

## Resources for Digital Literature

- Electronic Text resources: **(E)**
- Audio resources: **(A)**

### **20-20 (E)**

<http://www.2020site.org/>  
**FREE**

Provides online text in several interest areas. Topics include history, gardening, children's books, how-to books, home repair, decoration and fashion. Text only available through the website; unable to download the text.

### **Accessible Book Collection (E)**

<http://www.accessiblebookcollection.org/>  
**Subscription Annual Fee \$49.95**

Provides high interest, low reading level materials to persons with disabilities. Only persons with a documented disability that prevents them from reading standard print effectively may access these materials. There are many books available in Classroom Suite, Clicker5 and Boardmaker Plus! v6 formats.

### **Aesops Fables (E & A)**

<http://www.aesopfables.com/>  
**FREE**

The fables collection includes over 655 titles with morals listed. Also added are 127 fairy tales by Hans Christian Andersen. Some online electronic text is accompanied by audio narration.

### **The Alex Catalog of Electronic Texts (E)**

<http://infomotions.com/alex/>  
**FREE**

Is a collection of public domain documents from American and English literature as well as Western philosophy. The electronic text is available on their website; a download version is available.

### **Amazon E-books (E)**

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/browse/-/551440/102-6117958-3759301>  
**Purchase Fees**

Provides access to over one million commercial e-books.

### **Assistive Media (A)**

<http://www.assistivemedia.org>  
**FREE**

Is a nonprofit that produces audio recordings of magazine articles and short works for people with text-reading access barriers. These recordings are available for download or as podcasts.

### **Audiobooks.com (A)**

[www.audiobooks.com](http://www.audiobooks.com)  
**Fee**

Audio books can be purchased, rented, downloaded or traded at various pay plans. Available audio formats are cassette, CD, MP3 files. Audio books are divided into approximately one hour sections. Some audio books are divided according to chapter.

### **Baen (E)**

<http://www.baen.com/library/>  
**FREE / Subscription \$15 per month**

Provides electronic text to science fiction for young adults. Electronic text is available online or for download.

### **Bartleby's (E)**

<http://www.bartleby.com/>  
**FREE / Purchase Fee**

Provides access to reference, literature, and verse materials available on the web. Some

electronic text can be downloaded and some can be purchased from Bartleby's bookstore.

### **Bookshare (E)**

[www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)

**FREE / Subscription**

Provides access to books for the community of visually impaired and otherwise print disabled individuals. This online community enables book scans to be shared. Copyrighted digital books are available for download to people who submit proof of disability that affects reading. A subscription is required to download copyrighted material and is free to students with a proof of disability.

### **CAST Digital Content in the Classroom Toolkit (E)**

[http://www.cast.org/teachingeverystudent/toolkits/tk\\_resources.cfm?tk\\_id=41](http://www.cast.org/teachingeverystudent/toolkits/tk_resources.cfm?tk_id=41)

**FREE**

This is a resource with links to digital book sites as well as several search engines.

### **The Classic Reader (E)**

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

**FREE / Register**

Offers a large collection of free classic books. You can read, search and even add your own annotations to any of the classic books. A selection of author biographies and portraits are also available. The electronic text is available online.

### **Digital Book Index (E)**

<http://digitalbookindex.com/about.htm>

**FREE / Register / Purchase Fee**

This resource contains a large library with many books of western thought; covering a large range of literary interest. Some digital books are available for download. Many books are free, and some have a moderate cost.

### **Electronic Text Center, University of Virginia Library (E)**

<http://etext.virginia.edu/ebooks/>

**FREE**

This resource offers a large library of free electronic books in a wide range of topic interest, including children's literature. These ebooks can be accessed online or by a

Microsoft Reader or Palm Reader download. Links to download the free readers are available on their website.

### **Hennepin County Libraries (E & A)**

<http://www.hclib.org/pub/>

**FREE**

Audio books as cassette tapes or CDs are available to borrow. Audio and electronic text books are also available as downloads to Hennepin County library members from the NetLibrary link provided on the Hennepin Library website. The Hennepin libraries also offer electronic books through the Gale Virtual Reference Library collection, linked on their website. The Hennepin Library's OverDrive Digital Catalog also offers audio books for download.

### **The Internet Public Library (E)**

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

**FREE**

This is a library of topics and information with links to internet sites. There are various formats in which the information is offered by the various sources linked including web pages, PDF file, electronic text, etc. This source is not a direct resource for books, but rather provides links to internet sites with related information and books.

### **Intersect (scaffolded text) (E)**

<http://intersect.uoregon.edu>

**FREE**

This is a growing collection of supported text for middle school and high school students. Study strategies and topical information resources are incorporated into the electronic text.

### **Internet Archive (E & A)**

<http://www.archive.org/details/texts>

**FREE**

This non-profit organization archives internet resources including texts, audio, moving images, software, and archived web pages.

### **Just Free Books (E & A)**

<http://www.justfreebooks.info/>

**FREE**

This is a search engine that searches the content of over 550 websites for the desired materials.

### **Kid's Corner (E & A)**

<http://wiredforbooks.org/kids.htm>

**FREE**

Many young children's books are offered on this website. Book choices include books by Beatrix Potter, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz, etc. Some books are also offered in Japanese, German, and French.

### **Knowledge Rush (E)**

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

**FREE**

Knowledge rush offers a large assortment of materials and topics. Beyond books, there are poems, articles and an encyclopedia by topic. Materials are offered as online electronic text.

### **Librivox (A)**

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

**FREE**

Books from the public domain are narrated by volunteers and made available through downloadable mp3 files and podcasts.

### **Lit2Go (E & A)**

<http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>

**FREE**

Stories and poems in this collection are available through mp3 file downloads and are also available as electronic text viewable on the website. Materials can be browsed by reading level, as well as other options.

### **MightyBook (E & A)**

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

**Fee / Subscription**

This collection contains 600 animated children stories, and more, geared toward children ages 2-8. The collection also includes songs, cartoons and games.

### **MN State Services for the Blind (A)**

<http://www.mnssb.org>

**FREE / Fee**

Provides resources for audio books and information including: a link to the MN Braille and Talking Book Library, Radio Talking Book, Audio and Braille services, and dial in resources for local and national news. These are services specifically for persons with a qualifying visual impairment.

### **National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)**

**(E & A)**

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/>

**FREE / Membership**

This network of libraries across the nation lends audio, Braille and large print books and materials to persons with a qualifying visual or physical disability.

### **NetLibrary (E)**

<http://www.netlibrary.com>

**FREE / Account**

This Library offers over 170,000 materials in electronic text, audio files, electronic journals, images and electronic text found in subject centers. These books and materials can be accessed online or downloaded. With NetLibrary's online reader, bookmarks and notes can be placed, content can be navigated, and words looked up in the dictionary.

### **The On-Line Books Page (E)**

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/>

**FREE**

Over 30,000 digital text books can be viewed online or downloaded. Electronic text books can be searched by author, title, subject, or new book listings.

### **Open Library (E)**

<http://openlibrary.org/>

**FREE**

This library lists where to find over 22,845,000 books and has 1,064,000 books with full electronic text available online. Book searches can be customized to search only for scanned

books (books with full electronic text available online).

### **Page by Page Books (E)**

<http://www.pagebypagebooks.com>

**FREE**

Books in electronic text are displayed in page by page format on web pages. Navigation by chapter is also available. Links for book downloads are not available. This growing collection covers a variety of interests including, but not limited to inaugural speeches, classics, history, fiction, and short stories.

### **PodioBooks (A)**

<http://www.podiobooks.com>

**FREE / Subscribe**

Books are subscribed to and then delivered in episodes to your designated podcatcher (ex: iTunes) according to your chosen delivery schedule. The format is similar to podcasts. Full audio book versions can also be downloaded as one file.

### **Project Gutenberg (E & A)**

<http://www.gutenberg.net>

**FREE**

A collection of over 27,000 online books are available in a variety of interest topics. Founded in 1971, this is one of the oldest etext projects on the internet. There are also some audio books available in human readings or computer voices. Links to other ebook resources are listed on the website.

### **Read Print (E)**

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

**FREE**

Many books are available as electronic text viewable on the web page. Books are not available as download. Books are organized by Author.

### **Reading Room at the Internet Public Library (E)**

<http://www.ipl.org/div/reading/>

**FREE**

Resources for an array of online text in many subject areas spanning from children to adult is available on their website. Resources for

eBooks, newspapers and magazines are also available.

### **Readings For the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D) (A)**

<http://www.rfbd.org>

**Fee / Membership**

Audio books, by human narration, are available to people with a qualifying print disability. Textbooks, as well as many other books, can be found in their collection. Specially adapted players or software are required to play the audio books.

### **School eBook Library (E)**

<http://schoollibrary.com/Main.htm>

**FREE / Membership / Fee**

This collection contains over 500,000 eBooks and eDocuments. Literature ranges from classics to reference books, including encyclopedias and bibliographies. Available formats are PDF and mp3. 75,000 html eBooks and eDocuments are available for free.

### **Simply Audio Books (A)**

<http://www.simplyaudiobooks.com>

**FREE / Subscription / Fee**

One free advertised audio book is available per month for download. The rental library requires a membership fee with various plan options and contains over 11,000 titles. The download collection is available in a variety of plan options and contains over 10,000 titles. Audio formats available are WMA, iPod and CD.

### **Storynory (A)**

<http://storynory.com/>

**FREE**

Audio books with human narration for children are available online with text viewable online or as a quick time audio download. Stories in podcast downloads are also available.

### **Tar Heel Reader (E & A)**

<http://tarheelreader.org/>

**Free**

These free books are geared towards teenagers who are beginning readers. Stories are accessible through alternative methods and may also be speech enabled. Books can be

read or also easily created on this website.  
Books may also be downloaded.

### **TumbleBooks (E & A)**

[www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com)

**Subscription / Fee**

This is an online collection of talking, animated, picture books for children. The TumbleReadables collection includes books appropriate for middle school and high school students. Streamed audio books are also available.

### **The Universal Library (E)**

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

**FREE**

This project of one million books has many search options and books in many languages. This collection is anticipated to grow to 10 million books in 10 years. Books are available to be viewed online.

### **World Wide School (E)**

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

**FREE**

This collection contains many reading materials viewable online. Online page navigation is available. The large variety of topics include: Literature, Youth, History, Geography, Social Sciences, Reference, Non-English, etc.

### **Young People's Zone Online Library (E)**

<http://youngpeopleszone.cjb.net/>

**FREE**

A variety of stories for youth are available as plain text viewable online (without text navigation abilities). Some stories also include links to purchase from Amazon.com.