

Digital Adventures

How Lao Students Can Learn with Fun



Foundational Learning for
Preprimary and Primary Students

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About this book:

Do you want to help your child learn new skills, explore new topics, and have fun at the same time? Do you want to find high-quality foundational educational content that is free and accessible in both the Lao and English languages? If yes, then this booklet is for you!

This booklet offers a curated list of digital foundational learning resources for children, covering various subjects and formats like games, videos, and e-books. Digital learning benefits children by developing creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking skills, and allowing them to learn at their own pace. It is a fun and enriching experience for children of all ages.

We hope you and your children will enjoy using this booklet and discover the amazing world of digital learning!


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PARENTAL ADVICE:

Digital learning can be fun and beneficial for children, but it also comes with some risks and challenges. It is important to limit screen time and monitor the content that children access online. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), children aged 3-4 years should spend no more than one hour per day on sedentary screen time, and children aged 5-17 years should limit their screen time to no more than two hours per day. Excessive screen time can have negative effects on children's health, such as obesity, sleep problems, vision problems, and behavioral issues. Moreover, children may be exposed to inappropriate or harmful content online.




To protect children from these risks and ensure a safe and positive digital learning experience, parents and caregivers should use tools and strategies to control and supervise their children's online activities. One such tool is  **Family Link**, a free app from Google that lets parents create a Google Account for their child and manage their device. With Family Link, parents can set screen time limits, view activity reports, approve or block apps, lock the device remotely, filter explicit content, and track the device's location. By using Family Link and other similar tools, parents can help their children enjoy digital learning while keeping them safe and healthy.

However, these tools are not a substitute for parental guidance and involvement. Parents should also communicate with their children about the benefits and risks of digital learning, encourage them to use quality educational content, and support them in developing digital skills and literacy. Additionally, parents should balance digital learning with other forms of learning, such as reading books, playing games, doing arts and crafts, and engaging in physical activities. Digital learning is a valuable opportunity for children to explore the world and learn new things, but it should be done in moderation and with care.




How to download apps:



- On your device, open  **Google Play Store**. or visit the Google Play Store on a web browser.
- Search or browse for the apps you like.
- Select an item.
- Select Install.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the transaction and get the app.



- On your iPhone or iPad, open the  **App Store app**.
- Search or browse through the apps you like.
- Select an item.
- Select GET.
- Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the transaction and get the app.

Digital Devices:

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Mobile



PC / Laptop



Tablet

How to scan QR code:



- On your compatible Android phone or tablet, open the built-in camera app. (Download Google Lens if you cannot find).
- Point the camera at the QR code.
- Tap the banner that appears on your Android phone or tablet.
- Follow the instructions on the screen to finish signing in.



- Open Camera, then position iPhone so that the code appears on the screen.
- Tap the notification that appears on the screen to go to the relevant website or app.





Khang Panya Lao

Scan to download the app



Website: <https://laos.learningpassport.unicef.org>



Khang Panya Lao

Khang Panya Lao is a digital learning platform that provides online and offline access to quality educational resources for students, teachers, and education staff in Laos. It covers various subjects and levels, such as digital skills, office applications, multi-grade teaching, and reading. It also enhances the digital literacy and professional development of Lao learners and educators. It was launched in November 2020 to ensure the continuity of education during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.



- Languages: Lao and English
- Price: Free
- Author: Ministry of Education and Sports in Laos with support from UNICEF, the European Union, Australian Government (DFAT), U.S. Government (USAID), Japanese Government, the Global Partnership for Education and other partners





AE E-Classroom

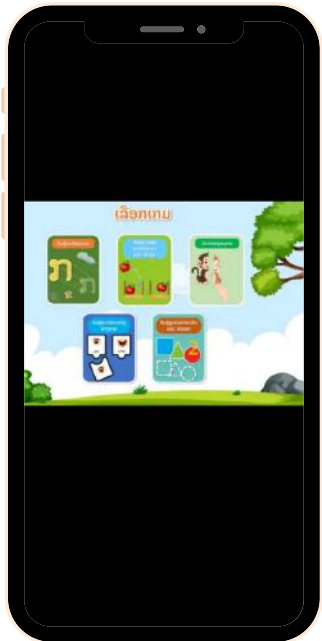
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AE E-Classroom

Electronic class is an application about learning the basics of Lao language, mathematics and general knowledge for children from kindergarten to elementary school who want to start learning Lao language. There is a specific application for each grade, from Grade 1 to Grade 5.



- Languages: Lao
- Price: Free
- Author: Aide et Action (to become Action Education) and the Ministry of Education and Sports in Laos





AE E-Books

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AE E-Books



AE E-Books, often known as electronic books, is an app that offers a collection of electronic books in Lao language that can be read and downloaded. This app is intended to be used as electronic reading media for various information books, tale books, textbooks.



- Languages: Lao
- Price: Free
- Author: Aide et Action (to become Action Education) and the Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) in Laos





Let's Read - Digital Library

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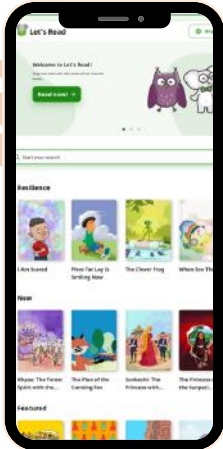


Website: www.letsreadasia.org



Let's Read - Digital Library

Let's Read is a free digital library that provides access to thousands of children's books in different languages, including Lao Language. The app aims to promote literacy and a love of reading among children in Asia and beyond. Users can read, download, and create their own books using the app's tools. The application was developed by the Asia Foundation under the All Children Reading: A Grand Challenge for Development, funded by USAID, DFAT and World Vision.



- Languages: English, Lao, Thai, among & others
- Price: Free
- Author: The Asia Foundation and partners



Lao Autism Talks

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Website: www.facebook.com/laoautism.laa/



Lao Autism Talks

Lao Autism Talks is the first Lao Language AAC communication app which allows users to develop their communication skills in everyday situations. The app is easy to use and navigate through the different screens. Users are able to customize the dictionary by selecting from the 1500 word library organized into 12 categories i.e. About Me, Actions, Family, Leisure, Drink and Snacks for easy use. Users touch a picture to highlight the image and place it into sentence slot. Press the speaker button to hear the words. The app is preloaded with a starting dictionary of 175 words to touch and talk. For young children with autism, this app offers the opportunity to give voice to their ideas, needs and wants as their vocabulary grows from single words to using sentences.



- Languages: Lao
- Price: Free
- Author: Association for Autism, supported by World Education and USAID (TEAM project)





Khan Academy Kids: Learning!

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Khan Academy Kids: Learning!

Khan Academy Kids is an educational program for children ages 2-8 that offers thousands of games, books, and activities to inspire a lifetime of learning and discovery. The app covers topics such as reading, math, language, logic, and social-emotional development. It also features songs, videos, and stories from partners like Super Simple Songs, National Geographic, and Alo Yoga.



- Languages: English
- Price: Free
- Author: Khan Academy



Khan Academy



Scratch Jr

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Scratch Junior

Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab.

ScratchJr is a programming language and online community where children ages 5-7 can create their own interactive stories, games, and animations. It is a simplified version of the Scratch programming language, designed for younger children.



- Languages: English and others
- Price: Free
- Author: Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab

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Teach Monster: Reading for Fun

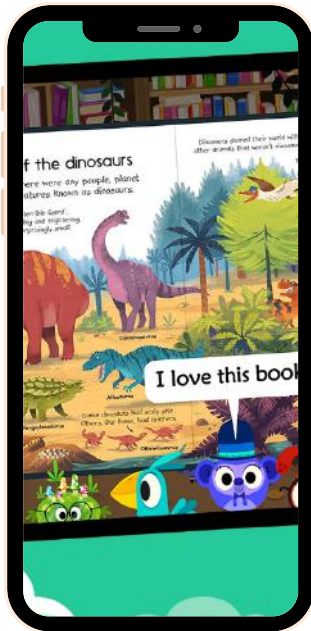
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Teach Monster: Reading for Fun

Reading for Fun is a game that encourages kids to read more and have fun. It is designed for children ages 4+ and features over 70 free E-books, as well as a variety of activities that help kids practice their reading skills.



- Languages: English
- Price: Free
- Author: Teach Your Monster is a non-profit organization that creates playful media to address issues from literacy to health





Moose Math by Duck Duck Moose

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Moose Math by Duck Duck Moose

Moose Math is an educational app that teaches kids counting, addition, subtraction, sorting, geometry, and more. It is designed for children ages 3-8 and features 5 engaging activities: Moose Juice Store, Paint Pet, Pet Bingo, Lost & Found, and Dot to Dot.



- Languages: English
- Price: Free
- Author: Duck Duck Moose is an award-winning creator of educational apps for children

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My House TV Lao



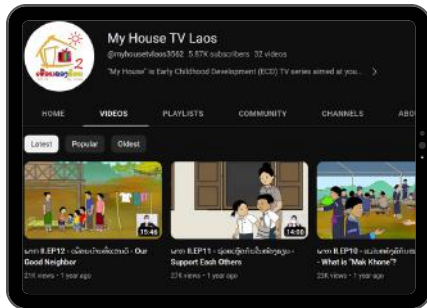
<https://www.youtube.com/@myhousetvlaos3562/videos>



My House TV Lao

“My House” is a TV series that aims to promote the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of young Lao children.

- Languages: Lao
- Price: Free
- Author: Ministry of Education and Sports, Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism, UNICEF, European Union (EU), Global Partnership for Education (GPE), United States Agency for International Development (USAID)





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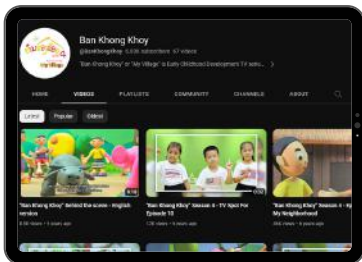
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Ban Khong Khoy

The channel was created to help promote the TV series “My Village” or in Lao “Ban Khong Khoy” which is an Early Childhood Development (ECD) TV series aimed at young children between 3-6 years. The centerpiece of the series is done in Claymation combined with storytelling sequences and music videos with young children. The TV series presents an innovative and creative way of communicating with children. It is based on a holistic, interactive, and supportive method for building preschool readiness and life-skills. It is unique in the area of early child development, and truly Lao in terms of character, music, background and storytelling.

- Languages: Lao
- Price: Free
- Author: Ministry of Information, Culture and Tourism and Lao National Television Channel 3 and Lao Star Channel, and Ban Khong Khoy studio, supported by UNICEF





Learn Together Laos



<https://www.youtube.com//@learntogetherlaos8944>



Meysa Thanva Kids Channel



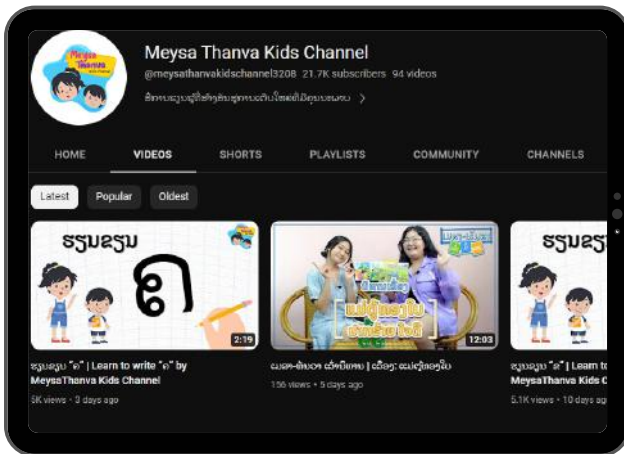
<https://www.youtube.com//@meysathanvakidschannel3208>



Meysa Thanva Kids Channel

The channel features educational videos for kids, including songs and science experiments. The content is designed to be fun and engaging for children.

- Languages: Lao and English
- Price: Free
- Author: HOD MEDIA





Teacher Development Videos



<https://www.youtube.com/@teacherdevelopmentvideos1354/videos>



Teacher Development Videos

The channel was created to help teachers develop their skills in using the new National Primary Curriculum that was launched in September 2019. The videos demonstrate key new teaching techniques and show effective practices to apply to solve teaching challenges. They can be used by teachers, principals, pedagogical advisors and teacher trainers for additional self-learning, lesson preparation or to refresh a specific teaching technique. All videos use real examples from educators using the new national primary curriculum in Lao classrooms.

- Languages: Lao
- Price: Free
- Author: Ministry of Education and Sports of Lao PDR, with support from the Australian Government through the BEQUAL program



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Basic Online Course: Inclusive Education in Laos



Link to

download: <https://blogs.uoregon.edu/iecollaborativelaos/>



Basic course Inclusive Education

The page on the University of Oregon's website includes information and a basic online course on the Skills of Inclusive Educators page. The page includes tools for improving education for students with impairments, including as presentations and handouts in Lao and English.

- Languages: Lao
- Price: Free
- Author: The page is a collaboration between the Ministry of Education and Sports, Lao PDR, the University of Oregon, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and USDA





Books and Videos: Literacycloud

For laptop use

Main page: <https://literacycloud.org>

Lao Books: [https://literacycloud.org/stories?
language=Lao&sort=New%20Arrivals](https://literacycloud.org/stories?language=Lao&sort=New%20Arrivals)

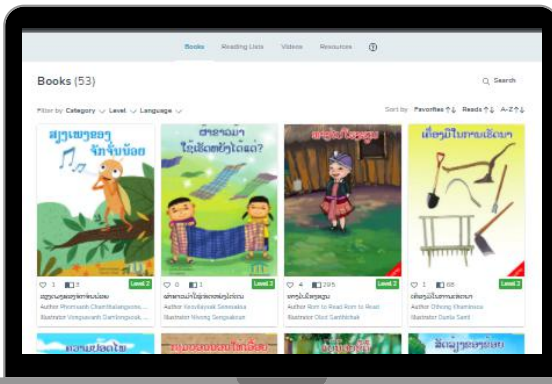


Literacycloud



The website includes 53 Lao e-books, videos, and other tools to encourage children to read more and have more fun. The website offers various stories in a range of categories to help children build their literacy skills and reading habits.

- Languages: English, Lao and others
- Price: Free
- Author: The Ministry of Education and Sports, Room to Read





Sanfun Academy Publishing

For laptop use

<https://sanfun-catalog.glide.page/dl/d8fc49>



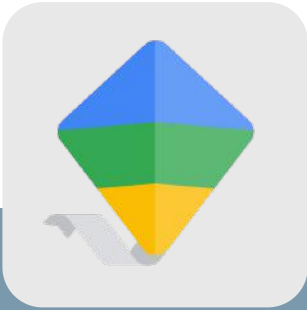
Sanfun Academy

The Sanfun website offers a wide range of reading books for children in Laos. The books are written in Lao and cover a wide range of themes, including alphabet books, Lao culture, future jobs, family, and much more. The books are also adorned with appealing cartoon pictures, which can aid in the development of children's creativity and enjoyment of reading.

Some Sanfun books were created as part of the USAID Learn to Read project and are licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution License (CC-BY).

- Languages: Lao
- Price: Free
- Author: Sanfun Academy Publishing





Family link

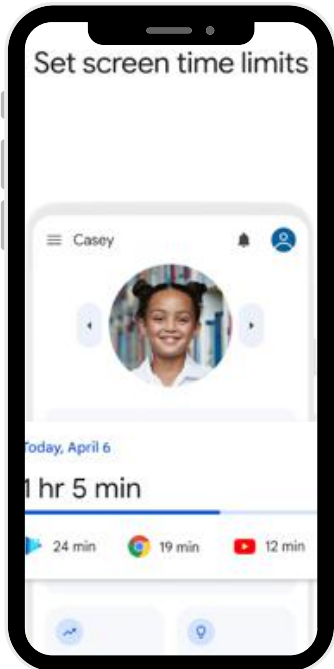
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Family Link

Family Link is a parental controls app that helps you keep your family safer online. You can set screen time limits, approve or block apps, see device location, manage privacy settings, and more. You can also choose the right experience for your child, for instance a supervised experience on YouTube Kids.



- Languages: English, Thai, and other high international spoken
- Price: Free
- Author: Google LLC



About CRS Laos


Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has worked successfully in Laos for over 25 years. Through partnerships with donors and the Lao government, CRS implements large-scale inclusive education, health, and nutrition programs nationwide.

Currently, CRS manages its flagship Learning and Engaging All in Primary Schools (LEAPS) project. Now in phase three, LEAPS provides school meals, literacy, school governance support, and clean water facilities across rural Savannakhet province with USDA funding. Additionally, the School Meals Project serves dozens more schools in Khammuane province with WFP and USDA support.


In health, CRS actively increased Covid-19 vaccination coverage in vulnerable areas under an Oxfam/DFAT initiative. Meanwhile, the Applied Nutrition Research project with Purdue University and USAID in higher education aims to enhance research capacities addressing malnutrition challenges through capacity building, innovative studies, and training local researchers.

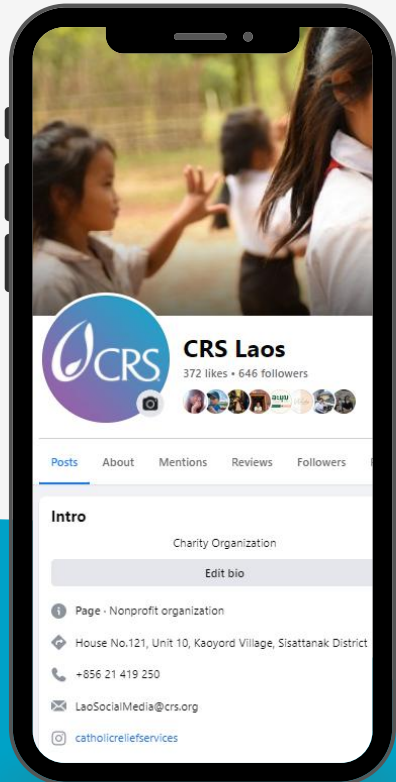
By coordinating closely with various ministries and other partners, CRS has built a strong reputation for managing integrated programs that empower communities and strengthen systems in Laos. CRS remains committed to its development work in the country and the most vulnerable and marginalized.

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