AASL — American Association of School Librarians — TRANSFORMING LEARNING — NATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY STANDARDS

https://standards.aasl.org/project/bw18/

From the American Association of School Librarians, check out some of our favorites from their **Best Websites for Teaching and Learning for 2018**:

AllSides For Schools

https://allsidesforschools.org/

For **grades 6 and up**, AllSides for Schools offers news stories with the right, center, or left perspective to show students that almost all news stories have a bias.

Be Internet Awesome

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us

For **grades 2-5**, Be Internet Awesome from Google helps students become smart and safe users of the Internet by playing a game called Interland.

BOOK CREATOR

https://bookcreator.com/

For grades K and up, Book Creator allows users to publish online books, comic books, picture books and more. The free version allows the user to store up to 40 digital books. (iPad & Chrome)

KAPWING

https://www.kapwing.com/

For grades 4 and up, Kapwing allows users to create video montages, memes, stop action videos and sound effects.

See next month's issue for more recommendations!

April is Poetry Month

http://www.infotopia.info/poetry.html

Some of our favorite websites include the following:

Poets.org—includes poem-a-day and can be browsed by poet or poem.
https://www.poets.org/

BBC Out Loud—poets perform their own work. It is no longer being updated, but still has great content.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/poetry/outloud/

Poetry Everywhere (PBS) with Garrison Keillor—includes a short biography of the poet and the poets read their own poetry.
https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/poetryeverywhere/

The Literary Maven recommends 30 poems for secondary students in her blog. (Some of my favorite poems are included in her article.)
https://bit.ly/2Vc3Ibr

WE ARE TEACHERS

https://www.weareteachers.com/

The website, **"We Are Teachers"** says they have a mission to inspire teachers and help them succeed by sharing practical classroom ideas, the best freebies, and teacher-to-teacher advice and humor. They offer free printables and also recommend the best websites for students in all grades and subjects. You can search for ideas by grade level and/or subject. Topics range from "arts" to ESL, math, and world languages, plus many more. They have some excellent resources for teachers!

Need Cash?

Here's an interesting article from "We Are Teachers" about 50 legitimate ways to earn extra money after school or in the summer. The article includes links that give you more information about each recommendation. (Yes, we agree. Teachers need to be paid more in the first place!)

https://www.weareteachers.com/ways-teachers-can-make-extra-money/

Some of our favorites include:
- How to write and publish an ebook
- Sell your lesson plans
- Drive for Uber or Lyft
- Get paid for tutoring in person or online
- Open an Etsy shop
- Sell your stock photos
- Rent your house on AirBnb
- And.....43 more ideas!

Our search engines/web directories include:

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http://www.kidtopiagames.com

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http://www.virtuallrc.com

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National Library Week
April 13-17, 2019

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1. Visit your library.
2. Share your library story—how do you library?
3. Show your support for libraries on social media.

*Credit: http://www.ala.org/

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