Early Grade Reading Program Design and Implementation: Best Practices and Resources for Success Webinar 4: Handout 11 Multilingual digital libraries of early grade reading materials

Global Digital Library (GDL)

https://digitallibrary.io/

- The recently launched GDL, an initiative of the Global Book Alliance, collects existing high-quality, open educational reading resources and make them available via the web, on mobile devices and for print
- The GDL provides books in 15 languages, with a goal of 25 languages by the end of 2018, and 100 by the end of 2020. It will also facilitate translation and localization of resources to more than 300 languages



Bloom library

https://bloomlibrary.org/

- Winner of an All Children Reading-Grand Challenge for Development competition, Bloom was designed to be accessible to those with minimal training, to support the timely production of early grade reading resources
- Bloom provides shell books as well as books from around the world that can be downloaded directly
- Books can also be submitted for upload onto Bloom



StoryWeaver

https://storyweaver.org.in/

- An initiative of Pratham Books, StoryWeaver is a digital library of 6,579 stories (and counting) in 104 languages, from India and elsewhere
- All stories and illustrations are available under open licenses to give people the right to share, use, translate or build upon the creative work that is available
- Stories can be downloaded for printing, or for adaption in an epublication software



Let's Read!

https://www.letsreadasia.org/

- An initiative of The Asia Foundation's Books for Asia program that fosters young readers in Asia
- Includes high-quality children's stories in national and indigenous languages, with a focus on underserved languages
- Library includes "Girls Can do Anything" and STEM collection



Book Dash

http://bookdash.org/

- South African initiative focused on creating high-quality, low-cost children's books that anyone can freely translate and distribute
- Volunteers create new storybooks
- The books are licensed to allow anyone to freely translate and distribute (under a Creative Commons Attribution license).
- The library includes PDF e-books, as well as PDF print-ready files and some audiobooks



The African Storybook Initiative

http://www.africanstorybook.org/

A literacy initiative implemented by the South African Institute for
Distance Education (Saide) that provides openly licensed picture
storybooks for early reading in African languages. Currently houses
862 story books in 120 languages (some sourced from StoryWeaver)



 Focus on creation of an online platform that provides access to completed stories, while providing tools for creation and translation/adaptation of existing stories

Little Thinking Minds

https://littlethinkingminds.com/en

- LTM is an online learning platform that provides Arabic language books (including leveled readers), videos, worksheets and interactive learning opportunities
- LTM received an All Children Reading-Grand Challenge for Development award to develop an early grade literacy app of e-books that are leveled, interactive and animated, and provide automated feedback and recommendations for child-centered and differentiated learning.
- Read more about the award at: <u>https://allchildrenreading.org/innovators/little-thinking-minds/</u>





Worldreader

https://www.worldreader.org/what-we-do/worldreader-mobile/

- Worldreader's mobile app contains more than 42,000 books in 43 languages from 150 publishers around the world.
- Resources include story books and textbooks in multiple genres
- The app is works on both smartphones and simple feature phones



The All Children Reading website contains a searchable list of more digital libraries! Check it out here: https://allchildrenreading.org/digital-libraries/#