

Boredom Busters – Literacy websites

Many authors, illustrators, publishers and other organisations have added more free content for children and families onto their websites.

We'll share those links, but please note that Rhondda Cynon Taf Libraries is not responsible for the content of external websites. Some of our external links may be to websites which also offer commercial services, such as online purchases.

Welsh language websites for children (N.B websites are bilingual)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cymru/plantybyd/>

<http://www.s4c.cymru/en/stwnsh/>

<https://www.urdd.cymru/cy>

<https://www.gomer.co.uk/adnoddau-i-athrawon/taflen-liwio/>

<http://www.rily.co.uk/index.php?mod=home>

Websites for children 0-5years

<http://welshnurseryrhymes.wales/Gartref>

<https://www.meithrin.cymru/project-nursery-rhymes/>

<https://cyw.cymru/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-a-to-z-index/z4ddgwx>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookstart/families/bookstart-in-wales/listen-to-bookstart-stories/>

Childrens's books & stories

Join **Chris Bradford**, author of the Young Samurai and Bodyguard series, for a virtual author visit like no other on YouTube on Friday 10th April 2020 at 10am GMT! Author Chris Bradford reveals the martial arts skills, bodyguard techniques and hands-on research behind his bestselling books.

This virtual visit is completely FREE to all, as well as free access to the virtual visit resource website (until 31st July 2020). Suitable for 8 to 80 years, boys and girls. To find out more watch his video: <https://youtu.be/r-oY53jq1Zk>

[<http://img.youtube.com/vi/r-oY53jq1Zk/0.jpg>]<<https://youtu.be/r-oY53jq1Zk>>

Peters Library Book Suppliers have compiled a list of books that children could read at home, along with downloadable activity sheets for each book. They have collated a range of activities from publishers and their own team of librarians and curriculum specialists. Visit their website to view the whole list.

www.peters.co.uk/100-books-for-parents

<http://www.s4c.cymru/en/stwnsh/page/22424/mabinogi-ogj-a-mwy/>

Wales' legends in a way you've never seen before!

<https://readingagency.org.uk/resources/>

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

Split into age groups; birth-4; 5-8; 9-12.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/KNWsKPrq7stQ54tTbcf6P7/500-words-the-stories>

BBC 500 Words story competition. Tips on how to write your own, but you can also read the past winners' stories.

Publishers websites

Many publisher's websites have author interviews, book excerpts and downloadable activities for children.

[Andersen Press](#); [Barefoot Books](#); [Barrington Stoke](#); [Bloomsbury](#); [Bonnier](#); [Caryl Hart](#); [Egmont](#); [Faber](#); [Little Tiger](#); [Nosy Crow](#); [Puffin](#); [Salaria Books](#); [Scholastic](#); [Walker](#)

Author websites

Many authors are creating new content for children on their websites for the period of the school closures.

[Kwame Alexander](#); [Steve Antony - drawing/creative writing class 6+](#); Rod Biddulph [#drawwithRob](#); [Emily Fox](#); [Neil Gaiman's Mouse Circus](#); [Swapna Haddow](#); [Chris Haughton](#); Oliver Jeffers reading one of his books a day live on Instagram, posted to his [website](#) afterwards; [Derek Landy](#) - video Skulduggery themed story prompts posted daily on Instagram; [Sarah McIntyre](#); [Meg McLaren](#); [Nicola Morgan](#) - diary

competition; [Garth Nix](#); [David O'Connell](#); [Tom Palmer](#); [Phillip Reeve](#); [Michael Rosen](#); [Nick Sharratt](#); Robin Stevens; [Piers Torday](#); [David Walliams](#)