COVID-19 Resources for Families
From the Southington Public Library*

Links to discussion starters, online library materials, and access to free educational resources for distance learning

Talking About COVID-19

[Sesame Street—Caring for Each Other](#)
Your friends on Sesame Street are here to support you and your family during the COVID-19 health crisis...This site provides content and resources you can use with your family to offer comfort and spark playful learning activities. Click on Elmo's Virtual Hug to learn how this site will provide sing-a-longs, storytimes, learning, and video playdates.

[Social-Emotional Needs of Children During This Crisis](#)
Texas School Librarian Carolyn Foote compiled mental health resources regarding talking to kids about the virus and self-care tips for students and teachers. May need to be opened in browser.

[COVIBOOK](#)
Author Manuela Molina has created a picture book to support and reassure children under the age of seven and their families regarding COVID-19 and the range of emotions it brings up. She recommends families and educators all over the world print this material so children can draw on it. Click on the link for translations in 22 languages.

[Town of Southington Youth Services](#)- Supportive Counseling Services
Christina Simms, Director simmsc@southington.org 860-276-6284

[Town of Southington Community Services](#)

[Southington Public School's](#) COVID-19 Information for Families

[Early Childhood Collaborative of Southington](#) Facebook page has resources to find childcare for essential workers during quarantine, food programs for kids, and much more.

Ways the Southington Library Can Help

The Southington Library provides access to many online resources for all ages including:
Ebooks   Movies   Audiobooks   Magazines   Music   Online Courses

If you are a Southington resident visit the [Southington Library](#) website and look for Digital Resources under the Services tab at the top of the page. Kids may want to check out the [Tumble Book Library](#) for story books, videos, language learning, puzzles and games. Feel free to email us at [southingtonpubliclibrary@southington.org](#) with any questions!

Don't have a Southington Library card?
[Complete this brief form](#) to get your temporary card. Library staff will follow up with you within 24-48 hours or less to provide you with a temporary e-Resource card that will give access to our curated collection of digital resources. This card will be good until the Library returns to full service, at which time you can upgrade the card with proof of residency to access physical items as well.

Not a Southington Resident? You can access the materials at your library, too! Here's how:

- Find your local library in this search site of [Connecticut Libraries](#) through the Connecticut Library Consortium.
- Click on the name of your local library and then click on "visit website"
- Scroll through the different databases of resources available to you
- Use your library card and its barcode to deliver these resources to you via different platforms (computer, tablet, mobile device)

Don't have a library card? No problem. Many libraries are offering temporary electronic resource cards to allow access to online materials during this time. After we get through this (and we will!) make a trip to your local library, fill out a library card application, and see all the great things offered *inside* libraries!

If you need help, email or call your library. Though most libraries are temporarily closed, some still have staff in the building helping patrons remotely. If not, many are working from home and are more than happy to help!

Storytime Anytime
Read, sing, learn, and play along with Southington Library's Miss Molly at a storytime class available on demand. Each exciting video recreates a library storytime for your child filled with songs, books, and lots of fun! Available on our [Facebook Page](#) and our [Youtube Channel](#)

Southington Library Kid's Place Social Media Links, for more storytimes, crafts, science fun, and general silliness:
[Facebook](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Pinterest](#)

[Teen Zone links](#) from the Southington Library

Browse links from topics including Book Stuff, Fun Stuff, Homework Help, and Real Life Stuff

Enfield Public Library has compiled this list of resources for families without access to schools or public libraries

Connect with your favorite children's book authors and illustrators through this list at Deschutes Public Library.
Explore a selection of Instagram, FaceTime Live and YouTube live children's events. Dan Santat Online Survival School! Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems! Squiggles and Scribbles with Ben Clanton! (Also, explore a list of Resources for Teachers, Families and Children.)

Educational Resources

ABDO - Free access to ABDO's digital products through June 30:
Grades PreK-2 ABDO Zoom Online Databases
Grades PreK-8 Online Digital Library
Grades 5-12 Online Digital Library

AUDIBLE
Audible is offering this collection of titles for all ages (littlest listeners, elementary, tween, tween, plus "classics"). Includes titles in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, and Japanese.

BOUND TO STAY BOUND - Educational resources for at home learning
BTSB has assembled a resource page for librarians, educators and parents. Content areas include authors (offering free books, read-alouds, activities), publishers (free resources), educational websites, virtual tours, fun activities and professional development.

Community of Learning
The Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC) and its wonderful content providers have come together to provide core curriculum every day of the week for homebound students in grades K-6th. Beginning March 23rd we will offer, free of charge, interactive, live-streamed programs from 9:30am to 3:30pm Eastern time. The programs are delivered by our highly professional content providers.

CT STATE DEPT OF EDUCATION - Resources to Support Student Learning During School Closures Due to COVID-19

Junior Library Guild - JLG @ Home
FREE access to the JLG Digital online reading platform, with eBook collections for elementary, middle, and high school students. Unlimited access from any device, no limit to the number of users. See link for access info.

Scholastic Learn at Home
Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing
Even when schools are closed, you can keep the learning going with these special cross-curricular journeys. Every day includes four separate learning experiences, each built

around a thrilling, meaningful story or video. Kids can do them on their own, with their families, or with their teachers. Just find your grade level and let the learning begin!

Scholastic - FREE ACCESS to the following resources through April:
    Username: Learning20
    Password: Clifford
BookFlix (PreK-3) – https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/bkflix?ucn=642726498
TrueFlix (Grades 3+) – https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/tfx?ucn=642726498
ScienceFlix (Grades 5+) – https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/sfx?ucn=642726498
Watch & Learn Library (Prek-3) –
https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/watchandlearn?ucn=642726498

Virtual Learning and Engagement Resources for Educators and Parents
The COVID-19 pandemic has led to school closures to keep teachers, staff, and students safe. Authors and publishers are providing educators and parents with a variety of tools for engaging with kids—everything from storytime hours to art lessons. Posted on the site, *We Are Bookish*

A list of free educational websites from Judy Beahan from Griswold Elementary School. Thanks Judy!

*Curated from librarians near and far, including the Connecticut State Library, Connecticut Library Consortium, School Library Journal, children's book authors and illustrators, and book publishers who have graciously provided free and open access to their resources during this trying time. Thank you everybody!

Having trouble using these resources? Email us!
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