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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Time flies and summer has arrived! Many parents have emailed our library team asking about activities that students can do over the summer. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Read EPIC!



Great news to share with the KJS Community! Our school has paid for a subscription to EPIC for all families. This means that parents will no longer have to pay for access to EPIC after school and students will be able to continue reading with 24/7 access.

As you know, students love EPIC and recently, they've increased their collection to over 40,000 titles, that includes read to me books, audiobooks and videos. Students can keep using their current class codes until the new school year starts.

Class codes will be separately resent to you shortly.

2. Read Wheelers!





Year 3 and above students have been introduced to our KJS Digital Library, which can be accessed through Wheelers. We have a consortium of digital books and audiobooks shared with other ESF Schools.

Books on the platform include books requested by students through the Library Wishlist and books for our Battle of the Books. Please have a look at the slideshow for [step by step instructions](#) on how to log onto Wheelers.

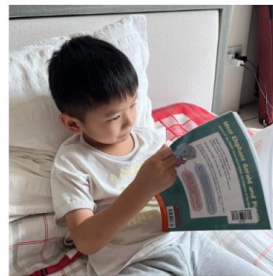
3. Take a reading photo over the summer



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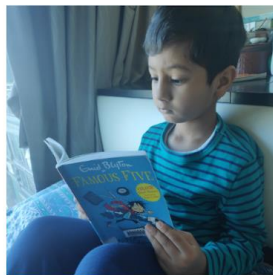
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Once school starts, we'll be asking students to send in their reading photos to decorate the walls of our library. Previous photos taken have been prominently displayed on our [KJS Virtual Library](#) and on the walls of our library.



Previous student photos will be relocated to various areas of the school and will be distributed back to students when they complete their learning journey here at KJS. Photo deadline September 1st, 2023. Details on where to send it to be announced at the start of school.

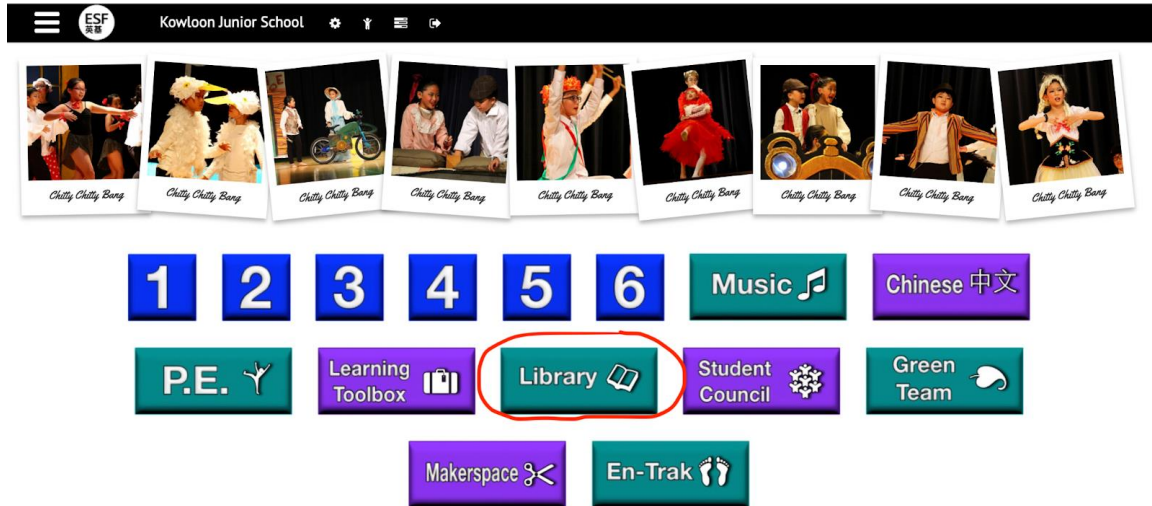
4. Explore KJS Virtual Library



Although school is closed, our KJS Virtual Library will always be online to keep students busy. This page has free resources that students can access without having to log onto their splat. Students have particularly enjoyed:

- [KJS History](#) - Learning about KJS history and watching historic videos that include plays, campus tours, songs.
- [KJS Times](#) - If you've missed reading any issues, click on the link to read articles written by KJS students.
- [Authors online](#) - A collection of author videos that have been through safetube so that there are no advertisements. Click and select an author to watch them demonstrate how to draw their book characters or listen to them read their books.
- [Battle of the Books](#) (BOB) - If you're heading into Year 5 or 6, you might be interested in knowing more about our reading club.
- [Fun and Helpful websites](#) - there have been many free resources offered during Covid. Click on this link and explore from learning how to code to going on a virtual field trips. If you have any resources that you think we should add, please let [Ms. Lau](#) know.

5. Explore the Library Splat page



Ever since we launched the KJS Virtual Library, many students have forgotten that we have a [Library Splat page](#).

This page has all of the links to databases that KJS subscribes to. Click on any boxes to bring you directly to the resource. If a login and password is needed, there are reminders on the icon. For others, the link will automatically log into the database. Again, this is a KJS subscription and we hope this is not shared with anyone outside the community.

6. Visit a Hong Kong Public Library



We understand that KJS students are keen readers. In addition to [Wheelers](#), [EPIC](#) and our [KJS Virtual Library](#), we highly encourage students to visit your local Hong Kong Public Library (HKPL) to borrow books if you are in Hong Kong this summer.

You can apply in person at any of the [branches](#) or you can [apply online](#) for your child. This will allow them access to online books and databases which will be taught during the school year. This will especially be important for upcoming Year 6 students.

7. Battle the Books (Year 5 & 6)



Hong Kong Battle of the Books

For students in Year 5 & 6, there will be an opportunity to join Battle of the Books. For more information, please [click here](#) and find out more. In the beginning of August, all Year 5 & 6 students will be informed of the opportunity to join this reading club.

If students would like to get a head start and try reading or listening to the books, some of the books have already been added to [Wheelers](#).

For some parents and caregivers who would like to purchase the books, Fun to Read is offering an opportunity to purchase BOB books. Please [click here](#) for more details. This is optional to purchase as the library will have these books available in August.

8. Summertime writing workshops with Elephant Community Press (optional)



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This summer, Elephant Community Press (ECP) will be organizing summertime writing workshops. If you're interested, you are welcome to look at their [schedule](#) to find out more about their classes. Students joining the workshop will get their books published in their [online bookstore](#). Please note that these summertime classes are not exclusive to KJS students.

ECP workshops or otherwise known as our writing club are also held at KJS. At the start of Terms 1 and 2, announcements will be made in library class and through our ESF app about the start of our club. 2 days of clubs will be offered, one face-to-face and one via Zoom.

Copies of these books are also prominently displayed in the library and copies are also purchased by the HK public library. Again, the writing club is optional classes to join.



If you have any questions on the above, please contact Ms. Lau at macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer!

Kind regards,

KJS Library Team