

## Finding and Selecting Children's Literature

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## Creating a Classroom Library

- Having reading materials available in the classroom is extremely important
  - Children can use to practice reading
  - Teachers can use to teaching content
  - Availability of trade books (NOT textbooks) communicates the importance of lifelong reading and learning
- It takes time – YEARS – to create a classroom library.
  - Begin building a library now, and it will grow

## Finding Children's Books

- Link with book sellers to reserve children's books for you when they find them
- Abuja has a number of good book stores
  - **Silverbird Shopping Complex**
  - **Cassava Republic**, Shop 62b Arts and Craft village opposite Sheraton Hotel

## Finding Money for Children's Books

- Ask for money
  - Create a 1-page request for funds that includes:
    - The amount requested
    - Kinds and number of books to be bought
    - A description of the benefit to students and teaching
  - Who to ask:
    - Principal/Proprietor
    - PTA
    - Community groups
    - Local businesses
- Earn books
  - Host a book/toy fair – display books from a bookseller and the school can get a percent
  - Host a fundraiser (e.g., launching)

## Free Children's Stories Online

- **International Children's Digital Library:** Build a collection of books that represents outstanding historical and contemporary books from throughout the world
  - <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>
  - Free, but requires online access
- **Digital Book Index:** Provides links to more than 165,000 full-text digital books from more than 1800 commercial and non-commercial publishers, universities, and various private sites
  - <http://www.digitalbookindex.org/SEARCH/search010childt.asp>
- **Loyal Books:** Public domain (out of copyright) books in audio and e-format
  - <http://www.loyalbooks.com/>
  - Free and downloadable, though mostly for older children

## Free Children's Stories Online

- **Online Children's Stories:** Provides links to websites that have stories for children
  - <http://people.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/stories.html>
- **Children's Storybooks Online:** Simple illustrated texts
  - <http://www.magickeys.com/books/>
  - Free, but requires online access

## Children's eBooks: Payment Required

- **Epic!:** Unlimited selection of eBooks that can be instantly discovered, read and shared with friends
  - <https://www.getepic.com/>
  - \$4.99 per month access to ebooks (about N1,800 per month)
  - Requires constant internet connection
- **Amazon:** Buy ebooks that are downloaded onto a computer or smart phone, read through the free Kindle App
  - <https://www.amazon.com/Childrens-Kindle-eBooks/b?ie=UTF8&node=155009011>
  - Range in price from \$0.99 (about N350) upwards

