

# RENAISSANCE

## Strategies for Book Access

Connect students to available reading materials.

If students are learning virtually, access to reading materials may be a challenge for them. Here are some ideas from educators of things that worked well for them.

### Getting print reading materials to students at home

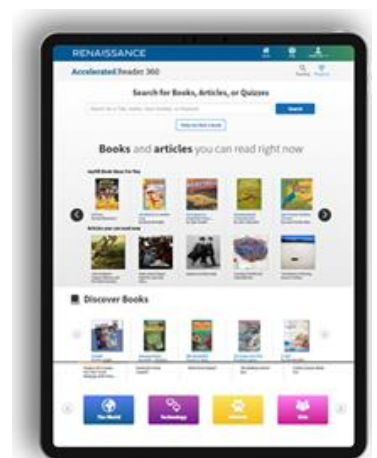
- **Book mobile** – Repurpose a bus and create a mobile library that can visit the students in your district. Are you delivering lunches to students? Perhaps some book bags could tag along!
- **Little Free Library** – Visit <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/> to find locations of little free libraries in your area. If you don't see any listed, create your own or encourage families in your area to set one up!
- **Public Library** – Team up with your public libraries. They may have different hours or services (like curbside pick-up) that can provide access to books for those families juggling work and family that can't make it to the library during the day.
- **Concierge book service** – Create a request system where students can work with you to help them find books to read. Consider making your library catalog available to them from home.
- **Book subscription services** – There are a number of companies that deliver books to students that parents can subscribe to. Invite community members to help sponsor a student's subscription to make sure that all students can participate.



Accelerated Reader's [Quiz Retake Restrictions Preference](#) allows you to set whether students are allowed to retake Accelerated Reader quizzes, and if so, how long they must wait before retaking a quiz. Adjusting this preference will help students be able to reread favorite books they have at home, unlocking some reading practice potential.

### Online reading materials

- **AR Nonfiction Articles** – Accelerated Reader includes nearly 2,000 nonfiction articles. Students can self-select these articles from within AR. And of course, each article has an AR quiz.
- **Digital Libraries** – Don't forget to share any digital resources you have available with families. You may want to send frequent reminders of how to access digital resources to students and families.
  - Is your school/district using myON? If not, reach out to your Renaissance representative to learn what options are available to you as a valued Accelerated Reader customer. Nearly every book in myON has an AR quiz, so this is a great way to support reading engagement when students do not have access to physical books. Each myON title also has natural voice audio narration, which is ideal for supporting beginning and struggling readers.



- See what several School Library Publishers are doing to provide free access to digital books. Amicus Publishing is offering a free e-book, *Manners with Technology*, available here: <https://www.amicuspublishing.us/books/amicus-illustrated/monstrous-manners>.



has two libraries of free e-books available through September 30: Grades PreK–5, consisting primarily of on-level audio paced interactive e-books with audio, and Grades 6–12, consisting of both fluent audio paced interactive e-books with audio as well as PDFs of classic titles from their *First Avenue Classics* line, many of which are standard school reading lists each year. You can learn more about the collections here: <https://lernerbooks.com/help-at-home>.

World Book Inc. released an e-book for children that explains the pandemic. It's called *COVID-19: What Can Kids Do?* It gives information on COVID-19 and advice on how to stay safe. It can be accessed here: <https://www.worldbook.com/COVID-19>.


They have also made all eight books from the *Out of This World* series available as free e-books. The books can be accessed here: <https://www.worldbook.com/nasa/out-of-this-world.htm>.



- Public libraries have additional online resources available that can expand possibilities to your students.
- YouTube book readings – Many local and national celebrities have been sharing recordings of themselves reading their favorite children’s stories. Encourage families to look for these online and share in reading time.

## Looking for more ideas?

Here are some additional resources that can help:

- International Federation of Library Associations shares what other countries are doing to continue to provide services remotely. <https://www.ifla.org/covid-19-and-libraries#services>
- Join our  RenaissanceRoyals community to learn from fellow Renaissance Educators. Sign up for this year’s Accelerated Reader Honor Roll challenge to get supports for the best implementation all year long. <https://royals.renaissance.com/join/honorroll>