



Resources for Parents and Educators of Students in Grades 3 through 5

The Washington County Free Library has several resources that will help you support your student's success in school. 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.**

Learning Express – This resource is excellent for grade 3 through graduate and trade school. The resources are organized by grade level and are guided by the Common Core Curriculum of which Maryland is a participant. To access resources for grades 3 – 5 start on the Learning Express home page and select “School Center.” Here you will find help with Math and Language Arts skills. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Learning Express*.
<https://www.learningexpresshub.com/ProductEngine/LELIndex.html#/center/school-center-ccss/home?AuthToken=7E9F9E17-E903-450C-BE51-4712351FB979>

Kids InfoBits (Gale In Context – Elementary) – This is a wonderful resource for students in grades 3 through 5. *Kids InfoBits* contains over 400 topics with articles presented on two different reading levels. Within the topics are book articles, magazine articles, photos, and links to related topics. You can even download the articles to create a file for future use. **For educators this resource provides curriculum material, ways to integrate with Google Classroom and a downloadable knowledge base. Book and magazine articles are listed with reading levels. Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Kids InfoBits*. <https://go.gale.com/ps/start.do?p=ITKE&u=wacntyfl&sid=geo>

TrueFlix – This resource by Scholastic is designed for upper elementary students. 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 have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *TrueFlix*. ** <https://digital.scholastic.com/site/launch/tfx?ucn=600019850>

TumbleBook - - This is a wonderful resource for 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 labeled 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 have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *TumbleBook*. <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. Educators can also find reviews of current professional books. . Once you have signed in to the WCFL you can use this link to access *Gale OneFile: Educator's Reference Complete*.
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Free Resources

Maryland Common Core State Standards - At this site you will find the curriculum guide for schools in Maryland. The list covers all topics and the goals which each student should meet at each grade level. You can use this information to select activities and topics to support your student's progress. For example, your 4th grade student might be struggling in math. With this online guide you can select Mathematics > Grade 4 > Measuring Angle. This will take you to a page that will give an overview of the topic, goals the students should accomplish and even links to free resources to support your student at home. Just copy and paste this link into your browser to access *Maryland Common Core State Standards*.

<https://mdk12.msde.maryland.gov/INSTRUCTION/StandardsandFrameworks/Pages/index.aspx>

Khan Academy – *Khan Academy* has wonderful resources for every level of school. For 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, Khan offers Math and Reading and Language Arts. Each topic is introduced by a video and interactive exercises, then mastery is assessed by topic quizzes and unit tests. Each learner, educator, or parent should create their own login for specific content. Just copy and paste this link into your browser to access *Khan Academy*. <https://www.khanacademy.org>