

# Identify your Champions



You know who they are. Those incredibly special people in your school district who **help teachers make effective use of technology for learning**. Instructional Technology Specialist, Library Media Specialist, Digital Learning Coach, Teacher... Whatever their title, they're the ones who make the magic happen with Book Creator in your school district.

This book is full of contributions from Book Creator champions working in schools and districts across the world, providing you with a toolkit of resources and tips on how best to support teachers to make the most out of Book Creator to **make an impact in your students' lives**.

## Meet your Teacher Success Managers



Some individuals in the district will have already met your Teacher Success Manager. It's a great idea to schedule some time for all your coaches and Book Creator champions to meet them.

It can be a 'Train the Trainer' session, during which they share their tips on how best to introduce Book Creator to teachers. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions and brainstorm ideas for how best to roll out Book Creator in your district, in a way that resonates most with your goals and curriculum.

Once they gain an understanding of your district goals, they can also point you to the best pages in this book, based on the where you are in your Book Creator journey.



**Catherine Cappiello**



**Jon Smith**



**Adam Moncrief**



**Javier de la Vega**

Become a

# Certified Author 🥳

**Dierdre Baker**  
@MiddletonEdTech

I just became a Book Creator Certified Author with @BookCreatorApp. Even though I've been using Book Creator with my #FullerMeadow and #HoweManning students, I learned more than I ever imagined. What a GREAT #edtech tool that allows students to show their learning.

**BOOK CREATOR**  
CERTIFIED AUTHOR



Welcome to the Book Creator Certified Author course!

## Get Inspired & Stay Informed



### Resources



Find loads of ideas and example books in our [Discover](#) section and Resources pages.

### Social Media

Follow Book Creator on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to hear about new features, read our regular [blog](#) posts and get inspired by the great work that teachers share regularly on social media.

### Webinars



Learn from Book Creator's Teacher Success Managers, Ambassadors and other experts in the field by signing up for their regular webinars.

### Meetings

Schedule regular meetings with your Teacher Success Manager to share feedback on how things are progressing and brainstorm ideas on how to maintain the momentum.



**"I would suggest connecting with content area teams as soon as possible to find ways Book Creator can be integrated into current lessons, projects and assessments. When teachers see how the tool fits into a lesson or a final project, they will want to learn to use it and won't see it as something extra."**

**Julie Garcia**

Director of Instructional Technology  
San Diego Unified School District

# Integrate with Curriculum

**Get integrated with the following ideas!**

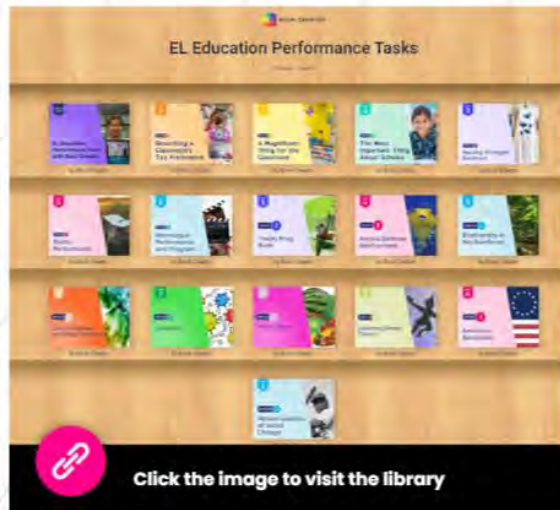
- ✓ **Invite curriculum and department leaders to meet with your TSM to introduce them to Book Creator**  
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- ✓ **Share example books and subject-specific resources**  
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- ✓ **Create student templates that complement your curriculum, focusing on upcoming units of work**

Find out more about Student Templates on [page 46](#) >>>

# ELA: Performance Tasks

Many of our customers use EL Education's ELA curriculum. Each module culminates with a student performance task, requiring students to synthesize and transfer their knowledge and understanding from the unit of work - in terms of both content and literacy—in an authentic and often collaborative task. This is scaffolded with models, drafts, critique, and revision to lead to high-quality work.

Book Creator is the perfect digital tool for many of the performance tasks, so we created a set of student templates to accompany them, along with a teacher guide.



## 15 writing projects with Book Creator



Comic Book



Audio Book



Pixar Style Story



Write to a Prompt



Class Handbook



How-To Book



Add and Pass



AutoDraw and Write



Memory Book



Storybook Sequel



YouTube Story



Top Three



Unboxing Video



Start with Slides



Canva Creation

Click the image to visit the web page

"You have authors in your classroom. They're writing about what they've learned. About what they think. About what they see in the future -- and even fictional realities they've dreamed up in their minds.

**Authors are learners. If your students are writing and creating, there's learning all over that. If they're publishing their work, then they're making an impact -- sharing their great ideas with an authentic audience."**



**Matt Miller**  
Ditch that Textbook

# ELA: Writing templates

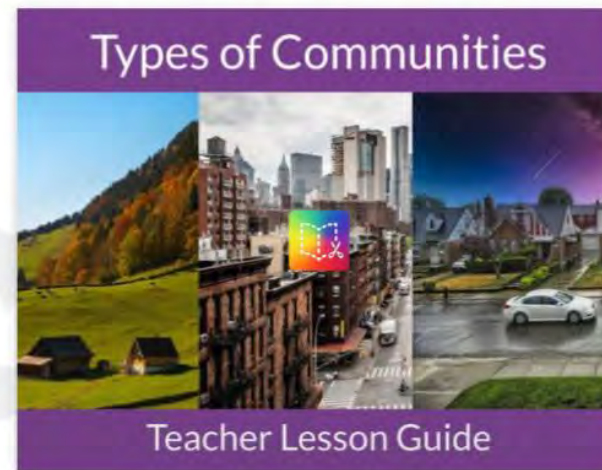
Get inspired by these Writing templates created by Book Creator to celebrate Be an Author month. Remix them and use them today, or make changes to adapt to your learning environment.



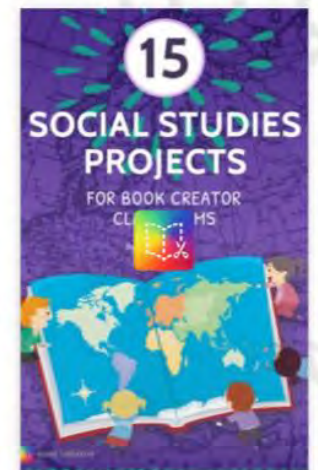
**Write Your Story Day** lesson plans.  
Choose the plan that suits your students.

**Writing Prompts** for each school day  
during Be an Author Month

# Social Studies



This Social Studies pack includes Teacher Guide, Student Template and Exemplar – a great example of curriculum integration, combining content and student activities



Ideas for using Book Creator in Social Studies

# Social Studies Choice Boards

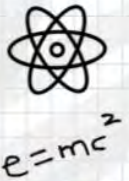
Empowering students to take control of their learning increases motivation, engagement and the quality of work. Check out Holly Clark's Explore Board where students choose between a curated set of content for doing research on a topic, and Sandi Dennis' choice board where students choose from a set of options to demonstrate their learning.

[Holly Clark](#) is a digital learning pioneer and author, and [Sandi](#) is a Library Media Specialist at Fulton County Public Schools.

The image shows two choice boards. The top one is titled 'Westward Expansion Choice Board' and features a grid of options including 'Read', 'Watch', 'Listen', 'Write', 'Draw', and 'Act'. The bottom one is titled 'Women's History Month' and features a grid of options including 'Watch', 'Examine', 'History', 'Compare', 'Learn', 'Read', 'Fashion', '80's Slang', 'Subculture', and 'Background'. Both boards include a central 'Book Creator' logo.

# Science

Book Creator is an essential tool for students to demonstrate learning in science, with students being able to take photos and videos and record their hypotheses and observations during experiments. Take inspiration from our 15 science projects book, and get tips from Book Creator Ambassador and ESL Specialist Melissa Eaton on how to improve literacy skills by using Book Creator in science.



Use this adaptation of our **All About Me** book to introduce your learners to Book Creator with a science twist!

# Library

Librarians often meet with the entire population of the school, especially at the elementary level – a great way to quickly reach a large number of students.



A remixable library handbook template for Librarians to customize and share with their students



Project ideas, resources and lesson tips to make your Library the place where students want to be!

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion



Diversity, inclusion and representation are growing priorities in many school districts, as we learn more about the impact on learning.

If this is a priority for your district, share **Ken Shelton's** top tip and blog post about crafting stories that are representationally diverse and equitably inclusive.

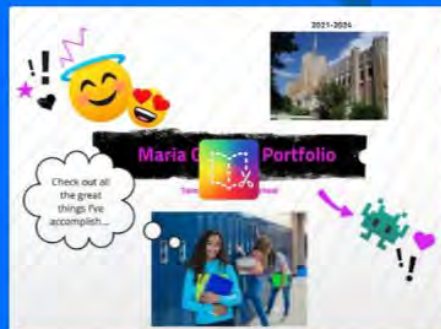


Read more in Ken's blog post [Why representation matters: crafting an equitable learning environment for all](#)

# Digital Portfolios

Technology TOSA **Michelle Hearn** recently took time to tell us about how Middletown City School District is using Book Creator for middle school students' digital portfolios.

Teachers previously kept a physical folder of quarterly skills checks, which travelled with students throughout their middle school journey. They moved this into Book Creator this year, significantly improving the impact of this practice by becoming a student-centered activity.



Click the book!

## Special Events

# STEM Day

For **National STEM Day**, HISD had previously never done a celebration. Equity was a key factor: with one small (but mighty!) STEM team and almost 200,000 students, the STEM department faced a challenge in how to provide something that could be used by all teachers, grades, and all types of learners.



**“The REMIXABLE template option in Book Creator was perfect to provide campuses a full wealth of activities, while they could pick and choose from this remixable template to fit their style of learners.”**





**Special Events**

# Writing Competition



"Providing students with an option to create their books online also supports our district vision of building 21st century competencies. Plus, students love it! Really, we had young authors asking us for virtual opportunities like this before the pandemic. Book Creator has given us the best option to do this virtually."



**Shari Blohm**  
Instructional Supervisor, Library Media  
Prince George's County Public Schools

Book Creator helped breathe new life into Prince George's County annual Write-A-Book Competition - [read more in the Partner Spotlight.](#)

**Special Events**

# Dig Cit Week Contest



Taking the themes in the Digital Citizenship Week curriculum, we worked with **Hillsborough County Public School's Technology Training Team** (Florida) to create a set of extension activities that their district is going to run as a competition. They have kindly made these templates available for you to use too, if you wish. These templates will work district-wide with all ages.



# Teach your first Lesson Toolkit

Book Creator has created lesson plans and student templates to help you get teachers started and develop their confidence using Book Creator while learning how fun, engaging and inclusive it is.



# All about me



"It's a great idea to use an 'About Me' book to get students and teachers familiar with Book Creator."



**Jennifer Hopkins**  
Technology Integration TOSA  
Portland Public Schools

## Early Years

# Use Tech Buddies to Help



"Fifth-grade student "experts" helped the "littles" become skilled in their use of technology. Our Tech Buddies (Kindergarteners and 5th graders) met on a bi-weekly or monthly basis throughout the school year to work on a variety of collaborative projects to share their learning."



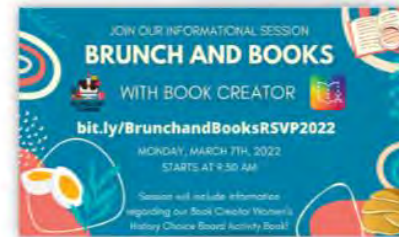
**Vickie Ahearn**  
Technology Learning Coach  
Massapequa SD

# Ongoing PD



Get creative with your ongoing PD, trying different times of day, length of session and theme: Lunch & Learn, Coffee Tech Chats, Faculty, Department & Grade Level Meeting.

You can run your own PD with our [customizable template](#), or reach out to your TSM to see if they are available.





Ambassador

## Favorite Features

As a **Book Creator Certified Author**, you'll be familiar with most of the features and can think about which ones you think are most important to introduce to your teachers at which stage of their journey. Having said that, it's great to learn about new features, or perhaps see ideas to use known features in new ways. So, a few of our Ambassadors shared some of their favorites...

## Using Student Templates



Discover how to use our Student Template books to introduce Book Creator to your students

Watch the video or use the links below

1. [Create a class library](#) and choose settings
2. [Remix the student template](#) into your library
3. [Invite students](#) to your library
4. [Students copy template](#)

# Ongoing Communication

It's important to keep the momentum going using frequent communication with teachers.

You'll receive updates on new features and special events from time to time from Book Creator, which we encourage you to share. Leverage whichever platforms you use in your school district, including newsletters, short clip videos, email blasts, social media, blog posts and podcasts.



**"We shared through our monthly Tech Tips, social media, and word of mouth."**

Technology Learning Coaches  
Massapequa School District



# Social Media



Social media can be a great way to shine a spotlight on a particularly innovative or impactful classroom practice, congratulating your coaches and teachers while inspiring others.



Milwaukee Public Schools had such fun at their Book Creator PD that they shared it out on TikTok

# Partner Spotlight

**We love to share your stories!** A great way to highlight your work and your amazing teachers and students is by doing a Partner Spotlight with us. This can take a variety of forms, including a book, blog post, social media posts and webinars.



## Parent Engagement



In addition to sharing published student work with parents, Book Creator is a great platform for newsletters and manuals, meet the teacher books and parent-teacher conferences.



High School Staff Manual



[www.miracostahigh.org](http://www.miracostahigh.org)



Click the books!