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AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

# How are you teaching/learning in 2020?

• REMOTE

• HYBRID

• FACE-TO-FACE

• BLENDED

New digital professional  
journal resource



## Media Services GiveAway

Our focus for this year's giveaway  
is student boxed book sets  
and books with audio.

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Gale In Context:  
Elementary



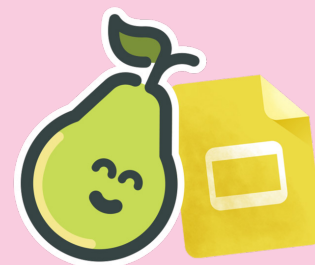
New digital tools  
to support remote/  
blended learning

**AEA**  
Iowa's Area  
Education Agencies

A single sign-on  
solution to organize  
your digital tools,  
provided by the AEA



Meet Pear Deck,  
a new AEA system purchase  
for all Iowa schools



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# Media Services Materials GiveAway for 2020 Begins September 14th: BBs & BAs

Central Rivers AEA Media Services strives to maintain a current collection of resources for our schools to access. In order to maintain the currency and relevance of our materials, each summer our media collection is reviewed or "weeded" to remove dated materials or materials that have not been circulating out to schools on a regular basis. Each year, these weeded materials are offered to school districts who may have need for these extra resources. In order to provide equity to our give-away process, Media Services has created a giveaway web site so that all teachers may request these materials that won't be circulated by the AEA anymore. Each year, different sections of the AEA Media Collection are reviewed. This year our focus was student books within Boxed Books (BB) and Books with Audio (BA) materials. This special website will open up for teacher requests on September 14, 2020. You will order these giveaway materials using a process very similar to ordering regular media materials from our GetMedia Catalog.

Central Rivers AEA GetMedia Give-Away

Search

Enter one or more words (Examples: *Avatar*, *enter system*, *computer*) and/or one or more genres and click **Submit**. Detailed help available.

Media type:  Sound type:

Optionally filter by format types:

☐ Book Resources (BR) ☐ Media Kit (KT) ☐ Professional Book (PB)

Optionally filter by audience levels:

☐ Preschool (Y) ☐ Primary (P) ☐ Intermediate (I) ☐ Middle School (MS) ☐ High School (HS) ☐ Adult (A) ☐ College (C) ☐ Special Education (SE)

or click **Submit** for simple drop down search option.

Please limit yourself to 5 choices per day so that everyone has opportunities to participate in the give-away.  
If item is available, it will be scheduled for delivery on your next AEA van route.

For further information, contact us by e-mail at [Reservations@centralriversaea.org](mailto:Reservations@centralriversaea.org)  
Phone Central Rivers Media Services 641-644-2430 or 800-735-1339  
Hours: 7:30am - 4:30pm Mon-Fri.

We are asking that each individual teacher only pick 5 give-away items per day in order to make sure all teachers have an opportunity to receive materials. Requested items will ship sometime over a two week period following the submission of the request. As you receive items, you will see the term GAWAY in the upper right hand corner of the shipping labels - this is the indicator that this item is for you to keep. You will see a return date on the label, but please ignore, the system can't turn that feature off. A Bright Yellow Sticker labeled - GetMedia GiveAway will also be attached to your requested item(s).

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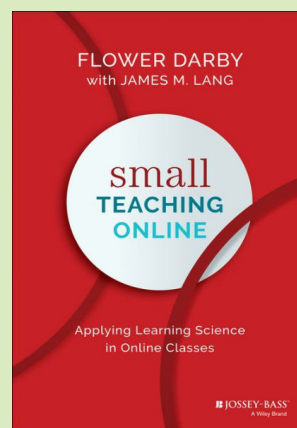
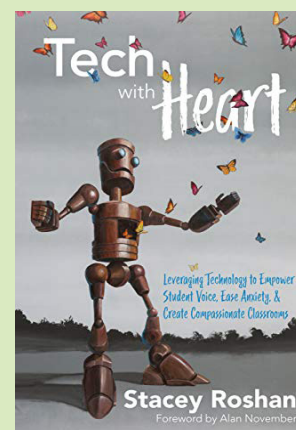
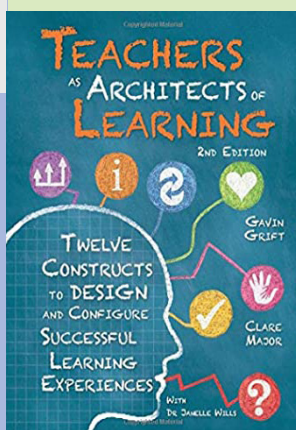
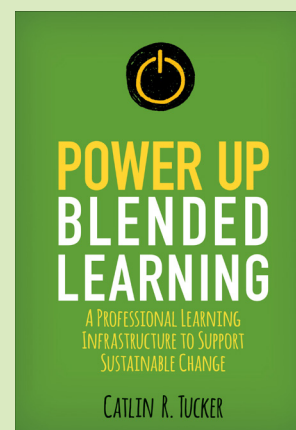
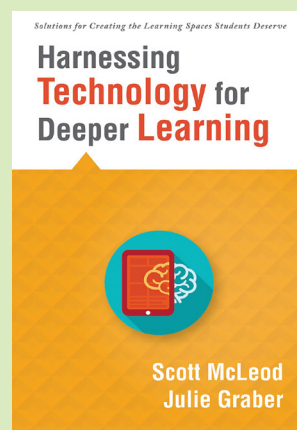
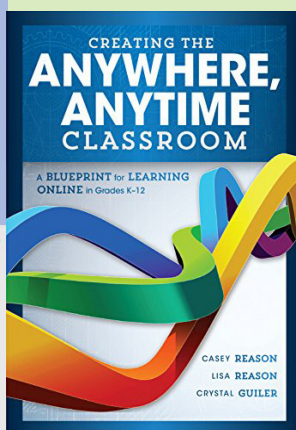
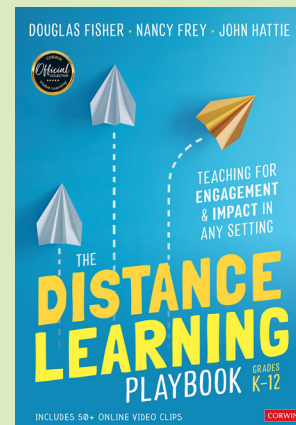
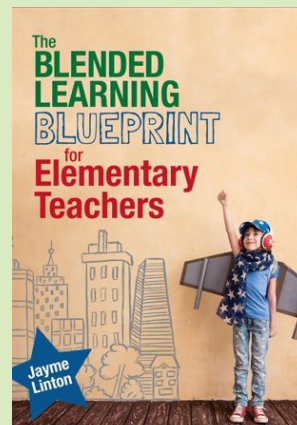
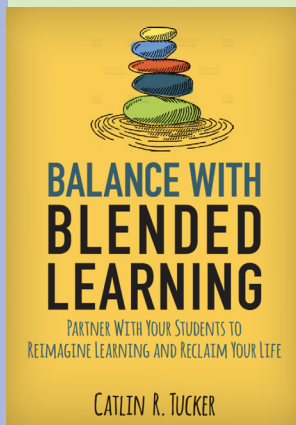
Please let Central Rivers Media Services know if you have any questions about this new annual GiveAway procedure.

Please look for a link on the bottom of the GetMedia Catalog, this will direct you to the giveaway site opening September 14th.

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## Remote and Blended Learning Resources

Newer professional books which can be ordered via the GetMedia catalog to assist with your professional learning around remote and blended learning.



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# EBSCO Professional Development Collection Has Been Added to Your Digital Resources



Searching: Professional Development Collection Choose Databases

Enter any words to find books, journals and more

Search

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Central Rivers AEA Media Services is focusing in on digital resources during this time of blended and remote learning. We are cancelling most of our subscriptions to the print (hard copy) of journals and transitioning to digital access to magazine/journal resources.

For several years now, the AEAs have provided the Gale magazine/journal resources for K-12 students and educators. Gale does not carry all of the professional journal titles that are in demand, so Central Rivers will now add another professional journal resource called the EBSCO Professional Development Collection.

*Professional Development Collection* is a highly specialized database of full-text electronic information especially for educators, professional librarians and education researchers. The EBSCO database will be found on our Central Rivers [AEA Digital Resources page](#). You will also be able to access both Gale and EBSCO professional journals through the AEA Scout portal.

For those teachers who have participated in our print journal rotation service, we will be discontinuing this service during the second semester of this school year. Each journal circulating this fall will have a brightly colored sticker on it that explains access to the journal databases (Gale and EBSCO).

Central Rivers AEA Media Services will be providing additional learning materials this fall (short videos) around accessing the electronic journals, such as how to access and how to set up automatic notifications when new journals are released and ready for you to read!

Please let either [Brenda Streets](#) or [Cheryl Roberson](#) know if you have any questions about the AEA electronic journals that are available for you and your students.

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# Central Rivers AEA Van Routes Resume

Welcome back everyone, and we wish you a wonderful school year. Our Central Rivers AEA van routes began on August 17th and are now in full swing as our schools are opening back up. This year brought some new changes, very minimal, but please reference our [webpage](#) to confirm your building's AEA van mail day, making stops once a week.

- With enhanced safety measures due to the pandemic, please reach out to your delivery driver or the Media Service Supervisor to see what the agency is doing to keep schools and materials safe for use.
- Due to the varied district closings for seasonal holidays, we will not be running routes the following days:
  - Thanksgiving break - November 23rd-27th
  - Holiday break - December 22nd through January 1st
  - Regular Media van routes will resume the week of January 4th, 2021
- In the event of inclement weather causing a route cancellation, we currently send a notification to building secretaries and our plan is to push routes ahead 1 day. If you would like to be included in this correspondence, please contact [Kristine Kienzle](#) to get your name added.

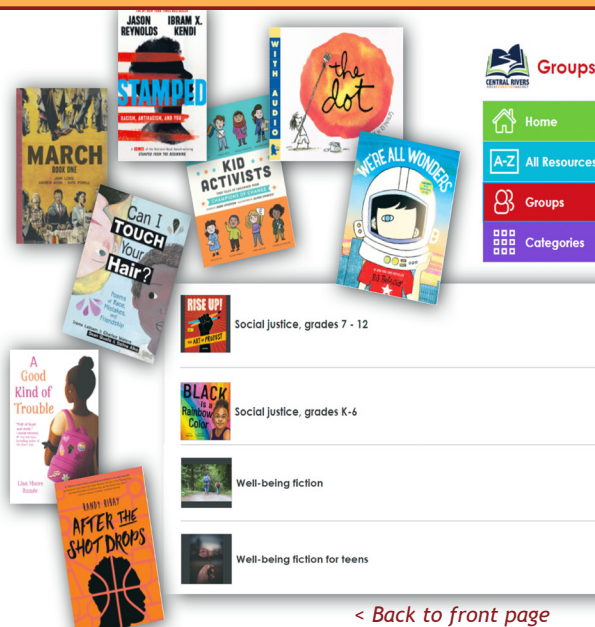
Thank you for your continued support of Central Rivers AEA Media Services, and please do not hesitate to contact the Media department if you have any questions. Have a fun and healthy school year!



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NEW GROUPS  
ADDED TO YOUR  
MACKINVIA  
EBOOK  
LIBRARY!

[WWW.MACKINVIA.COM](http://WWW.MACKINVIA.COM)



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## New Digital Tools

Iowa's Area Education Agencies are pleased to **share information** about virtual continuous learning and online curriculum options with Iowa school districts. Based on feedback from local districts on their needs and concerns, the AEAs have worked with the following vendors to cull information about their programs that includes volume pricing based on enrollment, details on how the tools integrate with student information systems and various LMS platforms, available professional learning and support, and other key details. These providers have been approved by the Iowa Department of Education.

Products include ([see more details here](#)):

**APEX Learning**  
**Edgenuity**  
**Edmentum**  
**FLVS Global**  
**Fuel Education, LLC**  
**Jordahl Academy**  
**Pear Deck**  
**Seesaw**

Those products, along with others, have been put on **one chart**, side by side, to help schools compare features and costs. [< Back to front page](#)

## New Volume Added to Soundzabound!

Hip Hop is the most popular genre among young people today. Create your own rap song with this music! Soundzabound is part of the **AEA Digital Resources**.



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## Teacher Librarian Corner



Hello everyone,

Welcome back to what promises to be another year of "firsts" in education! There are so many challenges to face, yet we hear of many great efforts being made to provide library services to teachers and students!

We will be meeting virtually via Zoom this fall as we did last spring. The day will be divided into segments with different topics/facilitators so please feel free to pop in and pop out of the day as your schedule permits. We will be recording the sessions for those interested yet unable to attend. Our theme will be **Supporting a Flexible Learning Environment**.

**Please register to attend the Zoom sessions [at this site](#).**

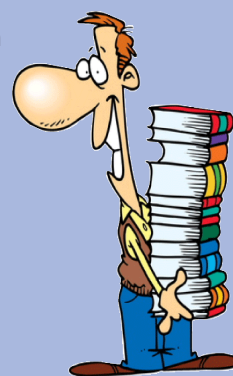
Our keynote for the day will be **Shannon McClintock Miller** of the Van Meter Schools. Many of you are familiar with Shannon's work in the school library world and also about how generous Shannon is about sharing her knowledge. Central Rivers AEA will be contracting with Shannon for additional professional learning during this next year, so watch for more details on future opportunities! I am hoping that we might be able to attach some credit options with our learning this year as well.

We are also planning sessions on Pear Deck, Virtual STEM/Maker Spaces, Bitmoji fun with Beth Janssen, School Library Survey data review, plus more! *If you have something unique that you are doing to support flexible learning, please let us know...we would love to share out!*

We will be sending out more info in the future, including the direct link to our agenda for the day.

We hope you are having the best start possible to your school year. Please let us know if we can support you in any way!

Sincerely,  
 Cheryl Roberson & Cari Teske



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## How is Central Rivers AEA Media Services mitigating the risks of COVID-19?

### Safe Use of Physical AEA Media Materials

There has been much discussion and planning in Media Services these past few months due to COVID-19. Our top priority is the safety of students, educators, and AEA staff. We are working to maintain your access to high-quality resources, materials, and provide the customer service you are used to while implementing protocols to mitigate risks of COVID-19.

*Here are some of the precautions we are taking for safety purposes.*

- We are not circulating the Star Lab at this time due to social distancing and sanitizing concerns and plan to revisit this decision in December 2020,
- We are staying abreast of research and recommendations for circulating library materials. We are using a combination of quarantining materials and increased cleaning protocols as we circulate materials during this time.
- It is recommended that users of physical AEA media materials out in the schools follow the guidelines within your building and/or district for the safe handling of these materials between students/staff.
- Our AEA van drivers will be equipped with protective supplies, including hand sanitizer, masks, and gloves.
- We request that drop-offs and deliveries be as contact-less as possible for your safety and well as the safety of our AEA van drivers and we are working with building secretaries to implement this.

Central Rivers Media Services take pride in serving our educators and students safely and efficiently. Please feel free to contact the Supervisor of Media Services ([croberson@centralriversaea.org](mailto:croberson@centralriversaea.org)) or the Supervisor of Van Delivery ([kkienzle@centralriversaea.org](mailto:kkienzle@centralriversaea.org)) if you have any questions or concerns about the physical use and circulation of AEA media materials.

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## Meet Pear Deck

Pear Deck is an add-on to any Google Slides presentation that allows for better student engagement and embedded formative assessment. For the 20-21 school year, the statewide AEA system has purchased this tool for all Iowa schools. Please contact your AEA school improvement consultant or regional administrator to learn more about this tool and get teachers set up with free accounts.

Want to learn how to use Pear Deck? [Check out the professional learning opportunities available from Central Rivers AEA.](#)

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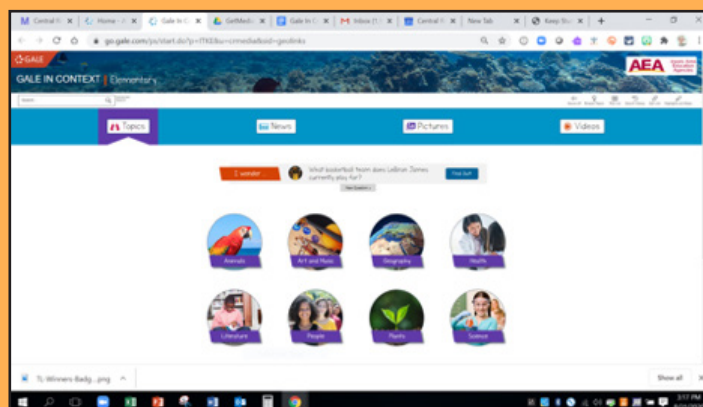


## Gale In Context: Elementary Wins 2020 Tech & Learning Awards of Excellence

Inquiry-based learning is the gold standard of education. It's an approach that (1) puts the student at the center; (2) encourages them to seek answers; and (3) empowers them to create, discuss, and reflect in a way that builds a love of learning. But as any teacher knows, it's easier said than done.

That's why the right resources can make all the difference.

[Gale In Context: Elementary](#) includes new topic pages with hundreds of quick facts, topic summaries, and of course, thousands of resources drawn from kid-friendly publishers. All of these features come together to create a resource that teachers can depend on and feel comfortable recommending to students.



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**AEA Digital Library** (PreK-12)  
Digital curriculum resources from leading producers of PreK-12 content. This collection will continue to grow! Current resources include physical science, life science, and financial literacy.



**American History in Video** (K-12)  
Features 2,000 total hours of streaming videos that bring history alive for students. The collection includes hundreds of the documentaries most frequently used in history classrooms.



**BookFLIX** (PreK-3)  
An online literacy resource that pairs fictional video storybooks with related nonfiction books. Read-aloud feature provides accessibility to all readers.



**Britannica Digital Learning** (PreK-12)  
A suite of products designed to support student research and classroom instruction.



**CultureGrams** (K-12)  
An insider's perspective on daily life and culture, including the history, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people.



**FreedomFLIX** (4-12)  
Provides 60+ multimedia units, supplying information relevant to different core topics.



**Gale – Cengage Learning** (PreK-12)  
An eResource package offering content from magazines, newspapers, and reference materials. Ten different resources are designed for age-appropriate access.



**iCLIPART For Schools** (PreK-12)  
A collection of more than 7.8 million royalty-free photos, clipart, fonts, animations, and sounds.



**Learn360** (PreK-12)  
A comprehensive library of educational videos, video clips, images, audio files, newsreels, speeches and other teacher resources.



**MackinVIA** (PreK-12)  
A complete eResource management system providing easy access to eBooks, audiobooks and educational databases.



**Mystery Science** (K-5)  
Offers open-and-go lessons that inspire kids to love science. The hook, visuals, and activity have all been prepared for you. Several lessons are now available to families for free. Parents may sign-up for mini-lessons.



**ScienceFLIX** (4-12)  
Provides 60+ complete units, through movies, interactive features, varied text features and hands on activities.



**SIRS Issues Researcher** (9-12)  
Exploration of the origins, perspectives, and essential questions under debate on over 300 social issues.



**soundzabound** (PreK-12)  
Licensed audio that can be used without copyright infringement in videos, podcasts, and other forms of multimedia.



**TeachingBooks.net** (PreK-12)  
Collections of author video interviews, book readings, teaching resources and lesson plans to support student reading skills and interests.



**Teen Health & Wellness** (7-12)  
Provides students with nonjudgmental, straightforward information on today's teen health and wellness issues.



**TrueFLIX** (3-6)  
Combines Scholastic True Books content with reading supports and a deep and diverse collection of related videos, images, web links, and text.

**USERNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PASSWORD:** craea



1

### Username and password

Contact your teacher librarian or teacher for your school's username and password.



2

### Ask your questions

Determine your information needs for your research, learning, or project.



3

### Choose your resources

Select from magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias, photos, clipart, audio, video, software training, and more!



4

### Enter keyword or phrase

Develop a search strategy based on your needs.



5

### Have fun learning!

Use Iowa AEA Online to explore, learn and create!



Find the Online Resources  
at [www.iowaaeaonline.org](http://www.iowaaeaonline.org)

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For questions or assistance, contact Central Rivers AEA Media Staff



# MAKE DIGITAL RESOURCE ACCESS EASY FOR ALL LEARNERS

## IOWA AEA PORTAL - CLASSLINK

One of the essential ways to ensure equitable access to learning is through easy availability to digital resources. The Iowa AEAs have partnered with Classlink to provide this service to Iowa school districts. Easy to implement, this resource gives teachers and students across the state consistent single sign-on access to critical digital resources. Managed entirely by Iowa AEAs, this resource is also a low maintenance solution for school administrators—no on-site district management is required to use this high-impact resource.

### HOW DOES CLASSLINK WORK?

Teachers and students use one password to securely sign-in to a variety of resources that are selected by the school district. These resources are accessible based upon the user's credentials. So, a 3rd-grade student would see different resources than an 11th-grade student. Students may access their accounts using Google or QR codes. Once in the Classlink dashboard students may access all their resources without having to log in again. Districts collaborate with Central Rivers IT department to set up which resources are available to users.

### WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO INTEGRATE?

The following apps are all possibilities available to school districts based upon their status as a teacher or student. Don't see a resource here? Please ask us about allowing access to it.

#### AVAILABLE RESOURCES

##### • AEA Statewide Digital Resources

- AEA Scout
- AEA Digital Library
- American History in Video
- BookFLIX
- Britannica School
- ProQuest CultureGrams
- FreedomFLIX
- Gale
- iClipart
- Learn360
- MackinVIA
- ScienceFLIX
- SIRS
- Soundzabound
- TeachingBooks
- Teen Health & Wellness
- TrueFLIX
- Mystery Science

##### • AEA Resources

- Professional Learning/Creative Services/Media Resources

##### • School District Resources

- District Webpage
- LMS Systems (Seesaw, Google Classroom, Canvas, Schoology, etc)
- Student Management Systems for User Access (Infinite Campus, JMC, etc)
- District Library Management Systems (Alexandria, Follett, Library World, etc.)
- District Purchased Resources (EBSCO, PebbleGo, TumbleBooks)
- Commonly Used Resources or Favorite Websites (Newsela, PBS Kids, National Geographic)

### WHO DO I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

To learn more about the Iowa AEA Classlink portal, please contact:

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