**Online Resources for Families**

(Last updated: April 20, 2020. New resources are added at the end of each section.)

# Author/Book sites

## Audible.com

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

Free audiobooks for kids to listen to during the pandemic crisis. No subscription or login needed. Six different languages available.

## Dav Pilkey at Home

[https://kids.scholastic.com/kids/books/dav-pilkey-at-home/](https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/)

Videos, drawing lessons, and activities featuring characters from Captain Underpants and Dog Man.

## Harry Potter at Home

<https://www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-at-home>

Activities, games, videos, drawing lessons, and more for Harry Potter fans.

## Kids’ Poems and Stories with Michael Rosen

[https://www.youtube.com/MichaelRosenOfficial](https://www.orcabook.com/Read-Aloud-Canadian-Books-Program.aspx)

Michael Rosen’s official YouTube channel includes Rosen reading his own works, Reading Rock Reviews (book reviews), Grave Goods (history videos), interviews with other authors, etc.

## Tumble Book Library

From North Van District Library: [https://nvdpl.ca/ebooks-e-reading-children](https://nvdpl.ca/fun-games-children)

From North Van City Library: [https://www.nvcl.ca/research/onlineresources#t](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm1E1llW1mkeCyUTxv56mzw/videos#t)

Tumble Book Library is a large collection of online books, audiobooks, videos, and other resources. Many popular and current books are available here! Go through the public library site, but no library card is needed.

Tumble Books

Ebooks and audiobooks for kids: picture books, early readers, novels, graphic novels and nonfiction. National Geographic videos, puzzles and games, too!

Teen BookCloud

Ebooks and audiobooks for teens: novels, graphic novels and nonfiction.

Tumblemath

Ebooks that help students learn math. Many books include quizzes to practice skills and lesson plans for teachers.

## North Vancouver City Library

You can use many online resources for free through the North Vancouver City Library. Some require a library card. If you don’t have one, you can apply online: <https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/library-card>

Libby/Library2Go (Overdrive)

[https://bcpl.overdrive.com](https://sd79.bc.ca/services/district-learning-commons/home-learning-activities/)

Ebooks and audiobooks.

Homework resources

<https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/children/homework-help>

Fun and games

[https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/children/fun-and-games](https://www.debbieohi.com/homelearn)

## North Vancouver District Public Library

You can use many online resources for free through the North Vancouver District Public Library. Some require a library card. If you don’t have one, you can get one over the phone. Library staff are available to help you from 9:00 to 5:00, Monday to Friday. [https://nvdpl.ca/get-touch](https://www.historymuseum.ca/exhibitions/online-exhibitions/)

Hoopla

<https://nvdpl.ca/get-started-hoopla>

Ebooks, graphic novels and audiobooks. Borrow up to 6 items per month.

Libby/Library2Go (Overdrive)

[https://bcpl.overdrive.com](http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/exhibitions/art-at-home)

Ebooks and audiobooks.

Homework resources

<https://nvdpl.ca/homework-resources-children>

Fun and games

[https://nvdpl.ca/fun-games-children](https://www.nvcl.ca/research/onlineresources)

## Storybooks Canada

[https://storybookscanada.ca/](https://www.youtube.com/playlist)

This site is part of the Global Storybooks project and has stories from the African Storybook in English, French, and a number of other languages spoken immigrants and refugees of Canada. Stories are at five reading levels and include text and audio.

## FOLD Kids Academy webinars

<https://thefoldcanada.org/webinars-activities/fold-academy-monthly-webinars/>

Presented by the Festival of Literary Diversity, this webinar series “connects young readers and writers 5–9 years of age with Canadian authors.” Webinars take place at 8:00 a.m. PDT every Wednesday in April.

## Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL14hRqd0PELGbKihHuTqx\_pbvCLqGbOkF](https://www.hopestory.ca/events/online-programs/?list=PL14hRqd0PELGbKihHuTqx_pbvCLqGbOkF)

Mo Willems posts a video each day about doodling, his books, and his studio, and answers questions from readers.

## The Write Stuff with Eric Walters

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm1E1llW1mkeCyUTxv56mzw/videos?disable\_polymer=1](https://storybookscanada.ca/?disable_polymer=1)

Videos, readings, and talks from Eric Walters, Canadian author of more than 100 books for kids and teens.

## Monique Gray Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5YlBcE7P4V5olG5J7y44EA>

Indigenous author of well-loved books such as *You Hold Me Up* reads her books aloud on her YouTube channel.

## Kenneth Oppel

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLNHp0436t0q13WOJBmzjhCwDoxsp3ye7K](https://www.youtube.com/MichaelRosenOfficial?list=PLNHp0436t0q13WOJBmzjhCwDoxsp3ye7K)

Kenneth Oppel reads aloud from his picture books and novels on his YouTube Channel.

## Blue Spruce 2020 Read-Alouds

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQhZ3lKcLMQ3nEf6iM5DBNw>

Canadian picture book authors read their books aloud.

(New resources as of Apr. 20 start here)

## Danielle Daniel

[https://www.instagram.com/p/B-cBzEVAFdQ/](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp)

Danielle Daniel reads her picture book *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* aloud.

[https://www.instagram.com/p/B-cEAJJgz5q/](https://www.nsnews.com/community/north-vancouver-firefighters-give-kids-a-virtual-tour-of-their-station-video-1.24117206)

Danielle Daniel sings a song that goes with *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox*.

## Circle Round

<https://www.wbur.org/circleround>

Radio plays featuring folktales from around the world. (Recommended by the First Nations Education Steering Committee)

## Orca Book Publishers authors reading their books aloud

[https://www.orcabook.com/Read-Aloud-Canadian-Books-Program.aspx](https://nvdpl.ca/ebooks-e-reading-children)

Videos of Orca authors reading their works. Includes picture books and middle grade and YA novels.

## Learning from Home with Debbie Ridpath Ohi

[https://www.debbieohi.com/homelearn](https://www.instagram.com/p/B-cEAJJgz5q/)

Beloved Canadian illustrator Debbie Ridpath Ohi posts book read-alouds, daily creative challenges, and free printable activities.

## The Big List of Children’s Authors Doing Online Read-Alouds & Activities

<https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/>

From We Are Teachers, a list of more than 50 authors offering read-alouds and activities.

## Susin Nielsen reading *No Fixed Address*

[https://twitter.com/susinnielsen](https://quillandquire.com/omni/what-and-how-to-read-with-your-child-during-a-crisis/)

Susin Nielsen reads her novel *No Fixed Address* on her Twitter account, one chapter each day (ages approximately 9 to 12). No Twitter account needed.

## KitLit TV

<https://kidlit.tv/>

An award-winning site full of video series, read-alouds, author interviews, drawing lessons, singalongs, and activities.

# Fun educational sites

## Canadian Space Agency educational activities

[https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/activities/default.asp](https://www.nvcl.ca/using-the-library/children/fun-and-games)

Experiments, games, podcasts, and videos for kids.

## NASA at Home

[https://www.nasa.gov/specials/nasaathome/index.html](https://kids.scholastic.com/kids/books/dav-pilkey-at-home/)

Videos, podcasts, e-books, virtual tours, experiments, and other activities for kids.

## Indigenous colouring sheets from Ronnie Dean Harris

<https://www.ronniedeanharris.com/colouring>

Stō:lo/St’át'imc/Nlaka'pamux artist Ronnie Dean Harris shares colouring sheets of his artwork.

## CBC Kids

[https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/](https://bcpl.overdrive.com/)

Videos, games, stories, articles, and things to make. Check the Explore tab to see all the categories.

CBC Kids Indigenous Resources

<https://www.cbc.ca/kidscbc2/explore/indigenous>

Videos, games, stories, and articles related to Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

## Wide Open School

<https://wideopenschool.org/>

An enormous list of free online resources for K–9 students and parents, curated by the editors of Common Sense Media. Includes math, social studies, language arts, science, art and music, ELL, accessibility, supporting students with disabilities, emotional well-being, physical education, life skills and virtual field trips. Also, resources to help with learning at home and a regularly updated list of online live events like read-alouds, cooking classes, concerts, and so on.

## North Vancouver City Fire Department Virtual Tour

[https://www.nsnews.com/community/north-vancouver-firefighters-give-kids-a-virtual-tour-of-their-station-video-1.24117206](https://twitter.com/susinnielsen) or on the NVCFD Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NVCFD/videos/239790920550975/>

Ten-minute virtual field trip to the fire hall.

## Collection of fun learning activities to do at home

[https://sd79.bc.ca/services/district-learning-commons/home-learning-activities/](https://www.youtube.com/playlist)

Collection of fun and educational activities put together by the Cowichan Valley School District, organized by grades. Check often for updates.

## HopeStory Free Video Events for Kids and Families

[https://www.hopestory.ca/events/online-programs/](https://www.nasa.gov/specials/nasaathome/index.html)

“Educational and interactive sessions that will include elements of storytelling, writing, international culture, and art” aimed at kids and caregivers. So far, current and upcoming events include sessions on storytelling with Eric Walters, art with Gina Duque, “Kids Ask Kids Around the World,” and how to support learning at home. Register for upcoming events or watch recordings of past events. Kids can submit questions in advance of upcoming events by email.

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## First Voices for Kids

<https://www.firstvoices.com/kids/FV/sections/Data/>

Explore BC’s First Nations languages and cultures by learning words and phrases, listening to songs and stories, and playing games. (Recommended by the First Nations Education Steering Committee)

## Canadian Museum of History online exhibitions

[https://www.historymuseum.ca/exhibitions/online-exhibitions/](https://bcpl.overdrive.com/)

A collection of online exhibitions, many related to Indigenous Peoples.

## Royal BC Museum Learning Portal

<https://learning.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/>

Explore the Royal BC Museum from home. Topics are organized by pathways, playlists, and themes.

## Vancouver Art Gallery Art at Home

[http://www.vanartgallery.bc.ca/exhibitions/art-at-home](https://www.instagram.com/p/B-cBzEVAFdQ/)

Every Sunday, the Vancouver Art Gallery posts a new art activity that kids can do at home.

## Polygon Gallery Hearts for Seniors

[https://thepolygon.ca/news/kids-first-saturdays-hearts-for-seniors/](https://nvdpl.ca/get-touch)

Decorate a heart (templates provided or your own design), take a picture or it, and email the picture to the Polygon Gallery. They will be shared with seniors’ residences and displayed in the windows of the gallery (next to Lonsdale Quay).

# Sites for Parents

## Scholastic Parents

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLtCDOmMCDvapsNVMF2JE0wx9x4PCUs6Qj>

Videos from Scholastic on parenting, helping kids learn, and other topics.

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## What and How to Read with Your Child During a Crisis

[https://quillandquire.com/omni/what-and-how-to-read-with-your-child-during-a-crisis/](https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/activities/default.asp)

Book recommendations to help you help your child. Includes a link to a [free download](https://thepolygon.ca/news/kids-first-saturdays-hearts-for-seniors/?f=001Gq13Et5VVAIrRHPCRaVFQdXPNzfkbbOiME1puM_Rkrs9t3vyYfXaWXt-uyRQ83NwyVY6gOXehHWNRylVjZ5CtF6jmLFVtyijb8Agcj_iG35yTmcn3DjSslGJSoOpQ2mI-ZhNQbVN3rUw2yy3Q6dT96KH9lz10jmH7m4QkFcO4vj9lqw9fGx2dENWQgsJtXSffyh7O-IiLvM=&c=pnUDsWnO2sHD2C-NpJdaW-wdBUSXLZBAhLqy28f-6zHlfy5yx-47bw==&ch=NOtShcJs1nW_3n4jJi-IV5qOd0ZWB5tI9BrvtOrGBrawONPFJCys3A==) of the book *On the News: Our First Talk About Tragedy*by Jillian Roberts, for children six to eight years old, made available by Orca Book Publishers.