

## **Helpful Websites for Elementary Teachers of English Language Learners**

When selecting any curriculum resources, TDSB educators must consider the following, which include TDSB resources for managing privacy and online conduct:

[TDSB's Code of Online Conduct](#)

[TDSB's Privacy Policies and Procedures, Guides and Fact Sheets](#)

[Copyright and Fair Dealings Guideline Requirements](#)

TDSB educators are encouraged to start by utilizing all the curriculum resources readily available through our [TDSB Library](#) and [TDSB Virtual Library](#). These are resources that we currently have agreements and licences in place with vendors. For ease of access and to better understand the curriculum resources available, please review the following:

[Short information video](#)

[Virtual Library](#)

[Virtual Library Can Be Leveraged](#)

In addition to the curriculum resources located in the [TDSB Library](#), there are a number of curriculum resources highlighted that are operated by organizations ***outside*** of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). Reference to these resources does not imply endorsement. These organizations are solely responsible for the operation and information found on their sites. As TDSB educators, in accessing these resources, it is essential to please review all of the policies, procedures and information listed above.

### **A Toolkit for Selecting Equitable and Culturally Relevant and Responsive Texts for English and Language, K-12**

#### **TDSB Google Site**

- Choose from a wide selection of TDSB student-created texts that can be accessed as flip books or downloaded: [Welcoming Newcomers Student Author Series](#); [Mindfulness Matters](#); [Financial Literacy Student Author Series](#); [TDSB ELL Student Anthology](#); [ERGO Live Well Series](#); [Making Good Choices](#)

#### **www.tdsb.on.ca/library**

- Click on TDSB Virtual Library
- You can access – Encyclopedias, News, e-Books, elementary subjects and so much

more (Use Learnmark to connect)

- **Encyclopedias:** [Britannica School](#) (Three reading levels available and articles can be translated)
- **Online Databases:** [Pebble Go](#) (Non-Fiction topics for early readers)
- **Ebooks:** [Tumble Book Library](#) (Fiction and Non-Fiction); [Teen Book Cloud](#) (teen and middle school Hi/Lo e-books with Accelerated Reader reading levels ranging from 3.0 to 5.0). [Capstone Interactive](#) (Login required; Non-Fiction books for grades 4-8, read-aloud available)
- **Current News:** Canadian Reader (Grades 3-5) and What in the World 1 and 2 (Grades 6-8 and 8-10 respectively) are available from the "Educator" tab (scroll down to "Current Events Resources" and click on "[Les Plan](#)")

### [uniteforliteracy.com](http://uniteforliteracy.com)

- This site provides free access to more than 400 original picture books, one fourth of them written in Spanish. The digital books provide audio narrations in more than 40 languages, spoken by native speakers in warm, expressive voices. The languages of narration include indigenous and endangered languages along with some most widely spoken languages. TDSB has created consolidation tasks for some of the titles e.g., "Which Pet Should I Get?". These can be downloaded from the ESL/ELD Department's AW site.

### [International Children's Library](#)

- Fiction books written in a variety of languages other than English

### [www.breakingnewsenglish.com](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com)

- This site offers 1000+ free lesson plans for teachers of ESL based on current events. There are news articles written at different levels (Easier: Level 0, 1, 2,3 or Harder: Level 4,5,6), audio versions of the news articles at 5 different speeds, interactive quizzes and downloadable worksheets.

### [Global Digital Library](#)

- Digital books available at 4 different reading levels.

### [Bow Valley College ESL Literacy Readers](#)

- Digital books with read-aloud function, available at 7 different reading levels.

### <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

- This site has free online games, songs, read aloud stories, vocabulary matching, grammar chants and other activities for children aged 5-12 who are learning English.

Resources can be sorted according to three levels.

[www.eslvideo.com](http://www.eslvideo.com)

- This site showcases 360° view photographs and leveled (beginner to advanced) video excerpts from popular movies and site-created Youtube videos. Interactive quizzes and downloadable lessons based on the media text are available.

[amathsdictionaryforkids.com](http://amathsdictionaryforkids.com)

- A colourful, interactive, animated math dictionary website that defines 600 common mathematical terms in simple language. The terms are organized alphabetically, and an activity or visual example accompanies each definition. Good for teaching the language of math. The original interactive version requires Adobe Flash, but the quick reference version is accessible on computers and tablets. The colourful math posters can be downloaded and printed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

- Fun colourful websites with animation and games introducing touch typing to children aged 7 to 11

[www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com)

- This site offers easy English lessons on topics such as algebra and pre-calculus for intermediate and senior students. Related sites are: [coolmath4kids.com](http://coolmath4kids.com) which provides lessons, games and quizzes on math topics suited for primary and junior students and [coolmathgames.com](http://coolmathgames.com) which offers interactive games for grades K to 6 on the basic operations and fractions.

[www.eslflashcards.com](http://www.eslflashcards.com)

- This site has a variety of downloadable flashcards on everyday topics including body parts, opposites, occupations, and prepositions.

[www.esl-kids.com](http://www.esl-kids.com)

- This site provides resources for teaching English language learners including flashcards, lyrics to children's songs, classroom games, math and writing worksheets.

[www.languageguide.org/english](http://www.languageguide.org/english)

- Open this site using Google Chrome.
- Place your cursor over an image. The corresponding word is spelled, and the word pronounced aloud
- If you go to [www.languageguide.org](http://www.languageguide.org) your student can listen to the vocabulary in their home language (not in alphabetical order). This can also support your ELLs in French.

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

- This is a great, interactive site for beginning readers to learn the alphabet sounds, and continues with reading practice through 4 levels: ABC's, Learn to Read, It's Fun to Read, and I'm Reading. There are some free downloadable alphabet and phonics materials.