State Superintendent Tony Thurmond's Gift of Literacy to CA Students
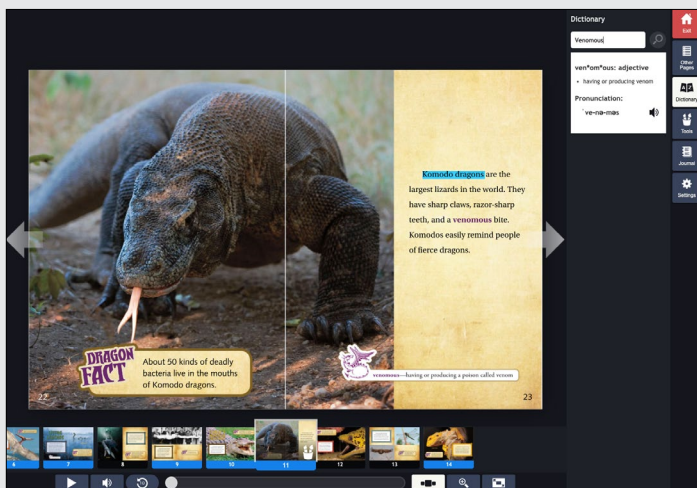
The California Department of Education and Renaissance are partnering in support of Superintendent Tony Thurmond's statewide literacy campaign. This bold new initiative will ensure that every California student learns to read by third grade by the year 2026, and includes a robust effort to provide one million books for students and families across the state.

In order to get books in the hands of all California children, Renaissance is providing access to myON digital books and news articles through a special statewide shared account for a limited time.
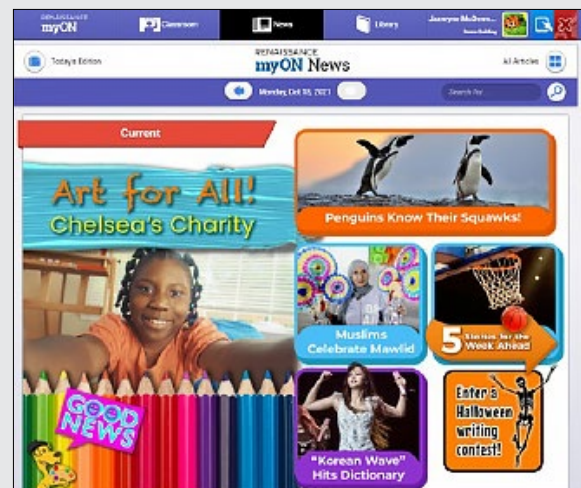
- Students already reading on their own myON accounts need to continue using their own logins in order to benefit from the personalization features.
- Students who do not currently have their own personalized myON accounts will be able to begin reading myON digital books and news articles immediately on the special California statewide shared account.

This partnership will bolster CDE's efforts across the state to promote literacy by providing access and equity, supporting reading inside and outside of school, and focusing on growth and intervention.

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Limited-time, shared account access for students who are not already reading on myON personalized accounts

Renaissance will provide a single statewide shared login to the myON digital library and news articles that will be used by students across the state from <u>early December until the end of January 2022</u>.

This will provide a simple and immediate way for all students who are not already reading on myON with their own personalized accounts to access unlimited reading opportunities, at home, at school, and in the community.

This shared account version of myON includes:

- Limited-time access to the 7,000+ books in the myON core collection and daily news articles through a shared account

- Reading tools include natural-voice audio to model fluency and text highlighting

- Options for students to read online or offline, even in low-bandwidth environments

- Up to 20 books at a time can be downloaded to read offline with a free mobile app

Spanish-language resources:

- 10 percent of the titles in the myON core collection are in Spanish

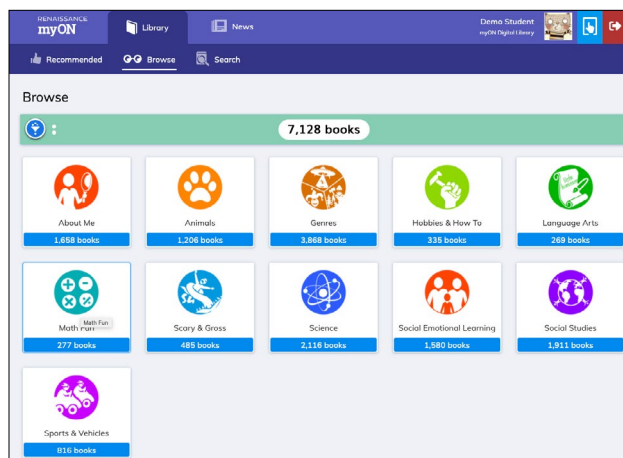- All daily news articles are available in Spanish

This shared account access will provide all families with opportunities for rich literacy experiences now, regardless of their circumstances.

Students can easily browse or search the digital library to find books to match their interests and grade level.

The shared account also includes age-appropriate myON News articles on timely topics and current events, 5 days a week.
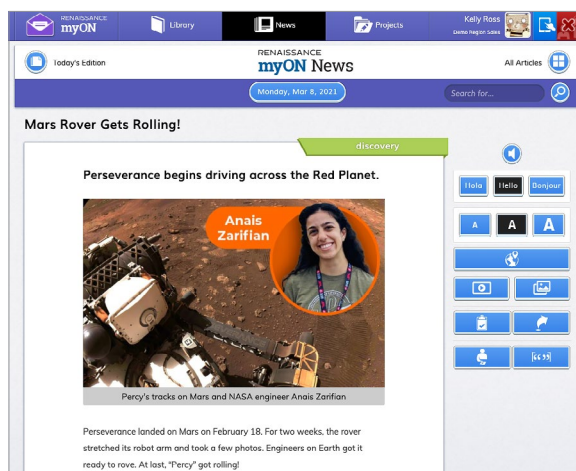
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> We already know that when students learn to read, they can read to learn anything, and that this is a gateway skill that can carry them to any point in their life, career, and in their journey. We also know that when students don't learn to read by third grade, they are at greater risk to drop out of school, and they are at greater risk to end up in the criminal justice system.
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> From my standpoint, this is a strategy that is about many things: helping children learn to read, but also putting them on a path that can create success for them. Our students can learn and overcome obstacles, but we have to give them the resources to do that, and now is clearly the time to advance this.
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> *—Superintendent Tony Thurmond*

Turnkey rollout resources, in **English** and **Spanish**, are available to participating school and district leaders to help promote literacy and encourage reading through this shared account opportunity.

Schools and districts already **using myON personalized literacy solutions** benefit from these great features

From unlimited access to digital books and news articles, with recommendations based upon each student's interests and just-right reading level, to curricular supports and deep data insights, **myON personalized accounts** provide best-in-class experiences for students and educators.

myON is equitable

All students have an equal opportunity to read and grow with a library's worth of digital books!

- Unlimited, 24/7 concurrent access
- Low bandwidth and offline reading options
- Enhanced accessibility features

Students can read books they choose or that teachers assign—anytime, anywhere.

myON is personalized

Students who read authentic texts at the just-right level enjoy reading more!

- Over 7,000 authentic titles in the core collection and growing (10 percent of the titles are in Spanish)
- Over 8,800 add-on publisher collections titles available now (titles from 9 publishers are in Spanish)
- Smart reading recommendations based on improved placement and interest survey

Recommendations for reading adjust automatically as students' reading expands.

myON is supportive

Empowers students to read more with flexible reading supports!

- Natural-voice audio with text highlighting
- Annotation and writing tools
- Accelerated Reader integration
- Assigned texts and reading projects

Teachers can assign projects, engaging students in pedagogically-sound reading and writing.
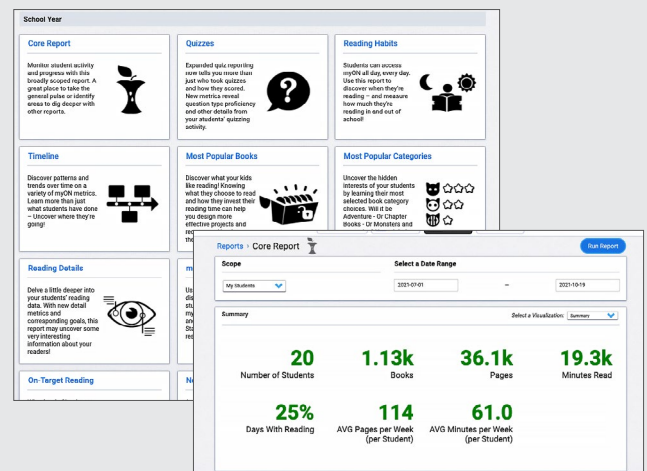
Also available on the myON platform: myON News

myON News provides age-appropriate news articles that help students learn about the world around them as they develop stronger digital and media literacy skills. Teachers can infuse literacy throughout the entire curriculum and grow students' nonfiction reading skills with timely, relevant informational texts. Articles are available in English, Spanish, and French.

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Students can access just-right books that are recommended for them based upon their interests and reading level.
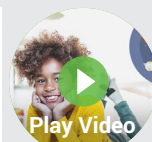
Monitor engagement and measure growth

Embedded reporting and metrics provide educators with up-to-the-minute insights on each student's activity, engagement, and growth—whether they are completing assignments or reading independently. Reports are available at the individual student, group, class, school, and district levels.
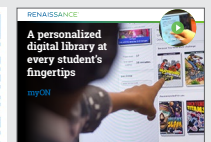

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