

Communication & Technology for Kids!

The ability to use information in many forms—books, magazines, Internet, telephone, DVDs—is called “**information literacy**.” Children will be using many formats when they get into school and as they continue through life. They have fun trying these at an early age, **with adult supervision**. These also help busy parents and caregivers expand children’s learning experiences easily.

Internet Fun & Literacy



- **International Children’s Digital Library:** Books in all sorts of languages and all free. A little difficult to figure out at first, but keep trying. (www.icdlbooks.org/)
- **Online Story Writing:** A great online writing lab for students of all ages. Kids use various games on the site to write and illustrate stories using multimedia tools such as stamps and paintbrush. (Dataesi.imaginon.org/imaginon/activities/web_menu.php)
- **Star Fall:** For kids from toddlers to primary grades. Lots of different things to do that teach alphabet, sounds, finally complete stories and games. (www.starfall.com/)
- **Story Line Online:** From the Screen Actors Guild Foundation. Streaming video—in other words, it looks somewhat like a television program. But definitely reading. (www.storylineonline.net/)
- **Story Place:** Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County. Stories in English and Spanish for preschool and elementary kids. Lots of topics, games and activities, too. (www.storyplace.org/)

Telephone Stories

Reading aloud is most fun for parents and kids to do together. Parents and kids can experience amazing adventures with the Hungry Caterpillar, Little Bear, and many others. Some libraries have neat resources to hear stories by phone, perfect for busy days. And you don’t even have to get in the car. Check out these!

- **Arapahoe County Libraries:** Teletales (303) 220-8935 (English and Spanish)
- **Aurora Public Library:** Dial-A-Story (303) 343-4519
- **Broomfield Public Library:** Children’s Storyline (720) 887-2317
- **City of Littleton Bemis Public Library:** Dial-A-Story (303) 795-3960
- **Denver Public Library:** Phone-A-Story (720) 865-8500 (English/Spanish, for different ages)
- **Douglas County Libraries:** Anytime Storyline (303) 840-2073
- **Gunnison County Public Library:** Storyline (970) 641-7695
- **Loveland Public Library:** Dial-A-Story (970) 962-2345
- **Montrose Public Library:** Storyline (970) 249-9302 [English], (970) 240-8009 [Spanish]
- **Rangeview Library District:** (Adams County) Dial-A-Story (303) 451-7000
- **Sterling Public Library:** Dial-A-Story (970) 522-6808
- **(National) Alabama Black Belt Area Libraries:** Dial-a-Story, 1 (888) 70-STORY.



CSL Kids’ Literacy

- **Training Jumpstarts Early Literacy Services;** Fast Facts No. 239 - June 8, 2006 , Library Research Service. AND **Early Literacy Initiative Impacts Public Library Services for Young Children;** Fast Facts No. 237 - April 20, 2006, Library Research Service. (www.lrs.org/fastfacts.php)
- **Early Literacy Programs and Practices at Colorado Public Libraries;** October 2006. Library Research Service. New/enhanced early literacy programs and services in libraries. (www.lrs.org/closer.asp)
- **Children’s Literacy Resources** links to many handouts and brochures to download, suggestions for teachers, parents, caregivers. (www.cde.state.co.us/cdelib/Childrens_Literacy_Resources.htm)
- **Standards for Information Literacy and School Library Programs** details what kids need to know for lifelong learning. (www.cde.state.co.us/litstandards/download/InfoLit_Brochure.pdf)