

Using books from the ICDL in the classroom

There are many ways to use the ICDL in the classroom:

- Group storytime, including an enhanced visual experience of the story when projected on a large screen
- Bilingual support materials not otherwise available in the classroom
- Curricular enhancements, including multicultural books from around the world as well as antiquarian and rare books from various collections, including the Library of Congress

Projecting books onto a screen from the ICDL

To project the books from the ICDL onto a screen, whiteboard, or blank wall for a large-scale format, simply connect your computer to a projector. You can advance the pages with your computer's mouse or remotely by using a wireless digital presenter. Project the books onto a SMART Board for a truly interactive, child-centered learning experience.

The mission of the International Children's Digital Library Foundation is to excite and inspire the world's children to become members of the global community – children who understand the value of tolerance and respect for diverse cultures, languages and ideas -- by making the best in children's literature available online.

There's no limit to how much you can use this website!

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WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LIBRARY AND HOW CAN IT BE USED IN SCHOOLS?



The ICDL is a “digital library” of children's books in 48 different languages, available online with full text and pictures, and it is **FREE!**

Locating the ICDL

Use any computer with access to the Internet; go to:

www.childrenslibrary.org



Finding books to read on the ICDL

Click on “Read Books” and you will see a page that looks like this. There are over 2,800 children’s books to choose from.



Searching the ICDL in languages other than English

You can read the search instructions in 15 different languages:

English, Arabic, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Croatian, Filipino/Tagalog, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Mongolian, Persian/Farsi, Portuguese, Spanish, and Thai. Just click on “Language” and select from the list!

Searching for books in specific languages

In the middle of the page you will see the words “Show Any Language Books.” When you click on “Any Language” you will find the entire list of languages to choose from. You can choose from books in 41 languages.

Books in Spanish on the ICDL

There are over 100 books in Spanish on the ICDL!

Understanding the Simple Search Page

The circles help you choose books to read. You can click on any combination of circles, depending on what kinds of books you want to read. Click the “More Choices” tab for additional options.

Reading a book on the ICDL

From your search results, click on the picture of a book, and you will see a new page, which looks like the one below. For most books, you will click on the “Standard” reader, and then you can read the book.

Use the arrows at the top of the page to go forward and backward through the book. You can also look at one or two pages at a time, by clicking in the circle with the pages.

