. There are also free teaching resources, including storytelling videos, eBooks and downloadable worksheets and teaching notes available on the site. Parent site is free.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Pubgen

Provides a list of interactive eBooks for android devices.

Pay for purchase of each book.

<http://pubgen.com/blog/android-apps-children/>

Raz-Kids

An online reading resource for reading practice. The listen feature allows the eBook to read aloud and highlight words or you can choose the read feature without voice narration. The read version allows children to click on word to hear it read, annotate the page, and add the word to a journal. Worksheets and quizzes accompany the eBooks.

Free Samples and a Free Trial is Available. 1 year license for classroom is around \$100.

<https://www.raz-kids.com/>

Starfall

Limited eBooks. Some eBooks read each word separately and some read phrases in books. Students can manipulate eBooks to read words. Some of the eBooks allow student interaction. Available for android and iOS devices as well.

Free

<https://www.starfall.com/h/>

Storyline Online

Actors and Actresses read aloud quality children's books. Books are displayed as video files. Activity guides accompany each book.

Free

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

Storynory

Contains audio stories and poems for kids.

Free

<https://www.storynory.com/>

Story Place

Each story reads aloud like a video. Activities, a video, a reading list, and games accompany each story.

Free

<https://www.storyplace.org/>

Tumble Books

Contains a library of eBooks. Provides reading levels, quizzes, and lesson plans to accompany eBooks.

Some eBooks appear as video files and others as digitized text files. There are no books

Free Trial or \$799/year for schools

<https://www.tumblebooks.com/>

eBook Apps

15 Best Children's Books Best Read on an iPad

<https://www.lifhack.org/articles/technology/15-childrens-books-best-read-ipad.html>

100 Interactive eBooks for iPad, iPhone and Androids

<https://www.appysmarts.com/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/appysmarts/best-interactive-books-for-kids-ipad-iphone-androi/>

Best Storybook apps for Kids

<https://www.bestappsforkids.com/category/book-apps-2/page/2/>

Nook Kids Read and Play

https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/nook-kids-read-and-play/_/N-rbg

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- *Let's Read Digital Library of Children's Books*
- *Fairy Tales: Children's Stories and Games*
- *Rivet: Better Reading Practice for Kids*

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