

**Public Library Online Resources for Families –  
DELAC Presentation – Nov. 30, 2016**

**San Lorenzo Library, 395 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo –  
[http://www.aclibrary.org/san\\_lorenzo](http://www.aclibrary.org/san_lorenzo)**

**Homework Help at the Library:  
Monday through Thursday, 3:30-5:30pm:**

The newly remodeled San Leandro Library has a homework center for students who need assistance with homework. It is called Homework Central, and is for elementary and middle school students, and takes place in the Library Learning Center. The adult instructor is Marisela Lira who is present at all times. The homework center is free and no registration is required. The homework helpers are all high school student volunteers, many of whom are bilingual. Technically, this is not tutoring, but homework help. Most students get the week's homework on Mondays, and many can finish in one day at the Homework Center.

Homework Central also provides Reading Buddies for elementary children (many of the kids are English learners). The high school volunteers are very patient and help kids with their reading and acquisition of English, in a calm environment.

**Math Tutoring:  
Saturdays, 10:10am-12:10pm:**

Volunteers from the Tzu Chi Foundation provide free tutoring to students every Saturday, for all ages (even college). This includes Algebra, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus but also basic math for younger students. The tutors are all college students or graduates majoring in engineering. Through Dec. 10, 2016 in the Library Learning Center, then they will be on Winter break. It will resume in January.

**Brainfuse Online Tutoring with a live tutor:  
Every day, 1:00pm-10:0pm**

**<http://guides.aclibrary.org/children>**

Online homework help: Brainfuse.com – access this from the library's website; use your library card number to log in. The library pays for this service for all our community members. Once you log in, you can access a free live tutor who can help a student with a math problem, answer a homework question, or lead them to resources for a report. You can ask for a tutor who speaks Spanish if you would like. The student and tutor are put in a chat room with a white board, so the tutor can show the steps of a math problem (for example). All the tutors are real teachers who have been cleared by Brainfuse to work with children. The Brainfuse site has many other resources besides the live tutors; check it out.

**Online Book resources:**

There are online reading resources at these two local public library websites:

**Alameda County/San Lorenzo Library:** <http://guides.aclibrary.org/children>, click on Kids, then click on the Early Literacy Tab. [continued on next page]

**TumbleBooks** offers “real” books that you can read online – many of the same books students find at their public library, school library, or classroom. Click on the TumbleBooks, or the Biblioteca TumbleBooks [Español] tab, and enter your library card number as instructed.

For Storybooks to “read” aloud to younger children, click on the Story Books tab and choose a book; then click on Read Online. You will hear the book being read, and also see the words and pictures, which helps a child learn to read.

Under the Nonfiction tab, there are factual books you can choose and hear them read out loud. For older children, there are books they can choose and read themselves.

Under the Language Learning tab, there are several books in Spanish that caregivers can share with a child. Many offer the text in Spanish or English, others will allow you to hear the book read out loud in Spanish.

**BookFlix** is very similar to TumbleBooks – it just offers different books. Log in with your library card number, then choose a category.

**San Leandro Public Library: For those that live in the Washington Manor area. Manor Branch Library, 1241 Manor Blvd., San Leandro, 94579.**

The Manor Library does not currently have a homework center, but there is a possibility that they may have one in 2017. Check with the library manager Celeste Stewart.

**Online Reading:**

Go to the San Leandro Library’s website: [www.sanleandro.org/depts/library/](http://www.sanleandro.org/depts/library/) and click on the Children’s tab. Then click on the Books and Reading tab, then Stories. There you will find some videos of books being read out loud.

You will also find TumbleBooks and BookFlix – notice you don’t need a library card number to get onto the TumbleBooks site. You do need a card for BookFlix. See the instructions above on how to use these two sites.

You can also access these sites from our school district website: [www.slzUSD.org/publiclibraries](http://www.slzUSD.org/publiclibraries)

**Free online reading of famous children’s books:**

Storyline Online: [www.storylineonline.net/](http://www.storylineonline.net/) - a free site for hearing books read by celebrities! Just click on the book cover and watch the book being read out loud. No library card or login needed.