

## Free Reading Resources

### Escape to another world ...

At these unusual times it can be very good for our mental well-being to escape to another world for a while. There was a bit of a rush on our school Libraries before the schools closed, from both students and teachers, but in case your child wasn't able to or for when they finish the books they borrowed we would like to share some free online resources for you to explore with your children. You may want to take a look for yourself too.



<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/reading-information/digital/reading>

Our public libraries don't just have physical resources, they also have an online offer. If you are a member of Nottinghamshire libraries (now part of INSPIRE) and can find your library card you may want to explore the link below - the main page for their digital offer (ebooks, audiobooks, emagazines and enewspapers).

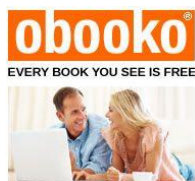


<https://readon.myon.co.uk/library/browse.html>

Our thanks go to Renaissance Learning who we use for Accelerated Reader for making their MyOn service free for all young people whilst the schools are closed. Students just need to click on the link below. There's no need to log in.

There is some fiction on there, but there is more non-fiction (information books) as well as a news section which is updated regularly although this is quite America focussed.

For those young people who find reading a bit tricky they can even get it to read it out to them which, as long as they read along with it, will help them improve their reading whilst they are learning from home. Think how much easier they would find their school work if they took this time to try to get even better at reading!



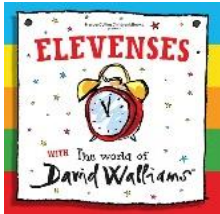
<https://www.oBooko.com/category/free-books-for-teens?page=3>

Obooko is a platform for authors to self-publish. Above is the link for the Teens and Young Adult fiction page, but they have lots of other categories, as well as non-fiction.



<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Thanks to Amazon who have made a selection of audio books for children free to listen to whilst the schools are closed. It's from their American site so there is a US bias, meaning many of the titles are unfamiliar to us, but maybe this is a time to try something new.



<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Thanks also to David Walliams who is releasing a new audio story each day at 11am for thirty days. They are taken from his book The World's Worst Children 3 and he is reading them himself.



<https://www.amazon.co.uk/kindle-dbs/hz/bookshelf/prime/>

If you have an Amazon Prime account you can download a limited selection of books for free. I believe they change regularly. Even without a Kindle you can download the app to read them.

## D.E.A.R. Time

Every day at school we have DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) time and this should be continuing whilst we are all learning from home. Key Stage 3 students at Bramcote College have thirty minutes DEAR time after lunch every day on their 'work at home' timetables and all other students are expected to find time to read as well. To return to where I started: we should particularly be considering the benefits of reading for mental well-being at this time.

All these links can also be found on the front page of our Online Library Service -

<http://library.whptrust.org>