

Dear DCCCC families,

Hello, for those of you that don't know me I'm Terri Crane, currently, I am a part-time Floating Teacher, but have been at DCCCC for many years (32), and in many roles. As a Float, I've recently been primarily working with the Black bears, but have gotten to know most of the children in the building. My other part-time job is working at the Meriden Library as a Library Assistant.

My job during this time at home is to send you literary resources to help you through this time. I will try to send links to cover all ages from infants to preschoolers. If there are some literary resources that I can help you find please email me at terri.l.crane@dartmouth.edu As we all navigate working from home and being a parent at the same time, we will be stressed at some point with how to manage it all. I'm hoping that these emails will help you. If they're too much and stress you out or are not what you need, please let me know and I will remove you from the email list.

It's Okay

- *To not know how to homeschool your own child*
- *To not know how to work from home*
- *To give kids more screen time than usual*
- *To make a colorful daily schedule or just wing it*
- *To not magically feel motivated to work out at home or take on a new hobby*
- *To not feel okay*

*This is not normal for any of us.
Please be kind to yourself.*

I have found a couple of good articles to read that will give you some insight and strategies to help you navigate through these uncharted waters.

How Parents Can Keep Kids Busy (and Learning) in Quarantine

As American schools close, parents are suddenly faced with the challenge of keeping their children occupied at home.

[Link](#)

Talking to Children About COVID-19 (Coronavirus): A Parent Resource

[Link](#)

When it comes to reading nothing replaces your lap for the best place to connect and read with your child. But, during this time we are having to make adjustments to everything we do. We are trying to balance a lot of things on our plate. Take this time with your children and enjoy it. Work learning into everyday activities.

Reading isn't the only way to improve your child's literacy skills. There are many ways to introduce literacy skills into your everyday adventures. Getting outside is crucial with keeping yourself and your child well balanced during this social distancing time. Use that time to take a walk and talk about what you are seeing. Ask questions about the signs of spring or other things that are happening around you. Then, talk about it later when you go back inside. You are setting a foundation for their continued learning. Children are building a vocabulary when they are engaging in activities that are cognitively and linguistically stimulating. Provide opportunities for them to build on their foundation.

Here are some resources that can help you keep your little ones learning and engaged while you get some work done.

Libraries are still a great resource!

Even though most libraries are closed, there are many online options that you may enjoy exploring. Go to your library's web page and look under e-resources.

Most libraries belong to a downloadable consortium. Local NH libraries have New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium <https://nh.overdrive.com/>

Local VT libraries have Green Mountain Library Consortium.<https://gmlc.overdrive.com/>

The [Libby](#) app is an easy way to access the consortium.

You can access them via your library's web page. You'll need a library account to use them.

Audible has free access to hundreds of books in many languages.

Go to stories.audible.com for free access to hundreds of titles.

[Storyline Online](#) where actors read to children.

[We Are Teachers](#) Big list of Children's Authors Doing Online Read Alouds and Activities

[TumbleBook Library](#)

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www.TumbleBookLibrary.com – K–6 children's ebook database

Direct Link: https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/auto_login.aspx?U=tumble735&P=books

Username: tumble735

Password: books

www.AudioBookCloud.com – all ages audiobook database

Direct Link: <https://www.audiobookcloud.com/autologin.aspx?U=tumble2020&P=A3b5c6>

Username: tumble2020

Password: A3b5c6

[Funbrain](#) for kids of all ages. Reading, math, grammar, science, spelling, history, and engaging educational games.

[FunbrainJr](#) helps preschoolers and kindergarteners jumpstart their journey of learning with engaging online games, stories, and printables. These fun and vibrant games for kids ages 2-6 will help children build early learning skills in math and reading.

Hope you find these to be helpful, and an added resource to your ever-growing e-resource.

Be well,

Terri Crane