

Additional Reading Resources

Unite for Literacy

About

Unite for Literacy is a collection of non-fiction books for younger children. The books are freely available and can be read in your browser. The books are full of large pictures and photographs, and they cover a wide range of topics such as wildlife, relationships, art careers and emotions. The website is colourful and very easy to use. A bonus feature is that all books can be read in Spanish, and some books can be narrated aloud in a wide range of languages.

How to use

Simply go to <https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/> and click on a book to start reading! If you do want to read books in Spanish, there is a language setting at the top left of the home page which you can set to English or Spanish.

The Internet Archive

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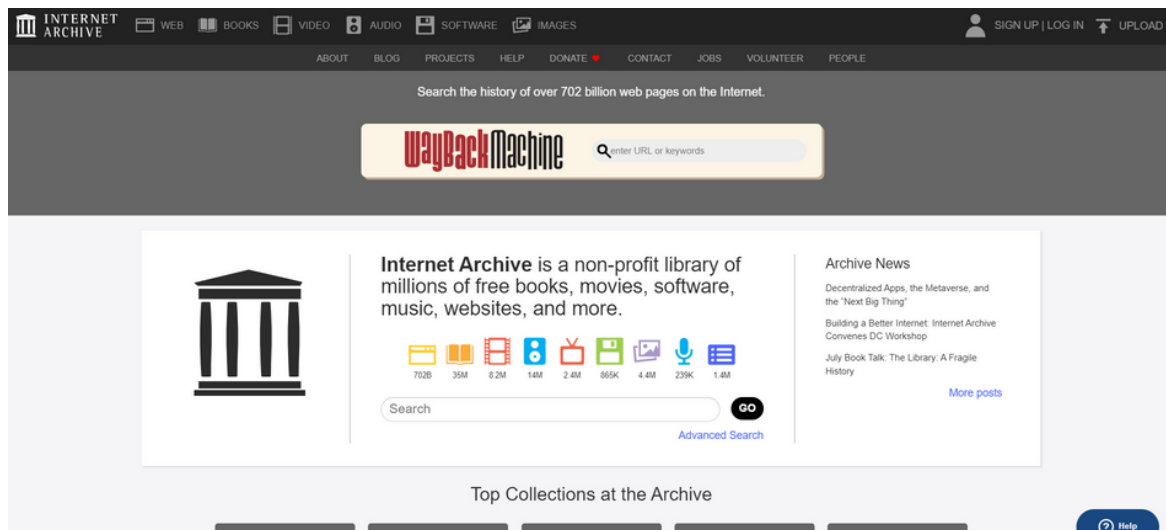
Supporters of the Internet Archive purchase physical copies of books, digitise them by scanning them in and then add them to the Internet Archive library. Users can borrow these eBooks for free to read in their browser. Loans are usually for an hour but sometimes for 14 days. There are multiple copies of most books available - especially popular titles - so it's usually easy to find something that you are looking for.

This website has a very large range of books! It's the best resource we have found for when you are looking for a particular title that a child has requested. However, searching through the archive to find the right book can be daunting and some of the menus do not work as expected. **There is a step-by step guide below** explaining the approach we have found most useful when using the resource. We hope that if you stick to the steps below, you will find the books you need. (You can always ask your Team Leader if you need help!)

Since this resource is not designed for children, do be careful when searching for books. There will be many books that are not appropriate for children on the website so use it with care and check your book before reading it with a family. Pages can be quite slow to load, too, which may interrupt the flow of a session.

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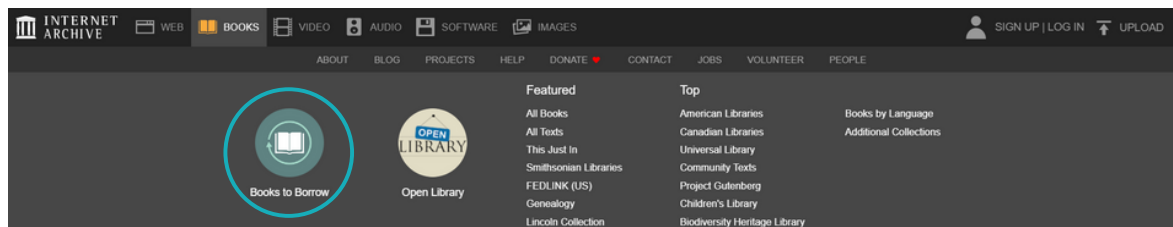
1. First, go to: <https://archive.org/>



2. You must log in to borrow books. Since this resource is free, you may wish to just make your own account by clicking on the 'SIGN UP' option in the top right corner.

If you prefer to use an account shared with other volunteers, please the login details that Doorstep Library have shared with you.

3. Once you are logged in, click on the grey book icon in the top left corner. Next, click on 'Books to Borrow'.



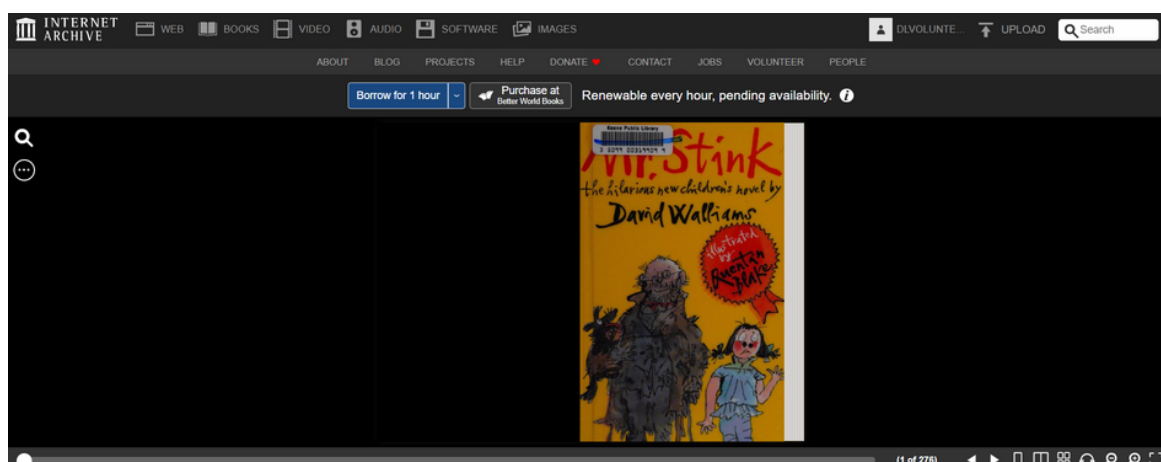
4. On the left-hand side, look for the heading 'Availability' and select 'Lending Library'.



5. Use the search bar above it to search for a book or an author.

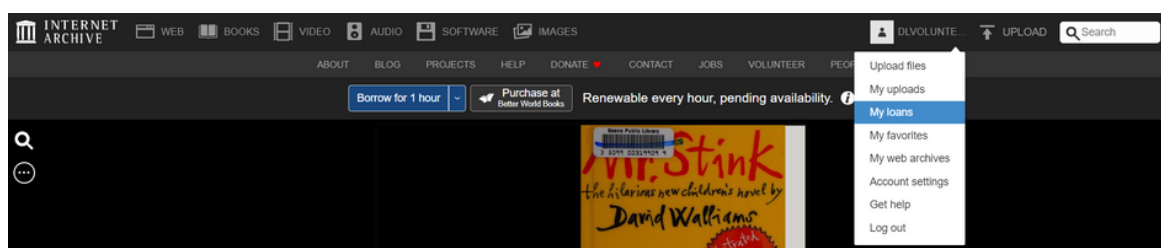


6. Click on a copy of the book that looks good. It will open in your browser. At the top of the book, you will find some borrowing options. We recommend just borrowing the book for an hour.



7. You can click through the pages of the book in your browser, either by clicking on the book or using the arrows beneath it. It's a little slow, but it works! There is a zoom function and a range of different layout options. You can see the buttons for these functions at the bottom right corner.

8. Once you have borrowed a book, it will appear in your loans. To see your loans, click on your screen name at the top right corner of the page and then click 'My loans':



We recommend that you borrow the books that you will need for a session at the start of that session, and then go straight to your loans in order to open a particular book for a child.

(If you are using the shared account, please don't return anyone else's books when looking at your loans!)