

Additional Resources

The websites listed below offer content that is accessible to teachers, librarians, and families.

Vamos a Leer: Teaching Latin America Through Literacy

Vamos a Leer is overseen by the Latin American & Iberian Institute (LAI) at the University of New Mexico. The blog supports K–12 teaching about Latin America by providing resources to educators, including lesson plans, author and book suggestions, and related materials.

The blog is an attempt to “do the legwork” for teachers—they compile lesson plans, research materials, resources, links to helpful blogs and author websites, and even educator’s guides to accompany each book featured in our book group. They also provide a space for conversation through comments and discussions.

Colorín Colorado

Colorín Colorado is a national multimedia project that offers a wealth of bilingual, research-based information, activities, and advice for educators and families of English language learners (ELLs). Colorín Colorado is an educational service of WETA, the flagship public broadcasting station in the nation’s capital, and receives major funding from the American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association. The website offers free research-based information, activities, and advice to parents, schools, and communities around the country.

Latinxs in KidLit: Exploring the world of Latinx YA, MG, and Children’s Literature

Latinx in KidLit offers detailed book reviews for Latinx young adult, middle grade, and children’s literature. The site offers detailed book reviews, a blog, book talks highlighting books read by the contributors, interviews with authors and/or illustrators, and teaching ideas and resources.

Latinx Kid Lit Book Festival

Monthly blog with new releases of young adult and children’s literature, a podcast containing interviews with Latinx authors and/or illustrators, resources for educators and librarians, and an extensive Latinx kid literature database.

We Need Diverse Books

We Need Diverse Books is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and a grassroots organization of children’s book lovers that advocates essential changes in the publishing industry to produce and promote literature that reflects and honors the lives of all young people. Their vision is for “a world in which all children can see themselves in the pages of a book.”

The website offers a variety of information, including the OurStory app, a user-friendly app to discover diverse books; lists of past awardees of the Walter Dean Myers Awards for Outstanding Children’s Literature; and resources for teachers and families.

Worlds of Words: Center of Global Literacies and Literatures

Worlds of Words: Center of Global Literacies and Literatures (WOW) is committed to creating an international network of people who share the vision of bringing books and children together, thereby opening windows on the world. WOW encourages thoughtful dialogue around global literature so that children can reflect on their own cultural experiences and connect to the experiences of children across the globe.

The website offers a collection of resources dedicated to YA, MG, and children's literature: *WOW Currents*, a monthly blog; *My Take Your Take*, where two readers give their perspectives on the same book; and several free, open-access publications, including *WOW Stories Connections from the Classroom*, *WOW Review*, and *WOW Libros: Leyendo entre palabras*, a regular online publication containing Spanish language reviews of Spanish language books (the book summaries are written in English).