

Online Reading Resources for Elementary Schools Purchased with ARRA Funds Cheat Sheet



In the summer of 2011, some funds were earmarked to purchase resources for elementary schools. These resources were chosen to support all students, including struggling students, in accessing the curriculum. A philosophy of Universal Design for Learning was the framework for making purchasing decisions. As a result, four subscription-based resources were purchased for all MCPS elementary schools. These subscriptions are all valid until the end of June, 2015.

Online Resources and Key Features

Online Resource	Description	How to access it	Home use	Age groups	Contact person
One More Story (<u>quick</u> guides)	Picture books: Read online with an internet connection	Media Folder → Online Resources	No home access	PreK-2	Media Specialist
TumbleBooks (<u>quick</u> guides)	Picture books and chapter books: Read online with an internet connection	Media Folder → Online Resources	Home access with a special link on the school website	PreK-8 (all middle schools may also use it)	Media Specialist
Pebble Go (<u>quick</u> guides)	Informational text and media (like an encyclopedia): Read online with an internet connection	Media Folder → Online Resources	Home access with school's user name and password (obtain from media specialist)	PreK-3	Media Specialist
Accessible Book Collection (<u>quick</u> <u>guides</u>)	Full digital text and pictures of many children's books: Download books to the computer and then use text reader software to have them read. Download books for eligible students only.	www.accessiblebook collection.org Or use the shortcut found in the Copyrighted Text folder in Student Shared	Parents can sign up their eligible students for \$50/year.	All ages Just like <u>Bookshare</u> , but many more books are available for younger students	Resource Teacher