

READ LIFE | BOOKSHELF

Instructor Resource

What is ReadLife Bookshelf and what does it include?

- ◆ A curated collection of digital books for adults, children, and families, created in partnership with Worldreader
- ◆ Guided activities for each book to deepen and enhance the learning experience
- ◆ Resource guides to help instructors promote literacy skill development
- ◆ Bilingual (English and Spanish) books and resources
- ◆ Anytime, anywhere access to online materials across all platforms
- ◆ New books and materials launched each month
- ◆ [Click here](#) to access ReadLife Bookshelf's full collection

Explore NEW Adult Learner Texts

- Explore NEW adult learner texts in the table below
- Adult learners can access engaging, relevant texts and build a digital library while increasing their literacy skills
- Review the sample activity from the collection's Instructor Resource Guide. These guides support instruction and offer suggested activities and online resources for learner and family engagement.
 - To explore the full Instructor Resource Guide, click on the collection title in each row.

Title	Collection	Description	Sample Activity from Instructor Resource Guide
Staycation	Fun and Adventures with Books	John is getting his kids for a couple of weeks at the beginning of the summer. He wants to make lots of fun memories with them but isn't sure what to do. Money is tight, so he plans some exciting staycation activities. Things don't always go as planned!	The Big List of Class Discussion Strategies: This list provides alternatives for class discussions, such as Socratic seminars, "philosophical chairs," "concentric circles," and "fishbowl" methods.

The Art of the Chase	Fun and Adventures with Books	Anna Darkwood spent most of her life working as a spy for the U.S. government. One morning, after several years of retirement, a British Intelligence Officer appears at her doorstep asking for her help. As she sets out on what will surely be the most dangerous mission of her life, she soon finds herself questioning whether she made the right decision.	Double Think-Pair-Share: This activity takes the traditional strategy of a think-pair-share and adds an additional partner. It works very well for generating multiple ideas about the same topic. Pair learners up with a partner and pose your first question. Ask them to take a moment to reflect, and then jot down some responses before sharing with their partner. Once they are done sharing, combine pairs to create groups of four. Have pair one share with pair two and vice versa, each time requiring them to build upon each other's ideas
Something New, Something Glued Algo nuevo, algo pegado	New Beginnings	Ruby's second wedding seems doomed. Rain clouds are on the horizon and Zara, her daughter, is definitely not on board. When a very special set of nails goes missing, the bride seems ready to call the whole thing off. Will luck turn for Ruby or are her plans destined to become unglued?	Resources for Developing Grit, Resilience, and Growth Mindset: This article from Edutopia provides multiple strategies and lessons to support the "new beginnings" theme.
The Holiday Party Fiesta de fin de año	Let's Celebrate	Jess and Mike have been working together for a year. Sam and Sara keep trying—and failing—to get them together. Love is in the air at this year's holiday party!	Discussion Strategies: This resource offers educators multiple ways to engage learners in different types of collaborative discussions to foster collaboration and conversation among learners.
Hidden Talent	Setting Goals	Carmen is a loving, hard-working mom.	Set and Monitor Goals:

		She decides to enter her workplace talent show. Will she find an act in time for the show?	This LINCS resource will provide educators with quick tips to support learners with their goals.
A True Celebration Una verdadera celebración	Celebrating Black Authors	Planning for Black History Month events is in the works at Aliyah's job, and she is not thrilled. Can she help make the event meaningful, or is it doomed to be another flop?	Learn to Listen, Listen to Learn: This strategy embeds writing skills along with speaking and listening skills to help learners deepen their understanding about a topic. It promotes individual, small group, and whole-group conversation skills.
The Music in the World La música que hay en el mundo	Awakening Creativity	As Nylah helps her daughter write a poem for school, she learns a very important lesson herself.	Text Graffiti: This strategy helps learners activate background knowledge, and foster connections and predictions about texts. It also promotes collaboration and discussion among peers as well as the whole group.
Step by Step: Meditation	Mental Health and Wellness	Meditating is a great way to lower stress, clear your mind, and help you relax. Here are a few simple meditation exercises to get you started.	Four Corners: This strategy promotes sparking discussion and/or healthy debate. Learners are presented with different scenarios or situations and required to take a stance when presented with a particular topic. This activity can be revised for families too!
Art of the Chase Book II	Recharge with Reading	Liam Harper and Anna Darkwood have been living happily married since Anna was recruited to track down the blue diamond. One morning, Liam wakes to find that Anna is	During Reading: Ask learners to complete research about U.S. and British Intelligence by creating a specific text set with links about topics or events mentioned in the text. Explore these through cooperative

		missing. Upon searching the garden and the house, his greatest fears are confirmed. He discovers a note linking Anna's kidnapping to a woman who still haunts his dreams.	learning structures such as Jigsaw, Think-Pair-Share, Gallery Walks, or Reciprocal Teaching. Journal Prompts: Encourage creativity with the use of these exciting and creative journal prompts. This link will provide ideas for all different types of stories — including suspense, adventure, and humorous ones! Learners will enjoy becoming authors while using any of these prompts
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Promote Family Literacy Engagement

- Encourage families to select books to read together and show them how to access the short, guided activities for each book
- Explore a sampling of children's texts that will support families reading together in the table below

Title	Collection	Description
The Golden Acorn Tree El árbol de la bellota dorada	New Beginnings	Follow a friendly squirrel as she explores a charming forest and gathers acorns for her neighbors. Then discover how a shy skunk becomes an unlikely hero when their reliable tree is taken away without warning. Young children will delight in this sweet tale of friends with tails who help and accept every animal in their forest community.

The Milo & Jazz Mysteries: The Case of the Stinky Socks	Mysterious Stories	The high school's star pitcher is missing his lucky socks, and his pitching is going to pieces! Can detective duo Milo and Jazz find the thief—before the big game?
Madison and the Two Wheeler Madison y su bicicleta	Setting Goals	Madison wants to ride her bike without training wheels. After her first fall, she loses confidence, but her family urges her to keep trying. Will she ever learn to ride her two-wheeler?
My Girls & Curls	Celebrating Black Authors	There is no better way to celebrate Lila's birthday than cooling off at the pool. Her friend Ashley had just gotten a silk press, but that doesn't stop her from jumping in with her girls. Realizing her hair is no longer straight, Ashley cries. Her friends decide to help Ashley style her natural hair. Will they find the perfect style for Ashley? This story celebrates the natural hair journey of three young girls finding beauty in friendship and their coils.
Little Melba and Her Big Trombone	Celebrating Black Authors	Brimming with cheerfulness and the joy of making music, <i>Little Melba and Her Big Trombone</i> is a fitting tribute to a trailblazing musician and a great unsung jazz hero.
Sometimes It's Bright A veces es brillante	Awakening Creativity	In this visually rich picture book, a girl discovers the joy of creativity, first on a walk through the city and ultimately within herself. <i>Sometimes It's Bright</i> explores how being our most creative selves brings joy to us and to the world.
The Party for Papá Luis / La fiesta para Papá Luis	Recharge with Reading	A tale in which Papá Luis's family and friends make preparations for his birthday fiesta, complete with piñata, cake, and a clown. (This is a dual language text)
Let's Go	Recharge with Reading	A family describes how they pack up to go to the beach.
The Reason for the Seasons	Recharge with Reading	We all know there are four seasons in a year. But HOW do we know? Join fearless young scientist-adventurer Joulia Copernicus on a journey around the world as she explains with humor and wit how we know what causes the seasons.

Meow! Who Said That?	General BookSmart Collection	Discover different sounds that animals make!
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Suggestions for Using the Collections and Activities

- ◆ Find current and past collections along with Instructor Resource Guides in our [Learning Resource Center](#).
- ◆ Decide how you will interact with each topic and curated text collection. Each resource guide has suggestions to support in-person instruction and offers online resources for instructors and family engagement. Consider using the materials as starting points for larger units or creative activities to engage with topics and texts.
- ◆ Access the short, guided activities for each book that offer suggestions for both instructors and families. You may access the activities by clicking on the book titles. The activities are attached to each book.
- ◆ Allow learners individual time to access the application and explore the collection and guided activities.
- ◆ If using the reading collection for the first time, model how the age and language filters work in the application, and how to locate the search function, so books can be easily found.
- ◆ Use the collections and guides to help develop and foster a reading life for your learners and their families!

Family Engagement with a Shared Text

These suggestions may be shared directly with learners and their families, so they can read and explore a book together!

- Choose a book to explore from one of the collections.
- Read and discuss the book with your child. Use *before, during, and after reading* questions to help your child make connections to themselves and to other parts of their life. The following are some examples:

□ Before Reading

Look at the front cover with your child. Explore the pictures and text, and ask them:

- Does this book remind you of anything?
- What do we already know about _____?

- Make connections during the conversation. What does this book/topic/picture look like? Sound like? Feel like?
- **During Reading**
 - If you were in this story, what do you think you would be hearing? Seeing? Tasting? Smelling? Feeling?
 - What has happened to the character(s) so far?
 - Have you been in a situation that is similar, or like, the situation the character in the story is in? What was the same for both of you? What was different?
 - What is the problem this character is experiencing? How do you think it will turn out?
 - What evidence do we know so far from the book?
- **After Reading**
 - Tell me the story in your own words.
 - What would you like to ask the author (or characters) of the book?
 - What did you like most about the story? Why?
 - Would you have done things in a different way than the character in the story did? If so, what would you have done differently?
 - Do you think it was a good ending? What would you have changed?
- After reading the story, you will notice activities at the bottom of the screen. Explore these activities with your child!