

Pandemic Publishing

A Selected COVID-19 Bibliography

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During a global crisis, it seems everything changes on a daily basis, and that includes publishing. With information about COVID-19 being revised just as rapidly, families have been struggling to educate their children on the virus and the pandemic. Scores of authors and publishers are leading the way, promptly publishing digital children's books; here is a list of some of those titles (compiled as of May 7, 2020). Quality varies, since many are self-published, but all are available free online unless otherwise noted (<https://nycdoe.libguides.com/COVID-19ebooks/free>).

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Belgum, Holly Sedgwick. *Piggy and Bunny and the Stay-At-Home Plan*. Illus. by the author. Self-published, 2020. 24p., https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IFvoVFJQXi4yVE0cFOovt33_8wgfxwvF/view

Borst, Christine. *What is Coronavirus?* Self-published, 2020. 13p., <https://www.christineborst.com>

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Cavallo, Francesca. *Dr. Li and the Crown-Wearing Virus*. Illus. By Claudia Flandoli. Undercats, 2020. 11p., <https://freebooks.undercats.media/corona>

Daemicke, Songju Ma and Wu, Helen H. *Be a Coronavirus Fighter*. Yeehoo Press, 2020. 24p., <https://yeehoopress.com/coronavirus-picturebook>

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Gomez, Ana. *The Story of the Oyster and the Butterfly: The Corona Virus and Me*. 2020. 30p., www.anagomez.org/covid-19-resources



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Gratias, Melissa. *Captain COVID & the 19 COVID Warriors*. Illus. by Brittany Curry. 2020. <https://melissagratiass.com/captaincorona/>

Griffiths, Matthew. *The Inside Book*. Illus. by the author. South Africa, 2020. 26p., <https://mattgriffiths.com>

Hale, Shannon and Hale, Dean. *The Princess in Black and the Case of the Coronavirus*. Illus. by LeUyen Pham. Candlewick, 2020. 8p., <https://www.princessinblack.com/download/pib-coronavirus.pdf>

Harris, Samantha and Scott, Devon. *Why We Stay Home: Suzie Learns About Coronavirus*. Illus. by Harriet Rodis. 2020. 10p., <http://www.milwaukeeindependent.com/articles/stay-home-free-book-coronavirus-children-color>

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Jackson, Amanda Perlyn. *Virtual Hug for the World*. Illus. by the author. 2020. 12p., <https://virtualhugfortheworld.com>

Jenner, Elizabeth, Wilson, Kate, and Roberts, Nia. *Coronavirus: A Book for Children*. Illus. by Axel Sheffler. Nosy Crow, 2020. 30p., <https://stayhome.candlewick.com>

Jones, Malia. *A Kid's Book About COVID-19*. <https://akidsbookabout.com/pages/covid-19>

Lyons, Renée. *Community Heroes: A Guide to Being Brave in the Face of the Coronavirus*. Illus. by Sarah Rose Lyons. Clemson, SC: Clemson University Life Sciences Outreach Center, 2020. 21p., www.clemson.edu/science/partner/heroes.html

Virtual Storytimes and Use Policies

- **ALSC Virtual Storytimes Services Guide** (under construction): This work-in-progress guide will offer helpful direction and resources to those planning virtual storytime events (www.ala.org/alsc/virtual-storytime-services-resource-guide).
- **Publishers Adapt Policies to Help Educators**: This *School Library Journal* article includes a directory of children's book publishers and their adapted policies on use during the pandemic (www.slj.com/?detailStory=publishers-adapt-policies-to-help-educators-coronavirus-covid19).
- **Online Storytime & Coronavirus: It's Fair Use, Folks**: Carrie Russell, copyright specialist in ALA's Public Policy and Advocacy Office, discusses the finer points of fair use exception to U.S. copyright law (<https://programminglibrarian.org/articles/online-story-time-coronavirus-it%E2%80%99s-fair-use-folks>).

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Muguruza, Fernanda Rodríguez. *We Will Dance Under a Star*. Illus. by Eva Rami. 20p., <https://mipsicologainfantil.com/obras>

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Nicholls, Sally. *Staying Home*. Illus. by Viviane Schwarz. UK: Andersen Press, 2020. 17p., <http://sallynicholls.com/staying-home>

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- **School buy-in** is especially valuable; having a teacher or school librarian advocate for the program greatly increases successful participation.
- **Funding** can also have a big say in the size and scale of your event. We are fortunate to have funding from both our Friends of the Ramsey County Library and the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, but you could certainly run this program with any (or no!) dollar amount.
- You also need **something to make the day special**, such as a guest author and presentation. It could also be as simple as a photo booth with a butcher paper background and props.

Beyond issuing library cards to thousands of kindergarteners, what have we gained from this program? Getting a library card and going to the party has become an important milestone for

kids and their families. We consistently hear how excited the kids are to get their own cards and attend a special party.

Also, through our partnership with our schools, we reach families who may never come to the library. Once here, we can introduce the whole family to the library's many resources.

We've also built a community touchstone across our service area so that all our children have this shared experience of being visited by a librarian and being told about the doors a library card can open for them.

Our Kindergarten Library Card Party can be an amazing milestone in a child's school career. Through the hard work of our amazing team, we are reaching children through partnerships with our local schools and making sure all of them have access to the resources their local public libraries can provide. &

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Rim, Nicole. *King COVID and the Kids Who Cared*. 2020. 36p., www.nicolerim.com/kidswhocared.html

Rosado, Javier and Fernandez, Tatiana. *The Germ That Wears a Crown: A Story About the Coronavirus*. Illus. by Jodi Slade. Florida State University Center for Child Stress & Health, 2020. 18p., <http://fsustress.org/ebook.html>

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Samatte, Sandra. *Nuttah & Kitchi*. Illus. By Julian Grafenauer. Canada, 2020. 15p., www.flipsnack.com/4canoessample/nuttah-kitchi.html

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Yen, Shu-Chen Jenny. *Something Strange Happened in My City: A Social Story About the Coronavirus Pandemic for Children*. Illus. by Glopo JCCreation and Art Center. California State University, 2020. 35p., <https://socialstorycenter.com/english/>

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