

Reading Resources (Web 2.0 Resources)

Lexile Tool

- www.lexile.com
- checks readability level for text by cutting and pasting text into it
- database of tens of thousands of books for which Lexile has already been done

Stories read aloud to kids

- Tumblebooklibrary.com
 - username: ipsd
 - password: books
- Teachingbooks.net
 - Authors reading their books to students
 - Can access many free (add'l links for pay for subscription)
- <http://bookbuilder.cast.org/library.php>
 - Cast udl builder (allows staff to create and upload books)
 - Search by genre, book, grade, content
 - The books are read and there's an animated tutor that guides kids through the content
- <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/onlinestory.htm>
 - highlights the words as the text is being read
- <http://tarheelreader.org/>
 - a collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces (i.e. switches, alternative keyboards, touch screens, and dedicated AAC devices). The books may be downloaded as slide shows in PowerPoint, Impress, or Flash format.
- <http://www.baen.com/library/>
 - Downloadable digital books
 - Can download free to your flash
- <http://www.meddybemps.com/>

Audible kids books-no visual support

- http://kids.audible.com/adkd/site/k/homepageGuest.jsp?BV_UseBVCookie=Yes
 - Access to the auditory portion of books
 - Won't have access to the books, pics, etc. just the auditory portion
 - Can download to ipod as a pay service
 - Can listen from the website for free

Guided reading books, leveled to guided reading

- Literactive
- <http://www.literactive.com/Home/index.asp>
- can turn on or off the voice to read or not to the students
- with voice off the animation still runs
 - animated pictures
 - reads to students
 - can read in English and in Spanish (can read the English word in Spanish)
 - click on words to help decode
 - downloadable worksheets that go with the stories

