

Continuity of Education Plan: Independent Reading Online Resources

AUDIBLE

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OPEN LIBRARY

The openlibrary.org is part of the nonprofit Internet Archie and houses a collection of more than one million ebooks, with over 20,000 free books for kids that include both classic and newer titles.

AUDIBLE STORIES

This section of Audible is specifically designed for students and young readers with books categorized specifically by recommended age.

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OVERDRIVE

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SYNC

Every summer, teens (or adults!) looking for YA audiobooks can head over to SYNC, a free summer audiobook program for teens, sponsored by AudioFile Magazine and delivered by OverDrive.

LIBBY APP

Libby is an iPhone and Android compatible app powered by Overdrive, connected to your local library. It makes accessing ebooks and audiobooks particularly easy on a smartphone.

LIBRIVOX

Librivox is a non-profit initiative to record public domain books and release them as free audiobooks. The site boasts over <u>10,000 projects</u>, with a diverse set of titles ranging from *War and Peace* to *Leaves of Grass* to *Anne of Green Gables*.

LOYAL BOOKS

Loyal Books shares free audiobooks from titles in the public domain. You'll find options like John Milton's *Paradise Lost* and Sir Author Conan Doyle's *The Return of Sherlock Holmes*, among others.

OPEN CULTURE

Open Culture has combed through the same audiobooks offered other places online, and compiled them into one list to browse. While you'll still find many of the same classics offered elsewhere, like Frank L. Baum's *The Wizard of Oz* audiobooks, you'll also find stories by James Baldwin, Ray Bradbury, and Virginia Woolf.

PROJECT GUTENBERG

Project Gutenberg, of course, is the classic site for free books that are in the public domain. And now, their section of both ebooks and human-read free audiobooks offers an even wider collection of books. Stand-outs include Marion Zimmer Bradley's *The Colors of Space*, Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre*.

STORYNORY

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