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## **Internet Archive**

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- Open Library— takes you directly to the book portion of Internet Archive
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# **Project Gutenberg**

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Has over 165,000 full-text books, with 140,000 of them being free to users. There is books available on reference materials, literature and languages, history, social sciences, medicine and health, and much more.

#### The Online Books Page

A website hosted by the University of Pennsylvania Libraries, with over two million books that are free to read. Also has tabs available for significant directories of online texts and special exhibits of online texts.

# <u>Digital Library: A Celebration of Women Writers</u>

A collection of women writers and free-texts available. You can aggregate your search by author, date, country, ethnicity, and more.

#### World Digital Library

Has a wide collection of materials from across the globe. Set up as a partnership between the U.S. Library of Congress and UNESCO, with contributions from other organizations throughout the world.

## **Bibliomania**

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# Free COVID-19 Books (New York City School Library System)

The New York School Library System has put together a collection of free eBooks to help children understand the COVID-19 pandemic.

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# **Storyline Online**

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Free storytimes aggregated by the Indianapolis Public Library. To watch/listen just click on the book you'd like to view.

#### **Free Reference Resources**

## **Britannica Library**

Available for free to Wisconsin residents through Wisconsin's BadgerLink. Has reference information for children, teens, and adults.

# **InfoPlease**

An online encyclopedia published by a hired editorial team. InfoPlease's sister website that is kid friendly, is <u>Fact Monster</u>.

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Reference information available about weather, gardening, food, home and health, and kids. Not all information is available online, but there is free articles and information on the website.