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*A bilingual site for parents and educators of  
English language learners*

- Multicultural booklists for kids and teens
- Video interviews with bilingual authors
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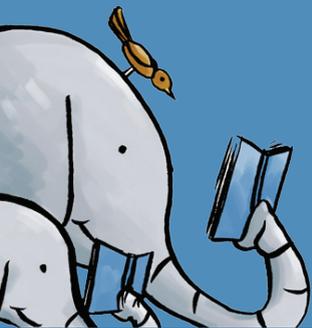
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- Booklists for kids with LD and ADHD
- Information about summer learning, reading motivation, and assistive technology



# Reading Rockets Top 12 resources on Books & Authors





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Your source for free, PBS-quality multimedia resources about children's books, authors, reading motivation, summer reading, and much more...

## Top 12 Resources on Books & Authors

**1.** More than 80 **video interviews** with award-winning authors and illustrators like Katherine Paterson, Jerry Pinkney, Walter Dean Myers, Deborah Heiligman, Linda Sue Park, and Mo Willems, and R.L. Stine.

**2.** Our **author study toolkit**, a roadmap for taking kids on a journey of discovery about a favorite author or illustrator.

**3.** Our **Daily Lit Quiz**: play for fun or for a chance to win an Amazon gift card!

**4.** Dozens of **themed booklists**, carefully chosen by Maria Salvadore, a 2010 Newbery Committee Member and our own children's literature expert. (And don't miss Maria's blog, Page by Page.)

**5.** Our seasonal booklists, **The Big Summer Read** and the **Holiday Gift Guide**: wonderful fiction, nonfiction, and audiobooks selected for different age groups.

**6.** Hundreds of **research-based articles** about supporting young readers (especially kids who struggle), motivating reluctant readers, how to do effective read alouds, and much more.

**7.** The **librarian toolkit**, developed in collaboration with ALSC and AASL. These multimedia resources make it easy for librarians to offer community forums and workshops for parents, teachers, and caregivers on how to support children's reading achievement.

**8.** **Reading tips for parents in 11 languages** (infants to grade 3). The PDFs are ready to print and share with the families in your community.

**9.** Our award-winning PBS series **Launching Young Readers**, available online to watch now or later on your iPod.

**10.** Our themed **family literacy bags** that encourage hands-on fun centered around paired fiction and nonfiction.

**11.** Colorful download-and-print **door hangers** that proudly proclaim "Warning: reading rocket in orbit!" (in English and Spanish).

**12.** A lively **literacy calendar**, with resources for events like Read Across America, D.E.A.R., National Poetry Month, and El día de los niños/ El día de los libros.



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