

Keeping the Lights On: How Pinellas
County Schools Leveraged Digital
Books During Pandemic Learning &
School Library Closures (and
Beyond!)



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Good Morning!

We are so glad you are here!



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About Pinellas County Schools

- Florida's 8th largest school district
- Home to over 90,000 students
- Largest employer in Pinellas County
- 151 school sites, including charter schools
- Over 80+ magnet programs

Our Library Media programs benefit from a local tax referendum that provides financial support for library materials and makerspace items



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Part I: Implementation

Part II: Integration & Innovation

Part III: Collection Development

Tips

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March 2020

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April 2020 to July 2020





August 2020 to Present

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Part II: Integration & Innovation

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*Leveraging our digital
books to support...*

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Our Boys and Guys in

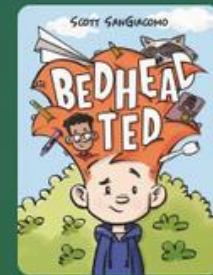
grades 3-5 and 9-10

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Boys Read

This selection of books support our district Boys Read program for grades 3-5.



[All 8 books >](#)

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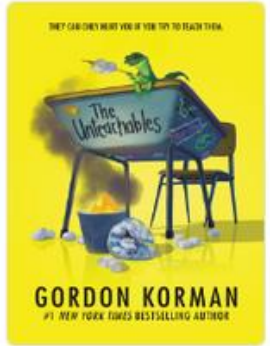


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Curricular needs in ELA

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The Unteachables
by Gordon Korman

\$12.72

MA: 26 checkouts (one user)
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Unit(s): [ADD TO MAIN CART](#)

Language	English	Series	--	Text difficulty	Grade 3 - Grade 4
Street date	1/8/2019	Audience	Juvenile Fiction	Interest level	MG/Middle grades (4th-8th)
Publisher acco...	HarperCollins Publishers Inc. HarperCollins Balzer + Bray	Subject(s)	Juvenile Literature, Humor (Fiction)	ATOS book level	5.1
ISBN	9780062563910	BISAC	Juvenile Fiction / School & Education + 1 subject	Lexile® measure	740L

Ebook Kindie, OverDrive Read, EPUB

4 Reviews

[SAMPLE](#)

	Copies						Holds			Checkouts			
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Shared c...	0	1	No	No	0	Yes	6	0	6	0	9/27/2023	6804	6970
Advanta...	0	9	No	No	20	No	6	0	0.2	6791	9/27/2023	4637	4802

Content access level(s): Adult, Young adult

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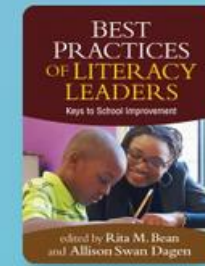
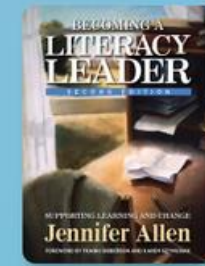
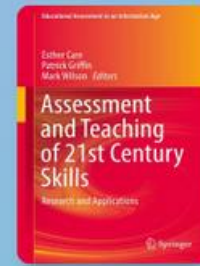
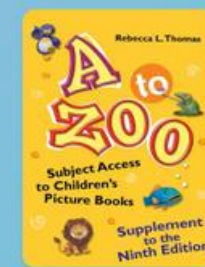
Professional Development

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Library Media Professional Collection

Over 160 books >



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Part III:

Collection Development

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Out of shelf space?

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Consider Digital Magazines

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Think about your students

that are homeless or

transient



We hope you have gained
some insight into how our
district leveraged Sora to
support student literacy.

Thank you!

How can we help? Reach
out if you have any
questions!

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