Resources for Parents and Educators of Children Birth through 2nd Grade

The Washington County Free Library has several resources that will <u>help you support your student's</u> <u>success in school</u>. Below are descriptions and hints on how to best use these resources. With all resources, please first sign in with your library card on the WCFL homepage. To sign in, navigate to the

icon located in the top right corner of the [homepage](). You'll need your library card and pin number to sign in. Each listed resource has a hyperlink you can use once you are signed into WCFL. The resources marked with ** indicated that there is specific materials for educators.**

<u>**Beanstack**</u> – Set up an account for your student (or yourself), complete the inventory of interests and you will receive book recommendations that are currently in the WCFL system. Each student (or adult) can have their own account. . Once you are signed into the WCFL you can use the link to access *Beanstack.* http://washcolibrary.beanstack.org/

<u>***Kids InfoBits (Gale In Context – Elementary)***</u> - While this resource may be a bit advanced for your student you can certainly utilize the information to support your student's learning. For example, if your student's class is studying farm animals this week, simply go to *Kids InfoBits,* select topics, click on animals and then pets & farm animals for information and pictures of specific farm animals.. Each topic has articles in two different reading levels. You can even download the articles to create a file for future use.

**For educators this resource provides curriculum material and ways to integrate with Google Classroom. It also classifies materials by Lexile Measures. Once you are signed into the WCFL you can use this link to access *Kids InfoBits* https://go.gale.com/ps/start.do?p=ITKE&u=wacntyfl&sid=geo

<u>***TrueFlix***</u> – This resource by Scholastic is designed for upper elementary, however it does have short videos you and your child can watch and an online book you can read to your child (you can also have the book read to you and your student). For each topic the format of *TrueFlix* is "Watch It," "Read It," and "Explore More." Each section also contains project ideas, short quizzes, and web links to curated sites. **For educators*, TrueFlix* has lesson plans, printable materials, and is compatible with Google Classroom.** Once you are signed in to the WCFL you can use the link to access *TrueFlix.* https://sdm-tfx.digital.scholastic.com/?authCtx=U.600019850

<u>***TumbleBooks***</u> - This is a wonderful resource for preschool and elementary students. *TumbleBooks* has ebooks, read-along books, and videos. You can select some of the material by reading levels, such as

early readers, chapter books, and advanced books. The nonfiction books are specified for kindergarten through 6th grade readers. For building skills there are puzzles and games. *TumbleBooks* also has children's ebooks and audiobooks in Spanish and French. **For parents and teachers TumbleBooks offers a monthly newsletter.. Once you are signed into the WCFL you can use the link to access *TumbleBooks.* https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Home.aspx?categoryID=77

***** Gale OneFile: Educator's Reference Complete* -**This resource provides educators access to professional journals, magazines, books and news articles. Many of the journals are peer reviewed and are available in full-text. You can also find reviews of current professional books. . Once you are signed into the WCFL you can use the link to access *Gale OneFile: Educator's Reference Complete*. https://go.gale.com/ps/start.do?p=PROF&u=wacntyfl&sid=geo

Free Resources

Maryland Early Learning Standards - This is the resource that guides Maryland educators decisions about curriculum development. The Standards list the expectations for skills development necessary for children one-year old through 8 years old. The standards are arranged by domains/topics, then each necessary skill is provided for each age group. Just copy and paste this link in your browser for access to *Maryland Early Learning Standards*. https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/maryland-early-learning-standards

Khan Academy Kid **-** This app is for children 2 – 7 years of age. In the app you have access to a weekly planner and curriculum material supported by videos, learning paths, and printable activities. There is even a "circle time" and an opportunity to participate in "show and tell." The app offers skills development in mathematics and language arts. Access is free. Many describe this resource as being much like ABC Mouse. Just copy and paste this link into your browser window to access *Khan Academy Kid.* https://khankids.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360004559231-Welcome-to-Khan-Academy-Kids

For educators the site has tutorials and resources. Just copy and paste this link into your browser window to access *Khan for Educators*. https://www.khanacademy.org/khan-for-educators