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Sources for Fiction and Informational Texts

In our school and classroom libraries, it isn't physically possible to have every book we may need for our instruction and every book our students may want to read. An easy way to supplement and add variety to your fiction and informational texts is with access to digital materials. In our newsletters and in our library, we have shared numerous sources for online stories and informational texts. In case you missed them, here are some of the best:

Fiction sources:

[Storyline Online](#): Students can listen to a variety of picture books read aloud by members of the Screen Actor's Guild.

[Just Books Read Aloud](#): This site has pulled together picture books read aloud from multiple sources. The quality of each recording varies, but the number of titles available is helpful.

[Nook Blog Online Storytime](#): Students can listen to several authors read their picture books aloud.

Informational text sources:

[Our Little Earth](#): This is an international newspaper for kids you can have delivered via email every two weeks or can read past articles on their website.

[NewsELA](#): After a free sign up, you can access news articles written at different Lexile levels and even take a quiz about each.

[Scholastic News](#): This site houses kid-friendly online news articles covering current events.



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A Review of Past Issues

As the school year comes to a close and you begin to make a list of things you would like to get caught up on over the summer, (Yes, I have that list, too!) I want to share with you a few interesting and helpful articles from past issues that you may not have had time to read during the year.

- Need digital content to challenge your talented and gifted students? Check out [Digital Content for Talented and Gifted Students](#).
- Looking for visuals to enhance your math instruction? Check out [How to Use Digital Content for Math Instruction](#).
- Encourage your students to be active participants in historical settings. Check out our extensive list of [Social Studies simulations](#).
- Would you like an easy way to differentiate with digital content? Learn how with the article [Differentiate with Digital Backpacks](#).
- Are you focused on STEM? Check out our [STEM content](#) article.
- Not sure when you should be using technology? Check out our discussion of [When is Technology Necessary?](#)
- Focusing on science improvements? Check out our [NGSS Discussion and Simulation Examples](#).



Summer Backpacks

Do you have individual student accounts? If so, why not use our student backpack feature to share content that will keep your students' minds sharp over the summer. From your teacher account, create collections for June, July, and August and share them with your current students. Or coordinate with the teacher of your incoming class to use her account to share collections with your new students.

Directions for creating and sharing collections are found on [pages 16-19 of our classroom management membership guide](#). And video tutorials are found on our [professional development page](#).



**My
Collections**