

Fun Reading Resources

Dear La Mesa-Spring Valley Students,

We miss all you wonderful friends! While we can't welcome you to the school libraries right now, we can share with you some great online resources for you to explore from your homes. Have fun reading, exploring, and learning online!

From your devoted library techs

E-books and databases

- ♦ Check out the San Diego County Library at **sdcl.org**. If you don't already have a library card, you can apply online for a free eCard. You'll need a cell phone number. Once you have this, you can check out an unlimited amount of e-books.
- ♦ The San Diego City Library system has a great e-book collection. Go to **sandiego.gov/public-library/elibrary** and click on the Tumble Book Library. You'll hear the book while you read yourself.
- ♦ Junior Library Guild at **JLG@Home** is offering a wide range of free titles. You can choose Elementary, Middle, or High School. Ignore the Personal Sign-In box at the top. Just scroll down to the books and begin.
- ♦ For a wonderful selection of books at different levels and in different languages go to **en.childrenslibrary.org**. You don't need to register to use this site. You'll find books in Spanish, Arabic, Farsi, and other languages.
- ♦ Maybe you're more of a nonfiction reader? Go to **school.eb.com** to access the online Encyclopedia Britannica. (For Spanish, go to **escolar.eb.com**.) To access, you'll need to log in.
User: lmsvsd
Password: lmsvsd
Then you can choose Elementary, Middle, or High School level. Have fun exploring all the interesting information, videos, and games.
- ♦ Go to **proquest.libguides.comCaliforniaK12** for access to 7 different, amazing databases with information about countries, people, videos, magazines, and newspapers.
User: lmsvsd
Password: lmsvsd#1
- ♦ Love comic art? Go to **zekesguidetohistory.com** to read and learn about history in a fun comic art format. This just might inspire you to create your own comic strip!

Audio Books

- ♦ At **storylineonline.net**, different actors read picture books from well-known classics to new ones. You get to hear them and see the pages too. Oprah Winfrey will make you wish you had a hula hoop!
- ♦ Audible is also offering many titles for free now. Go to **stories.audible.com**. You'll find a great selection of stories including picture books and novels. You can listen on your own and find one that your whole family can listen to together.

Author websites—fun places to learn about authors, their books, and more

- ♦ For all you Dav Pilkey fans who are missing Dog Man and Captain Underpants, check out his website at **pilkey.com**. You can read a Sneak Peak of *Dog Man: Grime and Punishment*! There are fun videos and activity sheets that you can print out. Mr. Pilkey is also partnering with Scholastic beginning April 1 at **kids.scholastic.com/kids/books/dav-pilkey-at-home**.
- ♦ Do you love Rick Riordan's books about Percy Jackson and friends? Go to **rickriordan.com**. You can explore his different series and adventure-packed worlds. You can even take a quiz to find out if you're a Half-Blood!
- ♦ Many of us have become Kwame Alexander fans after reading *Crossover*. Check out **kwamealexander.com** to learn more about him. Be inspired!
- ♦ Ready to travel to a land where you meet favorite fairy tale characters? Check out **thelandofstories.com**, the website of Chris Colfer, author of the magical *The Land of Stories* series. If you're a fan, you can submit your own artwork or music. Have a parent help you.
- ♦ Raina Telgemeier's graphic novels are always popular. Explore her site at **goraina.com**. She shares advice for budding cartoonists and has suggestions for activities while you're at home. Write her a fan letter!

Other

- ♦ Who doesn't LOVE Mo Willems books — *Elephant & Piggie*, *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, and lots of others?! Mr. Willems is now giving free, virtual art lessons! Go to **kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems**.
- ♦ At this site, Scholastic has a wealth of reading, thinking, and growing activities. Go to **classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html**.
- ♦ **Firstbook.org/coronavirus-educator-resources** is a treasure trove of learning resources for you and your parents to explore.