



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Winter break is quickly approaching and we would like to keep students reading during their time away from school. Freedom Hill has a variety of academic web based programs that your child can use to stay on track academically through independent practice or with a parent. These programs can be accessed by navigating to the Freedom Hill ES website (www.fcps.edu/FreedomHillES/), clicking on Student Resources from the left side menu, and choosing Learning Links. Below we have highlighted two reading programs that are used both in the classroom and by students at home.

myON

myON has thousands of books available for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Lots of graphic novels here!



- Go to the library catalog: <http://libcat.fcps.edu> (or the school Home Page)
- Select FCPS Online Databases
- Click 
- Click 
- School Name: Your student's school name, Fairfax County
- **Username:** FCPS student ID number
- **Password:**
 - Grades K-3: the grade level keyword followed by the student's day of birth.
Example: word9 or word16 (contact your child's teacher for the keyword)
 - Grades 4-6: student ID number + the first 3 letters of the student's birth month with 1st letter capitalized.
Example: 123456Jan

How to use myON

- Select the book you want, click Read Now, then click Start the Book. To read it yourself, click on the arrows at the side of the page. To have it read to you, or to read along, click the play button below the book. Add books to your list for later, rate them, keep track of the ones you've read. You'll love it!
- If you have a Kindle Fire, iPad, or other electronic device with a screen size of 7 inches or more, there is an app for myON. Search in the app store for your device.

TumbleBooks

Tumblebooks is another program that has thousands of books available for on-line reading and enjoyment.

- Go to the library catalog: <http://libcat.fcps.edu>
- Select FCPS Online Databases
- Click  for picture books and easier chapter books.
- Click  for middle grade chapter books (perfect for middle schoolers too!)
- Select the book you want.
- If you log in through the FCPS Database page, there is no need for a password.
- If you log in on your mobile device, you can read on the go! We have tried it on an iPhone and it works!

Don't forget that there is plenty to read in the other databases, too – break is the perfect time to explore, so pick one of interest to you and see what you can find!

Have a great break and enjoy some wonderful books!