



Digital Text in the Classroom

Online Resources for Reading



Accessible Book Collection



Overview of Digital Text

E-text or “digital text”

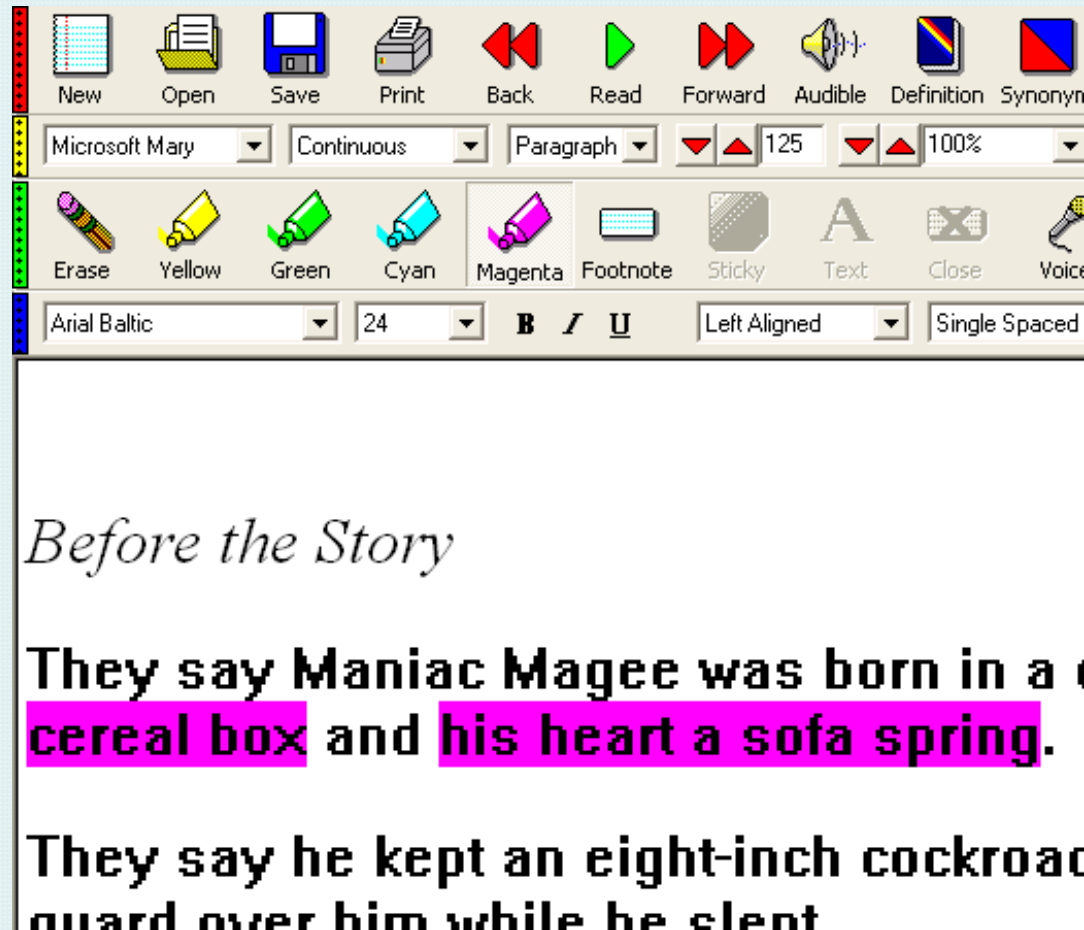
“An **e-text** (from “electronic text”; sometimes written as *etext*) is, generally, any text-based information that is available in a digitally encoded human-readable format and read by electronic means...”

What is an e-book?

“An **e-book** (short for **electronic book**, also written **eBook** or **ebook**), as known as a digital book, is an e-text that forms the digital media equivalent of a conventional printed book...”

What do you do with e-text?

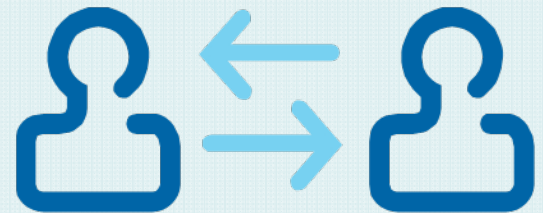
- Have it read out loud by the computer
- Magnify it, change the font, change the colors, increase the spacing between lines
- Use electronic highlighters to mark it up
- Insert comments, comprehension supports
- Quickly get the definition of a word
- Quickly search the text for a term



Who benefits from e- text?

Think about the types of students that might benefit from having e-text instead of printed material to read.

Share at least one idea.



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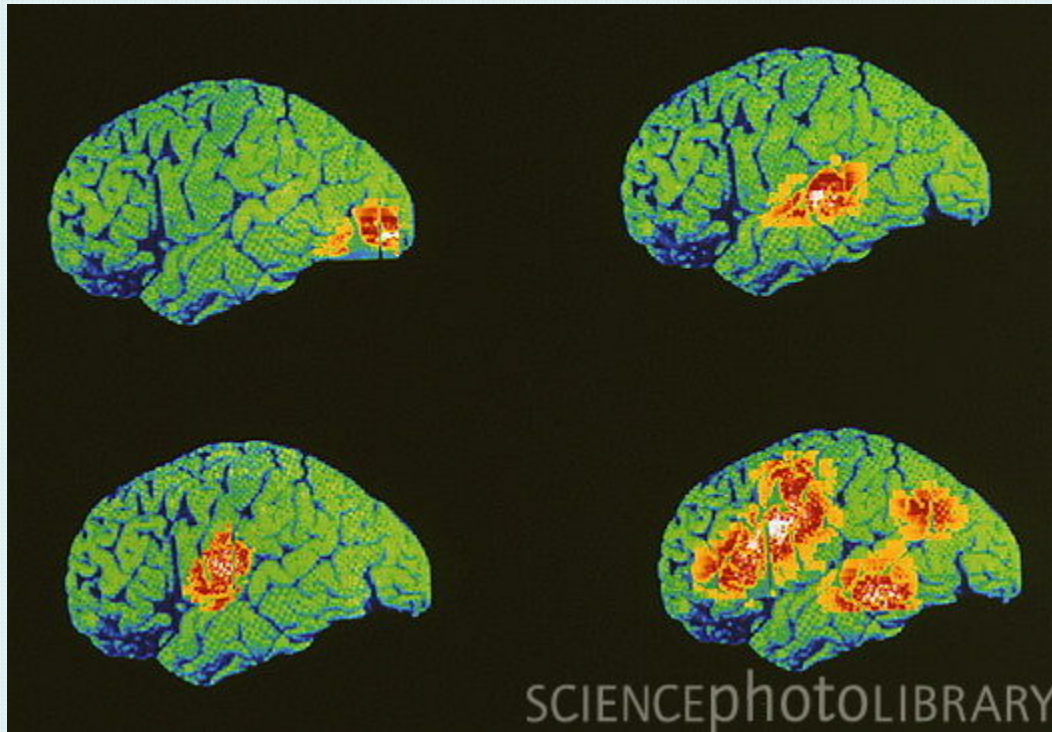
- Students who can't see the text
- Students who can't hold a book and turn the pages independently
- Students who can comprehend text when read to them that they can't decode by themselves

- Students who have difficulty tracking text
- Students who get distracted while reading
- Students who need extra supports to understand the text (thinking questions, vocabulary highlighted, "text attack strategies")
- Students who are still learning English

The Human Brain When Activated by Different Tasks

Seeing

Hearing



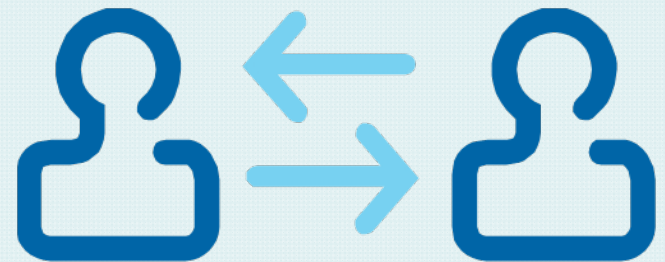
Speaking

Thinking

Why use
digital text
instead of
human
readers?

What do you do at
your school? Why?

Share at least one
idea.



Why use digital text instead of human readers?

- No worry of getting extra hints
- Consistent presentation
- Don't need extra staff
- Kids can read at their own pace
- Kids can have read only the parts that they need
- Kids have access to tools like dictionary, highlighters, embedded supports



Public Law 104-197 “The Chafee Amendment”

- An exception to the copyright law
- Allows “authorized entities” to distribute e-books
- “...exclusively for use by blind or other persons with disabilities”

***This is the law that makes
accessiblebookcollection.org
possible***

Who are “blind or other persons with disabilities?”

Description of Students	Category
Students who can't see the text	Visual Impairments (VI)
Students who can't hold a book and turn the pages independently	Physical Disabilities (PD)
Students who can comprehend text when read to them that they can't decode by themselves	Learning Disabilities (LD)

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Eligible Students

The Educator's Dilemma

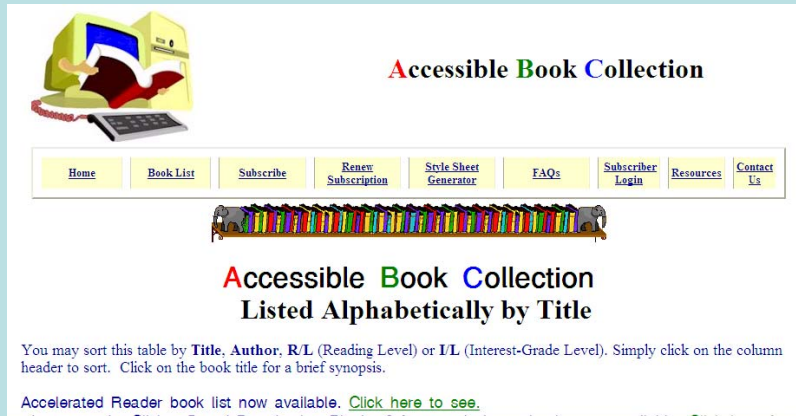
Teachers are responsible for providing ALL students with disabilities access to the general education curriculum



Students with “print disabilities” do not account for all students who need digital text

Online Resources for Digital Books

Accessible Book Collection: Providing Digital Text to Persons with Disabilities



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Accessible Book Collection. At the top left is a logo of a computer monitor with a book flying out. To the right, the text "Accessible Book Collection" is displayed. Below this is a navigation menu with buttons for Home, Book List, Subscribe, Renew Subscription, Style Sheet Generator, FAQs, Subscriber Login, Resources, and Contact Us. A graphic of a bookshelf is positioned below the menu. The main heading reads "Accessible Book Collection Listed Alphabetically by Title". Below this, a paragraph explains that users can sort by Title, Author, RL (Reading Level), or IL (Interest-Grade Level). At the bottom, there is a link for an "Accelerated Reader book list".

Accessible Book Collection

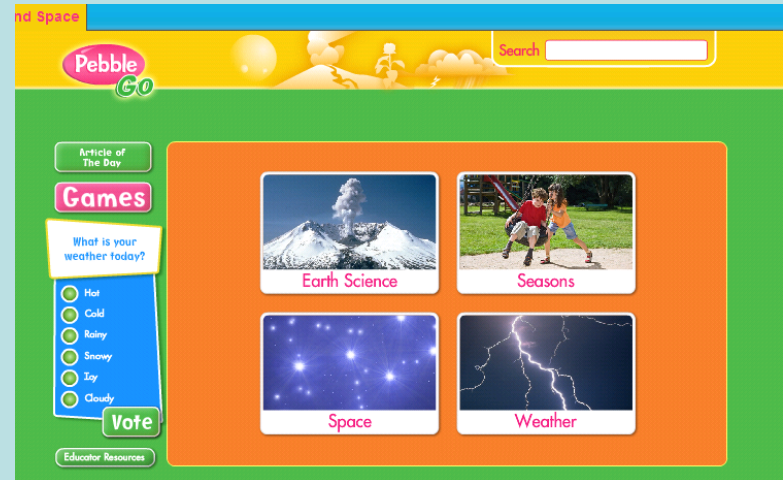
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Accessible Book Collection
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Accelerated Reader book list now available. [Click here to see.](#)

PebbleGo Earth and Space



The screenshot shows the PebbleGo Earth and Space website. It features a search bar at the top right. A central orange box contains four categories: Earth Science (with a volcano image), Seasons (with a baseball game image), Space (with a starry sky image), and Weather (with a lightning bolt image). To the left of this box is a "Games" section with a "Vote" button and a list of weather conditions: Hot, Cold, Rainy, Snowy, Dry, and Cloudy. There is also an "Article of The Day" button and an "Educator Resources" button at the bottom left.

nd Space

PebbleGo

Search

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What is your weather today?

Hot
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Educator Resources

Tumble Books



The screenshot shows the Tumble Books website. The header includes the text "e-books for e-kids" and the "TumbleBook Library" logo. A navigation bar has buttons for Home, Index, and My Favorites. The main content area features a central cartoon book character and six colorful buttons: Story Books, Tumble Readables, Life Learning, Puzzles & Games, Language Learning, and Audio Books.

e-books for e-kids

TumbleBook Library

Home Index My Favorites

STORY BOOKS

TUMBLE READABLES

LIFE LEARNING

PUZZLES & GAMES

LANGUAGE LEARNING

AUDIO BOOKS

One More Story



The screenshot shows the One More Story website. It features a red bookshelf graphic filled with various children's book covers. A small cartoon character is visible at the top left of the shelf. The books are arranged in three rows, with each book having a small green play button icon below it.

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One More Story

The Accessible Book Collection...

-provides hundreds of e-books for readers with disabilities.

Each school should create a list of students who qualify.



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The **A**ccessible **B**ook **C**ollection

Only qualified students may use this as a resource for books. This form is included on the Accessible Book Collection website.

Indicate the nature of the disability that prevents the applicant reading standard print effectively.

Blindness / Visual Impairment

Learning Disability

Other Physical Disability

I certify the existence of a physical basis of the visual, perceptual or other physical disability limiting the applicant's ability to effectively use standard print, and that I have the professional qualifications to make such a certification.

The Accessible Book Collection...

has a Book List that is searchable by title, author, interest and reading levels (but not genre)

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>RL</u>	<u>Word Count</u>	<u>I/L (Grade)</u>	<u>Buy From</u>
1984	Orwell, George	7.2	103794	9 to 12	Amazon
A Child Called "It"	Pelzer, Dave	5.0	31569	9 to 12	Amazon
A my name is ALICE	Bayer, Jane	Easy Reader	0	1	Amazon
Abiyoyo	Seeger, Pete	Easy Reader	0	1	Amazon
Abominable Snowman, The	Antonopulos, Barbara	6.2	4482	7 to 12	Amazon
Abominable Snowman, The Classroom Suite	Antonopulos, Barbara	6.2	4482	7 to 12	Amazon
Abraham Lincoln	Bledsoe, Lucy Jane	3.6	5400	4 to 12	
Absolutely Lucy	Cooper, Ilene	Easy Reader	7273	1	Amazon
Acceleration	McNamee, Graham	4.1	47017	9 to 12	Amazon
Accident that Changed My Life, An	Gaboriault, Randy	2.1	537	7 to 12	
Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie	Gregory, Kristiana	4.9	29048	5 to 12	Amazon
Actor, The	Jackson, Anita	1.4	6053	4 to 12	Amazon
Adventures of Bert, The	Ahlberg, Allan	Easy Reader	0	1	Amazon
Adventures of Bert, The Clicker 5	Ahlberg, Allan	Easy Reader	0	1	Amazon

The **A**ccessible **B**ook **C**ollection...

has books available in an html format for Kurzweil and Natural Reader, as well as Clicker 5 and Boardmaker e-books.

341. **Everywhere** by Bruce Brooks

The deep bond between a boy and his grandfather may be the only thing that can save the old man's life when he suffers a heart attack. But first the boy must overcome his feelings of helplessness and guilt. (4.2, 4 to 12, 12724 words.) This book can be purchased from [Amazon.com](#). [Download Here](#)

★ 342. **Extraordinary Egg, An** by Leo Lionni

Jessica the frog befriends the animal that hatches from an egg she brought home, thinking it is a chicken. (Easy Reader, 1) This book can be purchased from [Amazon.com](#). [Download Here](#)

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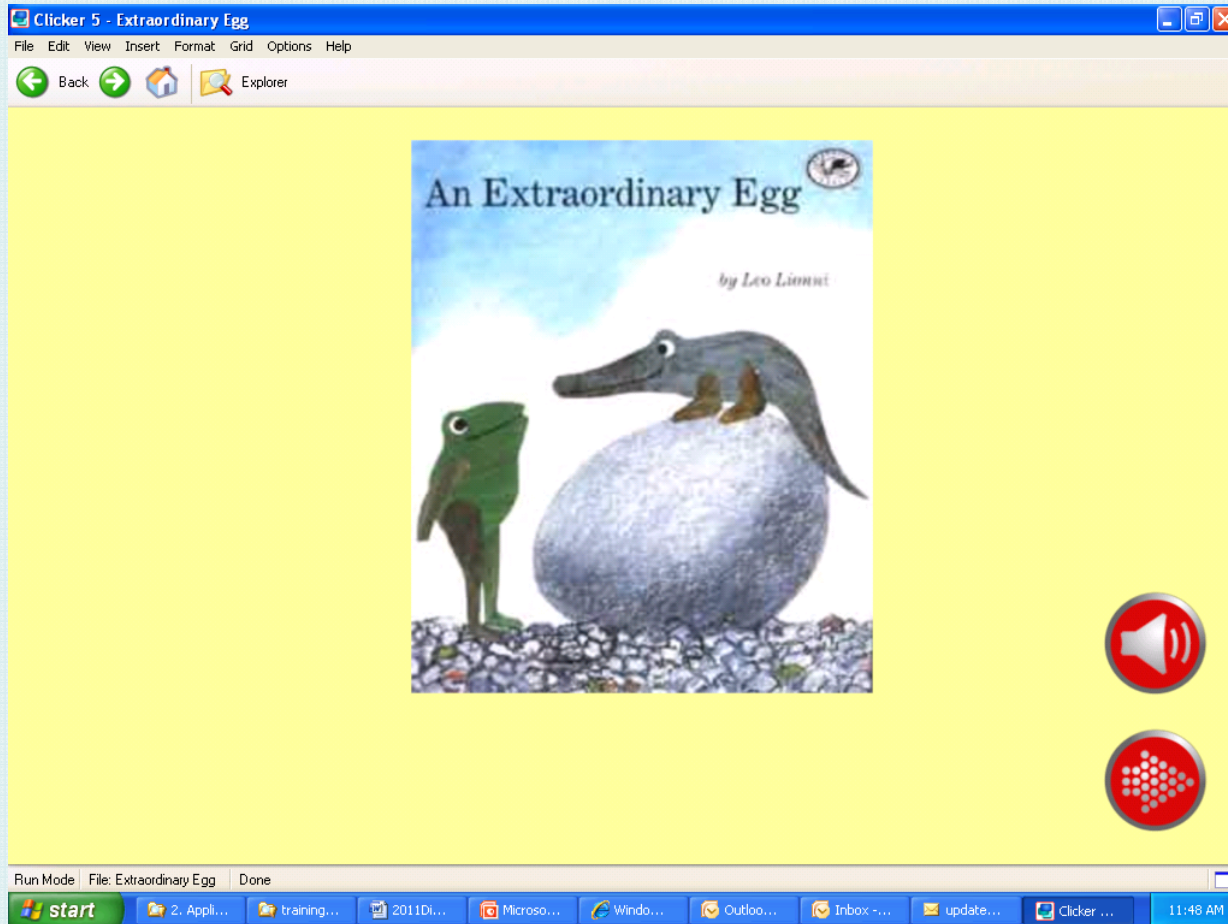
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345. **Face on the Milk Carton, The** by Caroline Cooney

A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity. (4.2, 7 to

Downloaded book in Clicker 5 version.





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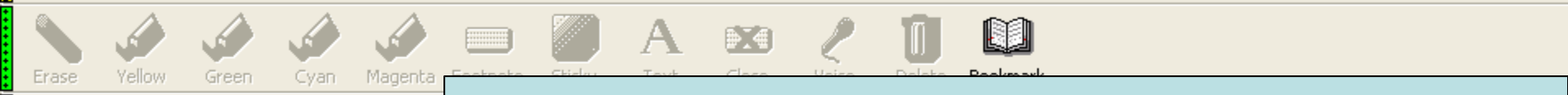
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- Change Background Color:
- White
- Cream Blue
- Lavender Aqua
- Marine Pink Orange
- Olive Green Mint
- Green Gray

Kurzweil allows lots of flexibility including speed of reading the text, size of text, embedded supports like a dictionary, and more student control over text that is being read.

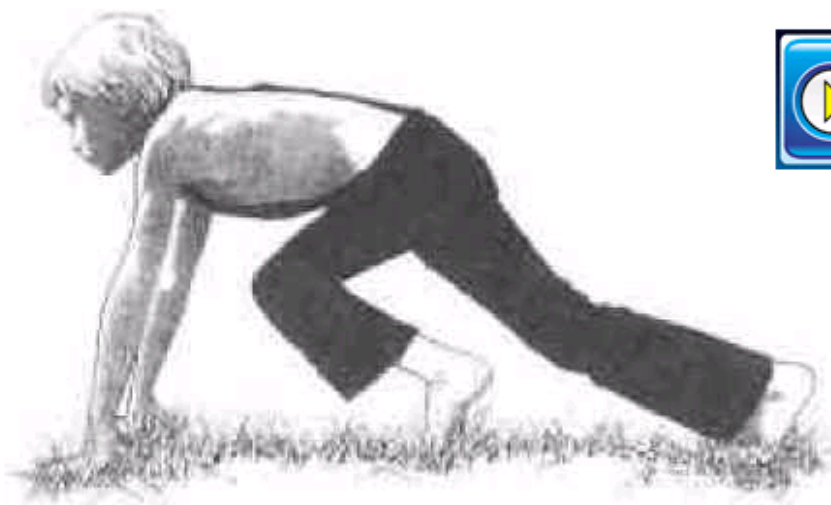


ALL summer, Jess pushed himself to be the fastest boy in the fifth grade, and when the year's first school-yard race was run, he was going to win. But his victory was stolen by a newcomer, by a girl, one who didn't even know enough to stay on the girls' side of the playground. Then unexpectedly, Jess finds himself sticking up for Leslie, for the girl who breaks rules and wins races. The friendship between the two grows as it guides the city girl through the pitfalls of life in their small, rural town, and Leslie draws him into the world of imagination—a world of magic and ceremony called Terabithia. Here, Leslie and Jess rule supreme among the oaks and evergreens, safe from the bullies and ridicule of the mundane world. Safe until an unforeseen tragedy forces Jess to reign in Terabithia alone, and both worlds are forever changed.

In this poignant, beautifully rendered novel, Katherine Paterson weaves a powerful story of friendship and courage.

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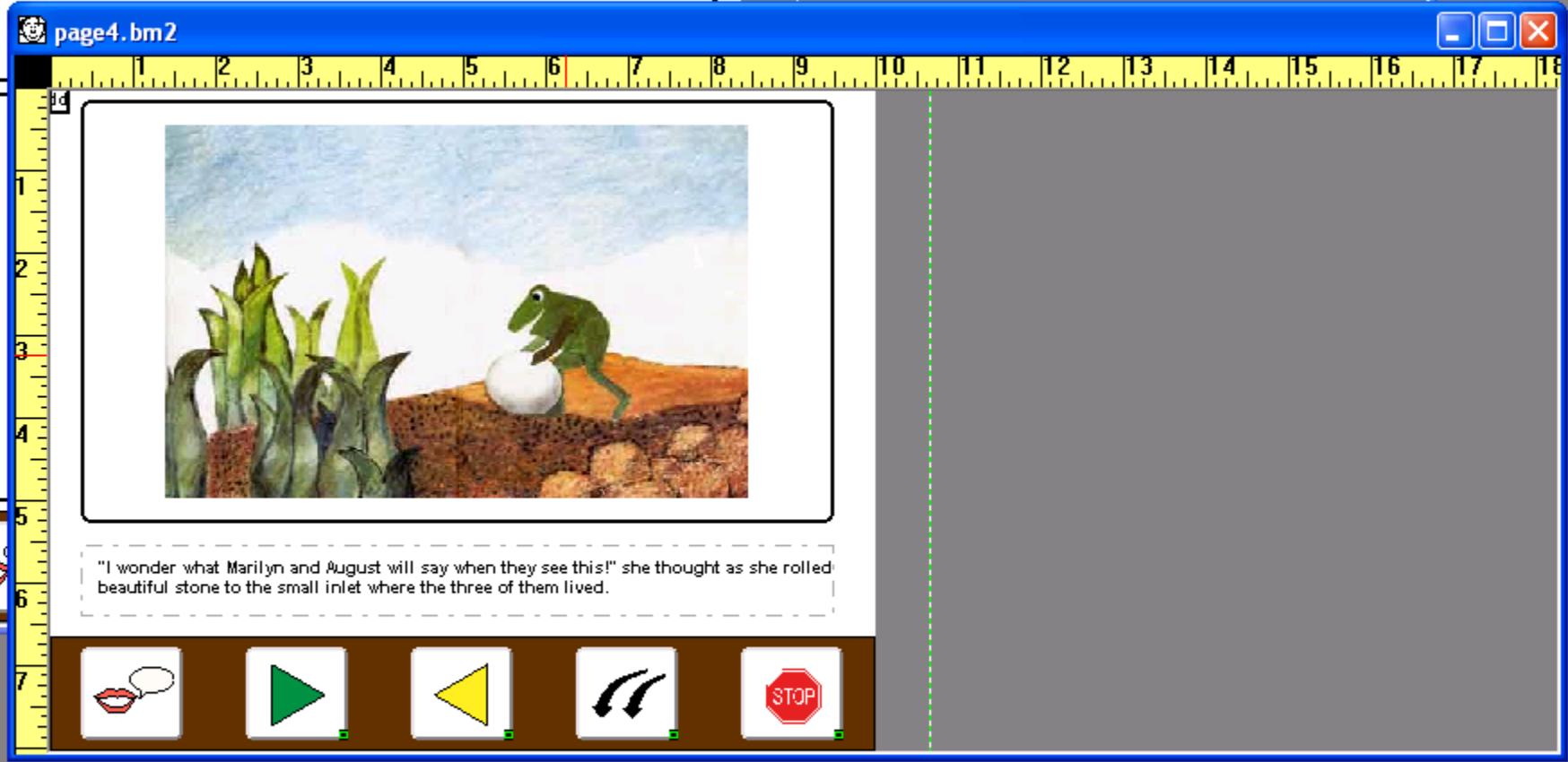
He always started at the northwest corner of the field, crouched over like the runners he had seen on *Wide World of Sports*.

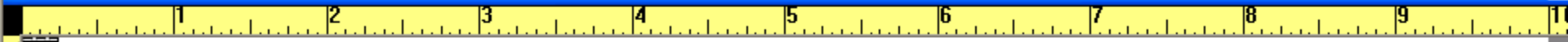


"Bang," he said, and took off flying around the cow field. Miss Bessie strolled toward the center, still following him with her droopy eyes, chewing slowly. She didn't look very smart, even for a cow, but she was plenty bright enough to get out of Jess's way.

His straw-colored hair flapped hard against his forehead, and his arms and legs flew out every which way. He had never learned to run properly, but he was long-legged for a ten-year-old, and no one had more grit than he.

Lark Creek Elementary was short on everything, especially athletic equipment, so all the balls went to the upper grades at recess time after lunch. Even if a fifth grader started out the period with a ball, it was sure to be in the hands of a sixth or seventh grader before the hour was half





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One day they went to a place where Jessica had never been before. A red and blue bird flew down from a tree.

Time to Explore

Accessible Book Collection

What sort category seems most helpful to you?

Do you see any possible curriculum connections?

Jot down titles on your graphic organizer, then we will share.



Earth and Space

- can be used by all students in your school
- includes video and audio clips in the e-books

The image shows a screenshot of the Pebble GO website interface. At the top, the Pebble GO logo is on the left, and the text "The Emergent Reader Research Solution" is in the center. A circular seal on the right contains the text "The Literacy Trust". Below this, the instruction "Select a database to enter" is displayed. Two database options are shown in separate windows:

- PebbleGo Animals:** The interface shows a search bar, a navigation menu with "Read about", "Watch", and "Listen", and a main content area for "Frogs - body". The text describes frogs as amphibians with wet skin, long back legs, and a length of 1.3 to 30 centimeters. It includes an image of a blue frog and a "Read more" button.
- PebbleGo Earth and Space:** The interface shows a search bar, a navigation menu with "Read about", "Watch", and "Listen", and a main content area for "Grasslands". The text describes grasslands as home to many grasses, including corn and wheat, and lists other crops like rye, oats, and barley. It includes an image of a field and a "Read more" button.

Time to Explore PebbleGo Earth and Sky

You may investigate the PebbleGo Earth and Sky resource in one or more of these ways.

1. Hands on: Go directly to the [PebbleGo Earth and Sky website](#) and explore the pages.
username: **galway** password: **school**
2. Watch the [PebbleGo video demonstration](#) to learn about how it works.
3. Read this [digital brochure](#) to learn more about this resource.

Share your Thoughts on PebbleGo Earth and Space

How do you see this being used in your school?

Any ties with the curriculum?

The screenshot shows the PebbleGo website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with 'Earth And Space' in a pink box. Below this is a yellow banner with the 'Pebble GO' logo and a search bar. The main content area has a green background. On the left, there is a sidebar with a 'Read about' section containing 'The Planets' and 'The Solar System', and a 'Share what you know' section with 'Print this article' and 'Cite this article' buttons. The main article is titled 'Meteors and Asteroids' and is part of a navigation path: 'Space' -> 'Our Solar System' -> 'Meteors and Asteroids'. The article content includes a 'What Are They?' section with a speaker icon, a paragraph explaining that asteroids are leftovers of the solar system, and a video player with two video thumbnails. A 'Print This' button is located at the bottom right of the article content area.

Earth And Space

Pebble GO

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Our Solar System

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What Are They?

How Asteroids Formed

What Asteroids Look Like

When Asteroids Crash

Meteorites

Video 1

Video 2

Asteroids are the leftovers of the **solar system**. As **planets** and moons were forming, small bits of **gas** and dust were left over. These small clumps of gas and dust became asteroids.

Print This



Tumble Books

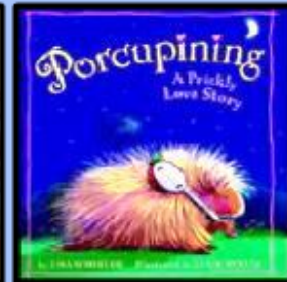
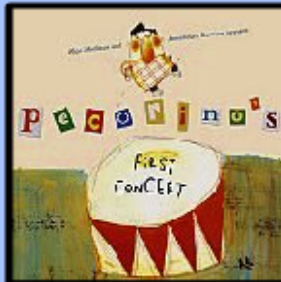
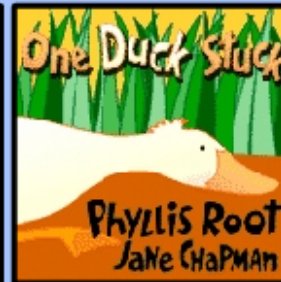
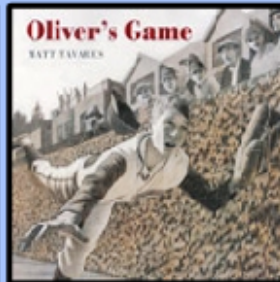
- can be used by all students in your school
- can be used at home by students

Tumble Books Demonstration

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love.

Featured Books

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Click here to upgrade if you have Version 7 or earlier.



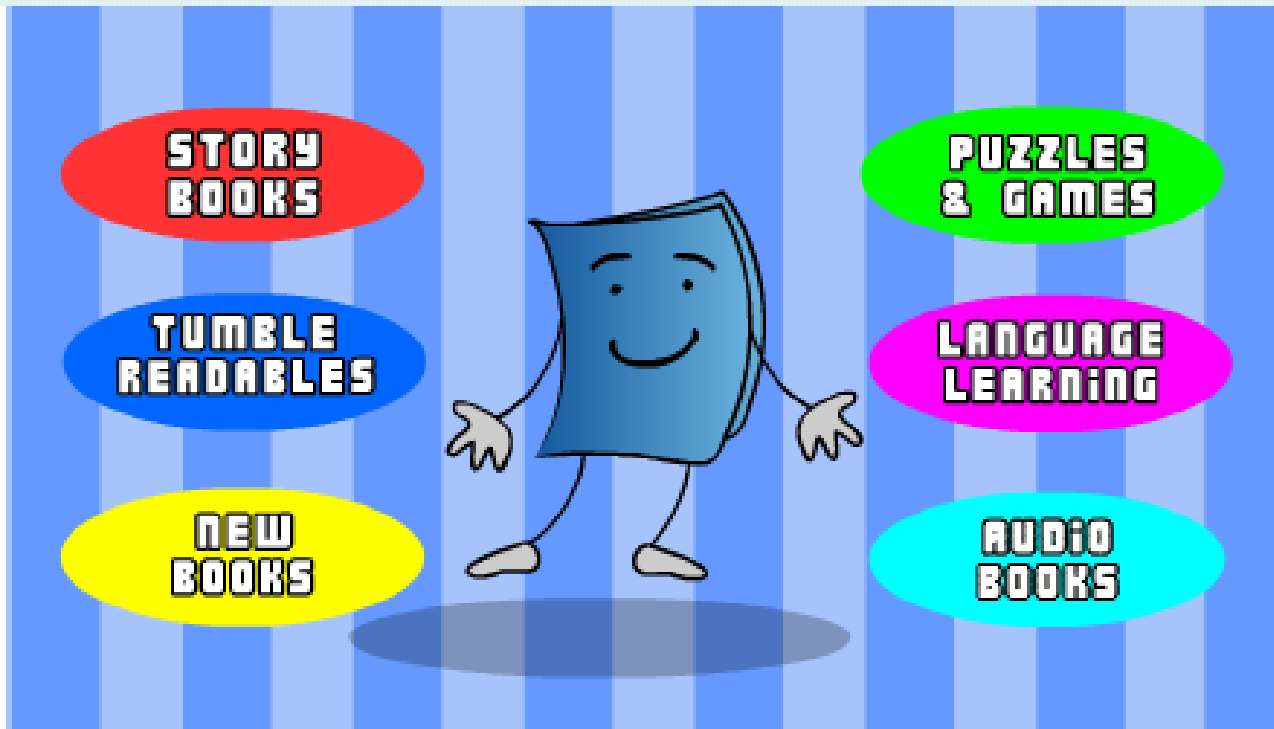
Let's take the [Tumble Book Tour!](#)

Flexible Options Demonstration of Tumble Books

The screenshot displays the TumbleBooks interface. At the top, the browser title is "TumbleBook Demo". The main navigation bar is blue and contains a help icon (question mark), a "Colour Theme" selector with five colored squares (blue, orange, green, purple, red), the "TUMBLEPAD" logo, a "Text Size" selector with three 'a' icons, and a "PLAY" button with a right-pointing triangle. Below the navigation bar, the page content is centered and reads: "Nancy Drew And The Clue Crew - #3 Pony Problems Chapter 1". Underneath, it says "Chapter One Petting Ponies." The main text of the chapter begins with a paragraph: "I can't believe you're having a turkey sandwich again today." Eight-year-old Nancy Drew shook her head at her best friend Bess. The two girls were sitting together at a long white table in the River Heights Elementary School cafeteria. "I like turkey," Bess Marvin replied, slowly opening her brown bag and peeking in. "Hey!" Her blond hair swung into her face as she suddenly turned back to Nancy. "How'd you know I was having a turkey sandwich? My lunch bag was closed." Bess pushed her hair out of her eyes. Just then, Nancy's other best friend, Georgia Fayne, showed up. George was also Bess's cousin. Even though they were all in the same class, George had stopped to turn in an entry cre... ment before coming to lunch. At the bottom of the page, there is an orange bar with several interactive buttons: "Chapter Menu", "Add BookMark", "Audio Control", "Auto/Manual", and "Help". A "Menu Options" button is located at the very bottom center of the interface.

http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/full_book_SWF.asp?ProductID=3625

Tumble Books in the Classroom?





- can be used by all students in your school
- is only meant to be used in school (no at home use)

James Patterson
Page Turner Award winner for finding "original and effective ways to spread the excitement of books and reading."

Parenting Magazine
"We love this site...
...well chosen children's picture books."

The New York Times
"One More Story may be closer to true reading than ink-on-paper books."

School Library Journal's
10 Best Digital Resources

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Whistle for Willie

Author: Ezra Jack Keats

Illustrator: Ezra Jack Keats

Length: 4 min, 50 sec

Listening Game: Yes

Reading Level:

Fountas & Pinnell: L

Accelerated Reader (AR): 2.5

Lexile: 560L

DRA: 28

Peter is a little boy who wants to learn how to whistle so that he can call for his dog, Willie. Peter tries as hard as he can, and eventually becomes a successful whistler.



Rattletrap Car

Author: Phyllis Root

Illustrator: Jill Barton

Reading Level:

Fountas & Pinnell: L

[One More Story Book List](#)

Explore One More Story



Click on [One More Story Training Site](#)
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Pick a winner!

Which resource do you think...

Will be the most popular with students? With teachers?

Will have the greatest impact in your school?



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