

Literacy

Disclaimer: This non-exhaustive list is meant to guide users and is not meant as a recommendation of any specific tool or vendor.

ABRACADABRA

<http://grover.concordia.ca/abracadabra/promo/en/index.php>

Sample of activities and story-telling to read and to be read to:

<http://abralite.concordia.ca>.

ABRACADABRA is a free, interactive web-based literacy program designed for early elementary school-aged students, their educators, teachers and parents.

Clicker 6 program

<http://www.cricksoft.com/us/products/tools/clicker/special-needs.aspx>

Clicker is the proven reading and writing tool that helps students with special needs and students of all abilities to achieve gains in their levels of reading and writing. It can be use as a communication tool as well.

For students with autism, speech and language difficulties, low vision, motor impairment and intellectual impairment.

ClozePro Activities

<http://www.cricksoft.com/>

ClozePro activities can be easily adapted for *student of all abilities*. You can set up activities to suit all ability levels from very early readers to secondary school level. Cloze activities are a well-established and proven way of developing reading, comprehension and vocabulary skills. Now there is a tool that enables you to create a cloze activity from any text in seconds. Everything in an activity is switch accessible.

Early Literacy Skills Builder

<http://www.attainmentcompany.com>

The Early Learning Skills Builder is an interactive, multi-year program that incorporates systematic instruction to teach both print and phonemic awareness. It provides different modalities of learning:

- Auditory input-sounds
- visual input-pictures
- kinesthetic

The ELSB program is a language-rich literacy curriculum for children *ages 5 to 10 with mild, moderate to severe cognitive disabilities, multiple disabilities, autism and for students who communicate nonverbally.*

Earobics

<http://microscience.on.ca/store/category/literacy-mathematics/>

For Pre-K to 3rd Grade students, these interactive software programs help students build critical literacy skills, including recognizing and blending sounds,

rhyiming, and discriminating phonemes within words. It is suitable for students *with mild intellectual impairment, students of all abilities, and the at-risk learners*

Inspiration Software's tools

<http://www.inspiration.com/>

<http://www.inspiration.com/specialneeds>

Focus on visual thinking and visual learning. Recommended for students with ADHD, autism, Asperger's, dyslexia, aphasia, and visual or auditory processing disorders.

Kidspiration

<http://www.inspiration.com/Kidspiration>

Kidspiration develops thinking, literacy and numeracy skills using proven visual learning principles.

Learning A - Z

<http://www.learninga-z.com/index.html> ✓

Learning A-Z's affordable, easy-to-use teacher resources fill the teaching gaps left by many Reading, Writing, and Science education programs.

And more specifically for reading materials :

<http://www.readinga-z.com/> ✓

Reading A-Z is among the family of Learning A-Z websites providing affordable, online curriculum resources. The website has more than 2,500 downloadable books (including English, Spanish, and French versions) and thousands of teaching and learning materials.

Reading A-Z materials have found widespread use at a range of grade levels in special education, special needs and remedial reading.

PCI program

<http://www.proedinc.com/customer/productView.aspx?ID=5231>

The PCI Reading Program is a scientifically research-based curriculum created specifically to teach students with *developmental disabilities, autism, and significant learning disabilities* to read. *The program is designed for nonreaders age 5 to adult.*

Starfall

<http://www.starfall.com/>

Starfall is a free public service to teach children to read with phonics. Our systematic phonics approach, in conjunction with phonemic awareness practice, is perfect for preschool, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, special education, homeschool, and English language development (ELD, ELL, ESL). Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children.

Where children have fun learning to read!