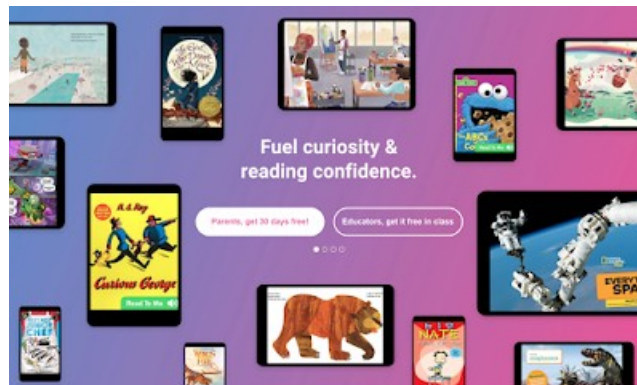In today's post we are sharing with two of our favourite digital libraries for kids. These are platforms where kids can access tons of books for all reading levels. Collections include picture books, graphic novels, biographies, historical fiction, how-to-books and many more. Additionally, both of the platforms offer teachers and parents with tools to track students reading progress and provide recommendations to enhance their reading skills.

1- Epic

Epic provides access to thousands of high quality books, audiobooks, read-to-me books, and learning videos for kids and young learners. Students will get to choose from a rich collection of reading materials and as they read they will earn badges for their achievements. As a teacher, you can create an account on Epic, select a few subjects and get book recommendations based on your students interests and reading levels. You can create individual profiles for your students and have them sign in to your group. You can then share with them reading assignments, quizzes, activities, reading materials, track their reading progress and many more.

Epic is available to teachers for Free and can be used as whole group or individualized instruction including Online Teaching since you can set up a classroom group for your students.

Parents can get 30 days free if they sign up for Epic for their children.

Go to https://www.getepic.com to subscribe.

2- ReadingIQ

ReadingIQ offers over 7000 books for kids of all reading levels. It also offers reading level assessments and a full literacy experience for ages 2-12. ReadingIQ's collection includes "books with simple language, early chapter books with engaging characters, picture books with light-hearted stories, and nonfiction texts that provide informational graphics to support understanding. The collection also includes many Read to Me books to support readers in developing listening comprehension." Other features provided by ReadingIQ are:

● 'Book recommendations for every child based on his or her level

● Ability to monitor your child's progress

● Award-winning titles, including Caldecott and Newbery Medal winners

● Up to 3 children per account

● Guided Reading and Lexile® levels available for thousands of books

● Ability to preview the content your child is exploring

● More than 1,500 professionally voiced titles.'

Reading IQ is a product of the company that makes ABC Mouse and is not free. It costs $40.00 a year or $8 a month.

Another Digital Library for Early Childhood Education is the International Children's Library http://en.childrenslibrary.org/index.shtml   You can register for a free account here http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/Login?ilang=English .
They provide several ways for teachers to use the Library. The library is supported by donations.

https://www.storyplace.org/front Story Place is another free library for early learners. It offers virtual story times via local and national libraries. There is no fee for this service but the collection is limited to those books being featured for a particular week. They do provide other literacy activities on the site as well.

MagicBlox is another new digital library for early learners https://magicblox.com/
MagicBlox is not free. There is a trial period free for 14 days but there is a monthly fee of $5 for using this digital library after the trial period.

Levar Burton's Skybrary.org is another digital library https://www.skybrary.org/school.
You can sign up for a free trial for 30 days, but the annual fee is $179 for a Classroom. The classroom license can be shared but only one teacher at a time can use this. School wide licenses are available but are much more expensive.

Don't forget that you can use the books in the old school library any time you would like to. Just put them back on the shelves where you got them when you are done. There are also videos and DVD's you can use as well.