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The Importance of Reading & How to Access Digital Books

Dear DPHM Families,

We hope you are safe and healthy. While at home, **scholars should be reading at least 20 minutes every day.** Reading 20 minutes per day is proven to positively impact scholar learning and performance in all subject areas. Reading daily is the only way to ensure that scholars' skills do not slip during this time away from school. **Scholars should be reading their book for Literature Studies class and a book of their choice** during DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)/ Reading Lab every day.

Scholars will be able to access books digitally using the [myON digital Library](#) which offers thousands of digital books for free as well as news articles written for students. These resources can be accessed on any digital device that is connected to the Internet and are available 24/7. Books from the MyON digital library can also be downloaded onto mobile devices for offline reading. The access credentials will be made available in the near future.

Scholars are also able to check out e-Books from the [Open Ebooks APP](#) once they have downloaded it to either a Smartphone or Ipad device. They will just need to obtain their access credentials from their librarian before reading.

Scholars should also AR quiz on books once they have finished reading them so that they can earn credit for the books they have read and help their homerooms participate in the reading challenges that we have throughout the school year. Scholars should visit the following AR Growth website beginning **September 8th** to take their AR quizzes: <https://global-zone20.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/1723132>. They will just need to enter their username and the password, which is **luminous**.

Please reach out to Mr. Christy at kenneth.christy@democracyprep.org with any additional questions.

Happy Reading!
The DPHMS Team

