

Great Resources for Junior / Intermediate Students

Require Board Passwords

FollettShelf – check out eBooks online

(From the home page: choose eBooks, choose FollettShelf, enter password: 9-digit student number, 9-digit student number)

GREENR – browse articles, journals, and videos about current environmental issues

(From the home page: choose Online Databases, choose GREENR, enter password: see report card insert)

Novelist K-8 - find recommended reading lists for every reading interest and level

(From the home page: choose Online Databases, choose Novelist K-8, enter password: see report card insert)

Grzimek's Animal Life – everything you ever wanted to know about animals – amazing!

(From the home page: choose Encyclopedias, choose Grzimek's, enter password: see report card insert)

Naxos Music Library – listen to more than a million pieces of music; explore the Junior Section to learn all about different orchestral instruments

(From the home page: choose Images & Media, choose Naxos Music Library, enter password: see report card insert)

Do Not Require Board Passwords

Storybird - create beautiful stories using art libraries, may be played online or published

(From the home page: choose Web 2.0 Tools, choose Storybird, students may create their own account with parent help)

Animoto – turn photos, images, and music into amazing videos that can be shared

(From the home page: choose Web 2.0 Tools, choose Animoto, students may create their own account with parent help)

Bitstrips - create hilarious comic strips using simple, intuitive tools

(From the home page: choose Web 2.0 Tools, choose Bitstrips, students may create their own account with parent help)

Stone Soup Magazine – submit original artwork / writing to this magazine written by kids

(From the home page: choose Elementary Subjects, choose Language, choose Stone Soup Writing for Children)

Teaching Kids News – read original news articles that are current and geared to students

(From the home page: choose Images and Media, choose Teaching Kids News)

Online Resources for Book Recommendations:

I recommend the following blogs for parents and Jr/Int students to find excellent reviews of the latest books published for readers in grades 4 - 8:

For Juniors:

- Kidsreads.com: <http://www.kidsreads.com/>
Absolutely packed with reviews, interviews, booklists, and contests about the latest books published for Middle Grade readers.
- Kidsmomo: <http://www.kidsmomo.com/>
Kidsmomo is written by friends who work in publishing who are really up on what is current and exciting in the industry. The site offers podcasts, book trailers, and reviews submitted by kid readers.
- Welcome to My Tweendom: <http://tweendom.blogspot.ca/>
This is another blog written by a school librarian, featuring books that appeal to tween readers in particular. She includes posts about books that are hot picks for the students in her library.

For Intermediates:

- Reading Rants: <http://www.readingrants.org/>
Recommendations just for teens. Jennifer Hubert is another school librarian who has a talent for finding the best of the best that's being published for teens.
- Guys Lit Wire: <http://guyslitwire.blogspot.ca/>
Guys Lit Wire focuses on discovering and reviewing books that appeal to teen boy readers in particular.
- readergirlz: <http://readergirlz.blogspot.ca/>
Reviews, industry news, author features, and more – all aimed at teen girl readers.
- Teenreads: <http://www.teenreads.com/>
Absolutely packed with reviews, interviews, booklists, and contests about the latest books published for teen readers.

Indiebound (<http://www.indiebound.org/>) is a fantastic website that highlights and supports independent booksellers. Each season they put together a Kids' Next List (<http://www.indiebound.org/kids-indie-next-list>) featuring exceptional new titles recommended by independent booksellers for children age 4 – teenagers.