

Read Alouds and Activities

Here is a fantastic compilation at [We Are Teachers](#) of children's authors who have recorded read alouds, will be hosting live sessions, and more! Dan Gutman's (My Weird School series, My Weird School Daze series, etc) books seem to always be in high demand at the library, so many will get a kick out of hearing him read.

Free Audible Stories

While school is out, Audible is offering a selection of stories for free for kids of all ages at stories.audible.com.

Chicago Public Library eCards

For students that do not have a CPL card, they can apply for an ecard and begin checking out ebooks, audiobooks, and even music and movies, instantly! Because they're under 14, they'll need their parents to fill out the short application for them [here](#). Students who have a physical card can, of course, use CPL apps like Hoopla and Libby to checkout resources.

Resources from HarperCollins

HarperCollins has a running list of fun activities and resources for parents and their kids alike that is continuously updated. From book recommendations to paper projects, [this list](#) has it all.

Free Access to Booklist

Booklist is a review journal used primarily by librarians to help them develop library collections. However, the site also offers an array of other resources for teachers and the public. Until further notice, *Booklist* and *Book Links* (a supplemental resource to the former, which is specially designed for youth librarians, teachers, and media specialists) is offering free access to all. It includes "more than 25 years of recommended print and audiobook reviews, features, interviews, spotlights, and classroom connections."

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Free Educational Resources

This is primarily for teachers: various educational technology companies like Flipped Learning Global Initiative and ABCmouse are offering up their services for free for the remainder of the school year and/or ramping up what they offer for free with premium features. Lots of good stuff [on this updated list](#) to help teachers with offering their knowledge virtually.