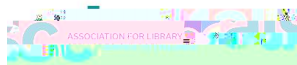**We Are ALSC Chat Notes from August 27, 2020**

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Some school libraries offer school-side pickup for students who are doing remote learning.

School librarians have been contacting public librarians to see how to ensure students have access to everything when/if everything shuts down.

Perhaps create Outreach Cards that are good for teachers to use without fines.

It is helpful when a public library is fine free.

Some libraries are using **technology** to great effect.

Some libraries enlist the help of volunteer teen interns to assist in programming. Teens create games, offer craft programs such as friendship bracelet tutorials with younger kids via Zoom. Teen interns are also reading buddies, to assist children 4-10 years-old with reading.

Flipgrid is growing in popularity...you can share your favorite books, set up threads, record yourself, set up time limits. A committee member used Flipgrid for their Mock Caldecott.

Some librarians have also had success with Breakout EDU, which is a game platform that has groups of people working collaboratively. For an example see Retro-Detectives

Two recommendations were made: Writing Boxes:The ReadingWriting Connection (free downloads) and Operation ReadAloud (#operationreadaloud)
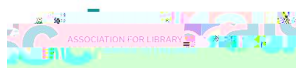
One library doesn't have an e-card option but they're using Overdrive's instant card option with a mobile number. It's not ideal (only one card per mobile number) but it's still quick and easy. It's also a comparable price to a physical card.

Someone shared an article with great Bitmoji classroom ideas: https://glittermeetsglue.com/virtual-bitmoji-classroom

Some **analog programming ideas** were also discussed:

Creating a Windows & Mirrors bookshelf - hold virtual booktalks (both live and

they gave them to 60+ community organizations to distribute, and they also kept some to give out at the branch libraries that opened for lobby service.

There was some discussion about how to get permissions for teens/kids to participate in the virtual space. One library said that they asked that a parent/guardian be next to their child while participating (under 18).

Libraries are combining book distribution with food distribution or materials pickup for the school year.