



Starter Sheet: Bookemon <http://www.bookemon.com/>

See TF Edge review at: <http://www.teachersfirst.com/single.cfm?id=10404>

Note: Bookemon wants you to BUY printed copies of books, but you can IGNORE this and simply share online copies. See the “Try This” tip about clicking on the thumbnail to get the URL for the full size online version.

Sample Bookemons:

http://www.bookemon.com/book_read_flip.php?style=popup&book_id=33084&size=1.4

http://www.bookemon.com/book_read_flip.php?style=popup&book_id=33078&size=1.4

http://www.bookemon.com/book_read_flip.php?style=popup&book_id=33106&size=1.4

Terms to know:

- **Template:** quick start blank books for standard occasions
- **Create from file:** upload from word, PowerPoint, or others. PowerPoint slides become background images, but you can add text boxes, etc. on TOP of them.
- **Theme:** general category of book. You MUST choose one for any book you create
- **Tag:** a category you assign, such as animals or homes. You must assign one. You can use “school”
- **Private/Friends/Public:** Who can SEE your book online. If it is Private or Friends only, you cannot share by URL, since viewers must be logged in.
- **Page/Edit/Document Tools:** on right side in Create mode. Use to add text boxes, pages, etc.
- **Publish:** Make the book available to others online.
- **Exit :** takes you out of create/edit mode and back into your general ordering page
- **My Books:** find all books you have made, including published and works in progress
- **Help - Introduction to Online Book Builder** for complete terminology
- **EdCenter:** new area for schools to make private groups to create and share books. See site for more details.

Try this first:

- Join site. NO wait for email confirmation! SKIP the profile stuff
- Click Create to start a book
- Start from a template to get the hang of it-or upload a PowerPoint. Note: you cannot CHANGE the uploaded PowerPoint!
- Start a simple book, adding text boxes and an uploaded picture
- SAVE it.
- Reopen from My Books. Add more.
- Publish (can change later)
- **To see your book in the full-window interactive mode**, open it from My Books, then click on the thumbnail of the book under Book Profile at the RIGHT! This is the URL you want to copy/paste or Bookmark on your computer!



Schoolwide literacy project ideas:

(K) *Teacher-created interactive books for any topic as below, shared as a learning center. The class can CREATE together:* sight words with illustrations, digital picture albums of class activities (promote oral language as st narrate them for parents, others), textless book for oral expression and basic story patterns, simple stories using sight words, Books for holidays/gifts, ex. Our Giving Book (see TF Giving Tree Lesson plan) or Why I love my Mom, Bus safety book, Dental Health month book: “Our Teeth,” summary books for science and social studies units, animals book, weather book Books with step by step illustrations for students to click and “narrate” in spoken language (over and over!), My Body Book: names and digital pictures of hands, feet, etc., How Many? interactive books for counting using pictures from the classroom or schoolyard, Brown Bear, Brown Bear books (Green Frog, Green Frog, whatever...)- create together to reinforce colors, etc.

(Gr 1) *The class can CREATE together and work up to creating in small groups at a center, using whole-class account- start from PowerPoint template** with digpix provided:* Parts of plants, Seasons book, Holiday/special event books for gifts (FREE in online form!), textless book for oral expression and basic story patterns, simple stories, first-then-last books, repetition/pattern books: On Monday... On Tuesday, etc., Our school, Community (with digital pictures of school workers, teachers) Practice oral of books by others, including grade 2 buddies.

(Gr 2) *student-written and created in whole class or small group including digpix, PowerPoint templates where needed**:* explanations of photos, beginning-middle-end stories, books about food groups, safety, math word problems written by students with answers on next page, poetry collections, Special Occasion Poetry collections: Thanksgiving, Mother’s Day, Winter, etc., Our own class dictionary with guide words (keep adding new words all year!), stories with punctuated dialog, etc.

(Gr 3) *individual/small group or whole class, depending on scope (use digital pictures or clip art to illustrate) Wants and Needs book, Shelters/homes book, consumers/producers book, Holiday Customs of the world book. Student books on magnets, gravity, light/color, or other science concepts. A weather diary. Healthy Me! book (with sections on nutrition, fitness, safety, dental health).*

(Gr 4) Student-created books for “little buddies” in lower grade (older buddies know the tool and help this year’s kids learn it). Individual stories, poetry, book reports, with oral reading for expression.

(Gr 5) Diary of a pioneer, a colonist, a space explorer. Student-made science notebooks on magnetism, light, electricity or other science topics, including written explanations of digital pictures and hands-on experiments. A Field Guide to the Plants and Trees in your schoolyard (digital pictures and Including basic bibliography of sources). An illustrated scientist’s journal of an investigation following scientific method.

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