ONLINE TECHNOLOGY LINKS FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LIBRARIANS  
  
In this article in Knowledge Quest, Nancy Flanagan Knapp (University of Georgia/Athens) suggests five areas in which teachers and school librarians can make effective use of technology, with free links in each:  
  
**Making basic literacy skills practice effective and fun:**  
- PBS Kids Reading Games: [pbskids.org/games/reading](http://pbskids.org/games/reading)  
- Education World, The Reading Machine: [www.educationworld.com/a\_tech/archives/readingmachine.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_tech/archives/readingmachine.shtml)  
- Scholastic Student Activities website: [teacher.scholastic.com/activities/clf/tguidesitemap.htm](http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/clf/tguidesitemap.htm)  
- The Learning Company games: [classicreload.com](https://classicreload.com/)  
  
**Increasing the number and variety of texts available for readers at all levels:**  
- The International Childrens Digital Library: [en.childrenslibrary.org](http://en.childrenslibrary.org/)  
- Unite for Literacy: [uniteforliteracy.com](http://uniteforliteracy.com/)  
- Storyjumper: [www.storyjumper.com/book/search](https://www.storyjumper.com/book/search)  
- Project Gutenberg: [www.gutenberg.org](https://www.gutenberg.org/)  
- Gismo Freeware: [www.techsupportalert.com/free-ebooks-audio-books-read-online-download.htm](https://www.techsupportalert.com/free-ebooks-audio-books-read-online-download.htm)  
- Amazon and Barnes and Noble: search Free Kindle books at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com/) or Free Ebooks at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/).  
  
**Scaffolding texts for struggling readers and writers of all ages:**  
- Tech for Teachers: Supporting Struggling Readers with Speech-to-Text: [youtu.be/zBLXkAVyJWU](https://youtu.be/zBLXkAVyJWU)  
  
**Personalizing and differentiating instruction for diverse readers:**  
- Newsela: current non-fiction articles at multiple Lexile levels: [newsela.com](https://newsela.com/)  
- Simple English Wikipedia: [simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\_Page](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)  
- Storyline Online: read-aloud, mostly for younger children: [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net/)  
- Fact Monster: fun facts, trivia games, and homework help for elementary students: [factmonster.com](https://factmonster.com/)  
- Khan Academy: short online tutorials for all ages: [khanacademy.org](https://khanacademy.org/)  
  
**Bringing out the social in reading:**  
- Goodreads for students 13 and up; librarians can create private groups with restricted membership: [www.goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com/)  
- Biblionasium, which allows users to share their reading preferences; for students age 6-13: [www.biblionasium.com](https://www.biblionasium.com/)  
- Library Thing: lets students create a private but shareable personal bookshelf, for kids 13 and up: [librarything.com](https://librarything.com/)  
- Poetry-Free-for-All: for poets of all ages: [www.everypoet.org](http://www.everypoet.org/)  
- Teen Ink: [www.teenink.com](http://www.teenink.com/)  
- Book Crossing: a forum for sharing actual print books in a unique way: [www.bookcrossing.com](http://www.bookcrossing.com/)  
- Epals: A reputable global pen pal site that can encourage reading and writing: [www.epals.com/#/connections](https://www.epals.com/#/connections)

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