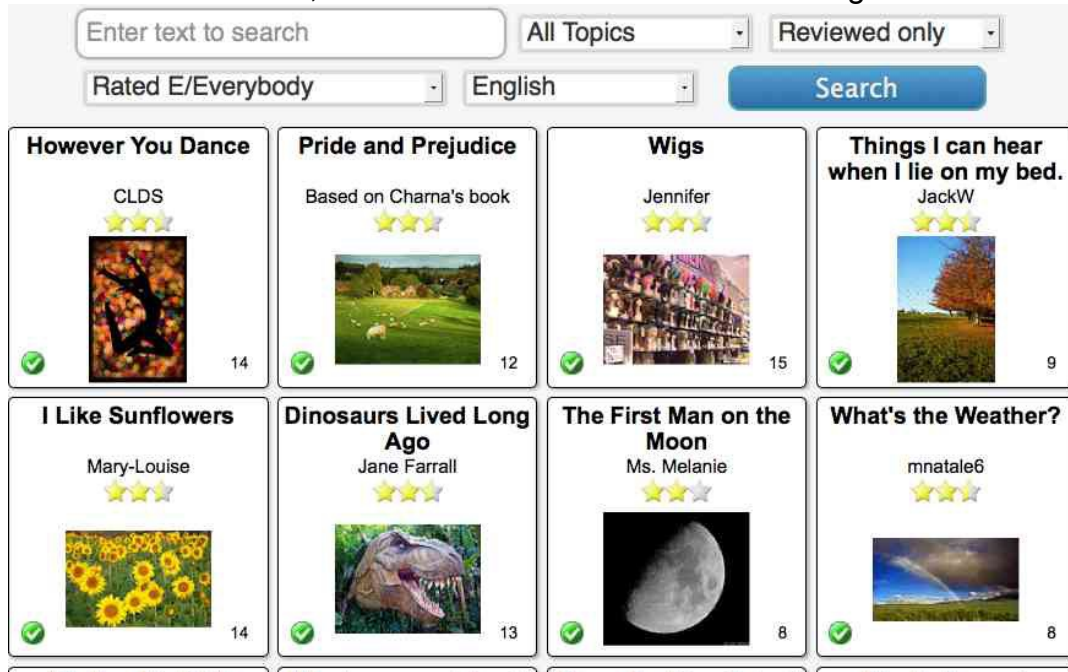


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# TARHEEL READER: Center for Literacy & Disability Studies

### WHAT:

Kudos to the Big Ideas of Dr. Karen Erickson and the innovative website design of Gary Bishop for developing this website providing thousands of online books to support the literacy needs of students with disabilities. This Guided Tour highlights my favorite components of this website, with a focus on older students with significant disabilities.



**WHO AND WHY:** Books at this website provide support to a wide range of students, but are especially important for students who:

- Are older (10 or above) but emergent or beginning readers, as very few age-respectful texts are available for that age group
- Have difficulty accessing traditional paper books, as these books can be read online, read aloud, and accessed through switches, alternate keyboards such as IntelliKeys, or iPads.

**MAKING THE MOST OF THE WEBSITE:** The following are tips I share with teachers and families for quickly maximizing use of this website:


**Read Online.** Use the 'Settings' Button  to listen to the book being read aloud online (or change colors of text or background).


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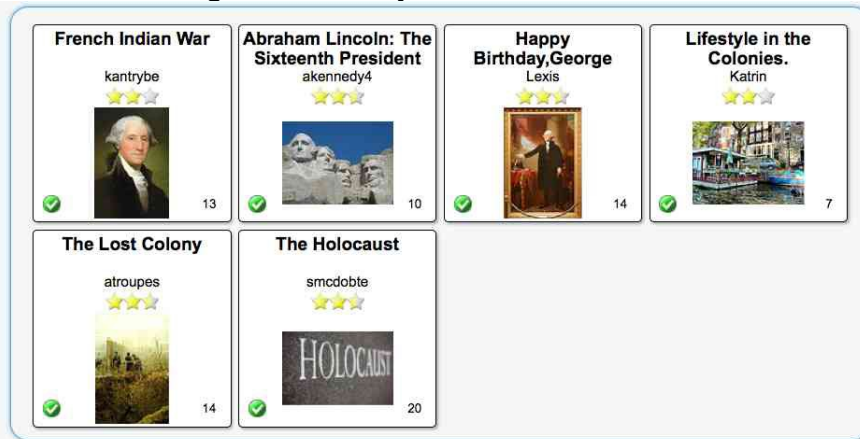
**Quick Page-Turning Access.** Each book has the page-turning button in the same location. That means that adults can set the mouse over that spot, then have students press the click button or use a switch adapted mouse or switch interface.

Use the  to Set Up Favorites.

For example, you might want to set up a history 'bookshelf'.

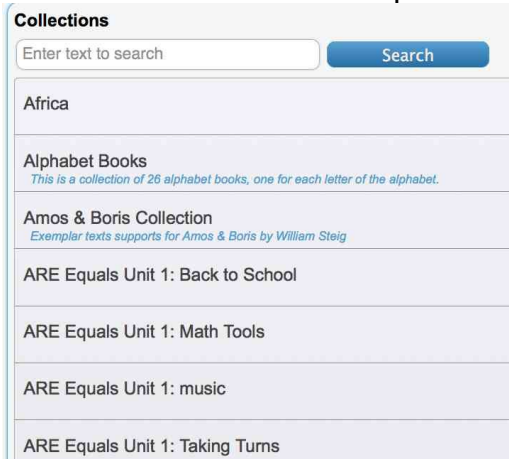
- Find the book you want. Instead of opening it, click on the .
- While the hearts are visible, click the book(s) you want.
- Continue until you have several favorites selected.

- Now go to this symbol  and select Favorites.
- Voila! Your favorites appear!
- And best of all, when one book is completed and the student chooses to 'read another book', THR goes back to your set of favorites!



**Finding a Collection Quickly.** Don't forget about the pre-set collections. Just go

under the menu  and pick Collections. Many many collections are available!



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**WRITING BOOKS FOR TARHEEL READER:** Musselwhite has prepared a tip giving extensive ideas and samples for supporting students in shared writing to create a book for Tarheel Reader.

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