

For first responder parents currently home schooling because of COVID-19-related school closures, the IFSI Library will be sharing some online resources that your students may enjoy. We will continue to add to this list. Also, **please check the Illinois Fire Service Institute Library Facebook page for updates** on services, digital resources and e-book availability, homeschooling resources, and other topics of interest to Illinois firefighters.

**From University of Illinois New Bureau: *How to foster children's learning while sheltering at home:***  
<https://news.illinois.edu/view/6367/807724>

**ABDO ebook collection free:** searchable by grade group (beginner through high school), subject, genre; includes nonfiction (biographies, sports, arts/crafts, animals, history, geography, grammar, many more) and fiction (children's, YA, graphic novels, mysteries, and more); also Spanish ebooks  
<https://abdodigital.com/>

**Audible free children's downloads:** children's audio stories free to stream on desktop, laptop, phone or tablet; in six different languages  
<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

**American Chemical Society:** For high schoolers: free short videos, *ChemMatters* magazine issues with a free articles, discussion questions, teachers' guides, and Spanish version for each free article  
<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/resources/highschool/chemmatters/articles-by-topic.html>

**For future veterinarians: UIUC College of Veterinary Medicine:** the crittercam is presently closed, but scroll down the webpage for photos, true stories, and information about wild animals treated by the Wildlife Medical Clinic  
<https://vetmed.illinois.edu/crittercam/>

**Scholastic Learn at Home:** day-to-day projects for children pre-K through 9<sup>th</sup> grade; includes resources for families  
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html?caching>

**Sea-Span: The Florida Aquarium:** live tours featuring occupants of the aquarium, drawing lessons, and live sing-alongs. Episode 5 penguins waddling through the aquarium is especially entertaining.  
<https://www.flaquarium.org/sea-span>

**Spanish Children's Stories from The Spanish Experiment:** read and listen to illustrated children's stories narrated in Spanish (with English translation available); the newer stories also have video.  
<https://www.thespanishexperiment.com/stories>

**Story Time in Space YouTube Channel:** astronauts read books aloud while orbiting earth and floating in zero gravity in the Space Station  
[https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search\\_query=storytime+in+space+youtube](https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=storytime+in+space+youtube)

**Storyline Online:** actors reading children's books including book animation  
<https://www.storylineonline.net/library/>