

MackinVIA eBooks

MackinVIA is a website with many resources for which DoDEA is paying, in three categories: e-books, databases, and audio books. This paper focuses on the e-books, and it is just the bare bones.

To get to MackinVIA, open Chrome. (For some reason, this site just doesn't work well with Internet Explorer).

- Go to www.mackinvia.com
- Find VanVoorhis Elementary School in the drop-down menu.
- Log in. Teachers will provide students with the username and password.

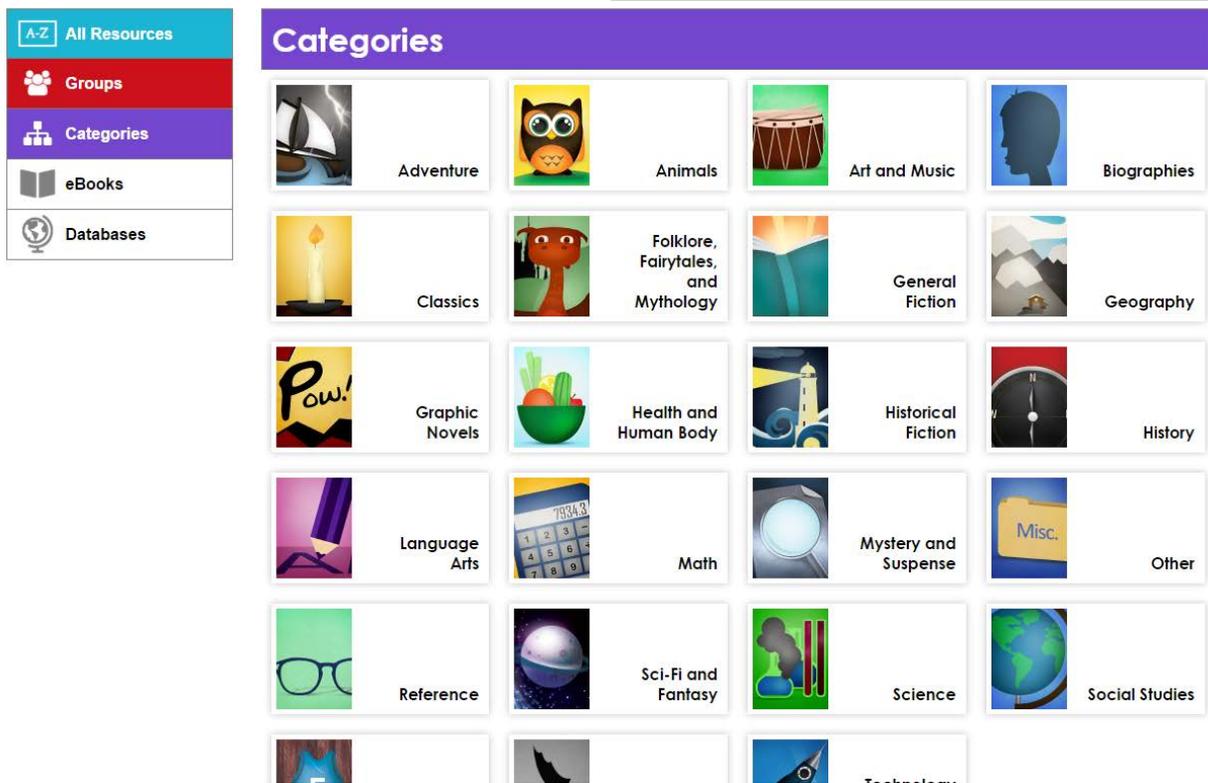
The screenshot shows the MackinVIA website interface. At the top right, there are links for 'Help', 'Login', and 'Exit'. The main header features the MackinVIA logo and a search bar. Below the search bar, the page is titled 'eBooks' and shows search results for 'Lucas Elementary'. The sidebar on the left includes navigation options: 'All Resources', 'Groups', 'Categories', 'eBooks', 'Databases', and 'Advanced Search'. The main content area displays a list of eBooks with the following details:

| Book Title | Author | Rating | Action |
|---|-----------------------|--------|----------------------------|
| 'Twas the night before Christmas ; or, Account of a visit from St. Nicholas | Moore, Clement Clarke | ★★★★☆ | Open Now, Add To Favorites |
| 1, 2, 3 count with me | Kleinberg, Naomi | ★★★★★ | Open Now, Add To Favorites |
| 1,2,3 by Elmo | Pantuso, Mike | ★★★★★ | Open Now, Add To Favorites |
| 10 plants that shook the world | Richardson, Gillian | | Open Now |

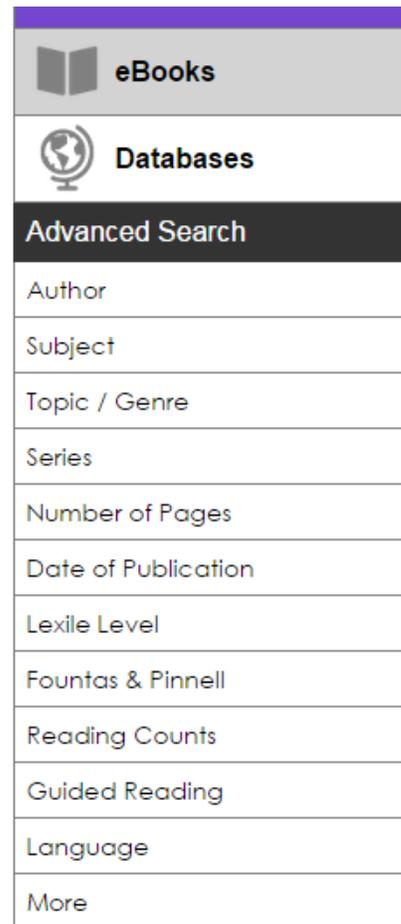
Notice that there is a “Help” button at the top right. If you click on that you will find four training videos as well as some Frequently Asked Questions.

What is showing right now is “eBooks”. It lists the 2,400+ e-books that we have here at Van Voorhis, in alphabetical order by title.

Notice that there is a menu on the left side. You can click on the purple bar that says “Categories” and you will get an array of buttons, each with a different subject area. If you click on one of the category buttons you get a number of books on that topic.



Click on the white **eBooks** bar on the menu again. Notice that you can search for books in all kinds of different ways.



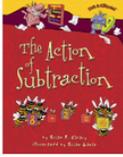
WARNING: Some of the books are blocked by Chrome because they are pop-up windows. Just click on the little bar at top right that says “pop up blocked,” and then click on the URL that was blocked and it will open.

OPENING A BOOK

Click on one of the titles. I chose *The Action of Subtraction*.

When you click on the title, a page with more information about the book will open, and some options on a menu at the top right.

eBook



The action of subtraction
Cleary, Brian P.

Rhyming text and humorous illustrations explain the concept of subtraction for children.

★★★★★ (1 Ratings)

Open Now

Add To Favorites

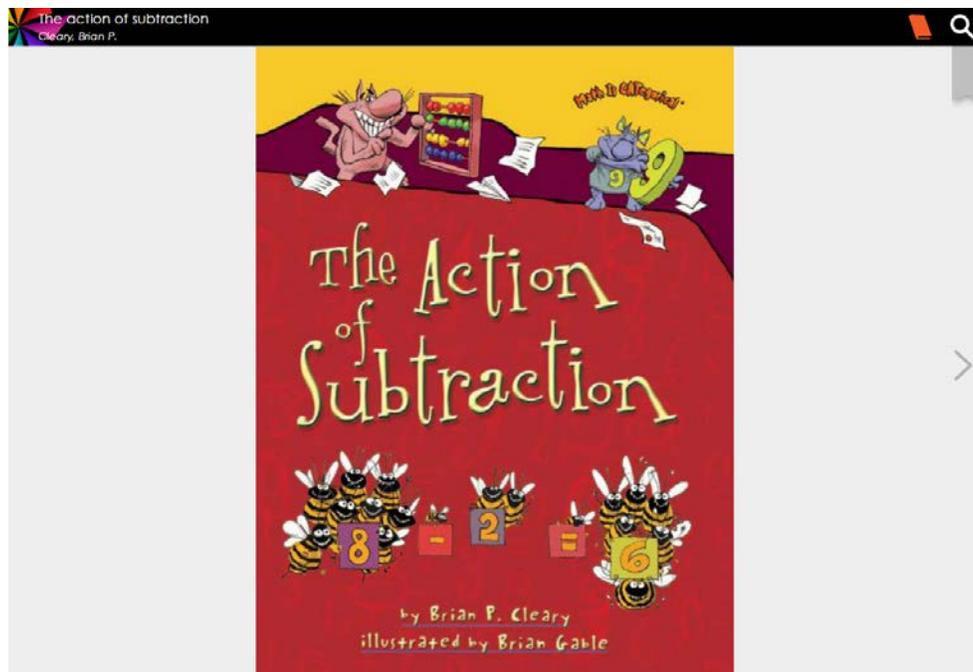
Checkout

Cite!

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|------------------------|---|
| Coauthors | Gable, Brian |
| Series | Math is CATegorical |
| Pages | 30 |
| Publisher / DOP | Millbrook Press / 2006 |
| Subjects | Children's poetry Counting Counting-out rhymes Subtraction |
| Topic / Genre | JUVENILE FICTION / Concepts / Counting & Numbers JUVENILE NONFICTION / Concepts / Counting & Numbers |
| Categories | General Fiction Math |
| Languages | English |
| Reading Program | Interest grade level: K-3 |
| More | Text-to-speech |

Select “Open Now” and the book will open.

The books are from several different systems, so they will not all be in the same format when the book is open. Look at this particular book to see one example. There are arrows about halfway down that allow you to turn pages forward or back as you read it.



Down at the bottom are some buttons:



--The first button is “Book Info.” It shows brief information about the book – title, author, publisher, date, length, and annotation.

--The second is Table of Contents.

--The third is thumbnail pictures of the pages.

--The fourth (the arrow) is Read Me. Not all books have this function, but those that do will be read aloud to the user when this button is pushed. (This particular book doesn’t have that function).

--The fifth (open book) switches between single-page and double-page view.

--The sixth makes the image larger, but it doesn’t seem that one is able to move around the image, only to see whatever happens to pop up.

--The seventh darkens the picture (click once for a little darker, twice for very dark indeed, and a third time to return to the original image).

--The eighth button (printer) prints a single page in grayscale.

--The ninth switches to full screen.

--The tenth zooms in and the eleventh zooms out.

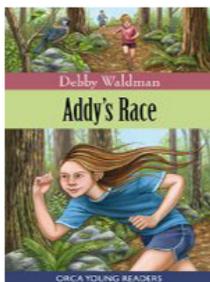
Here's another kind of book – a Sesame Street book, 1 2 3. This is displayed through the Sesame Street eBooks reader.



These controls are labeled. “Play mode” gives the choice of turning pages manually or automatically. Words are highlighted as they are read aloud to the student.



Another kind of e-book comes from TumblePremium. This type of book is a longer book. If you click “read online,” the complete text will open up.



Addy's Race

Addy has worn hearing aids for as long as she can remember. Her mother tells her this makes her special, but now that Addy's in grade six, she wants to be special for what she's done. When Addy joins the school running club to keep her best friend, Lucy, company, she discovers she is a gifted runner. Lucy isn't, which is problematic. Further troubles surface when Addy gets paired on a school project with Sierra, a smart, self-assured new classmate who wears a cochlear implant. Addy is surprised to discover hearing loss is all they have in common—and a shared disability is not enough of a foundation for a friendship. True friends support each other, even if they have different passions and dreams. More importantly, Addy comes to understand that she is defined by more than her hearing loss. She has the power to choose how people will see her, and she does.

-  [Read online](#)
-  [Add to favorites](#)
-  [Quizzes](#)
-  [Book Report](#)

Keywords: *struggle for acceptance, running, disability, hearing aids*

Book Details

Author: [Debby Waldman](#)

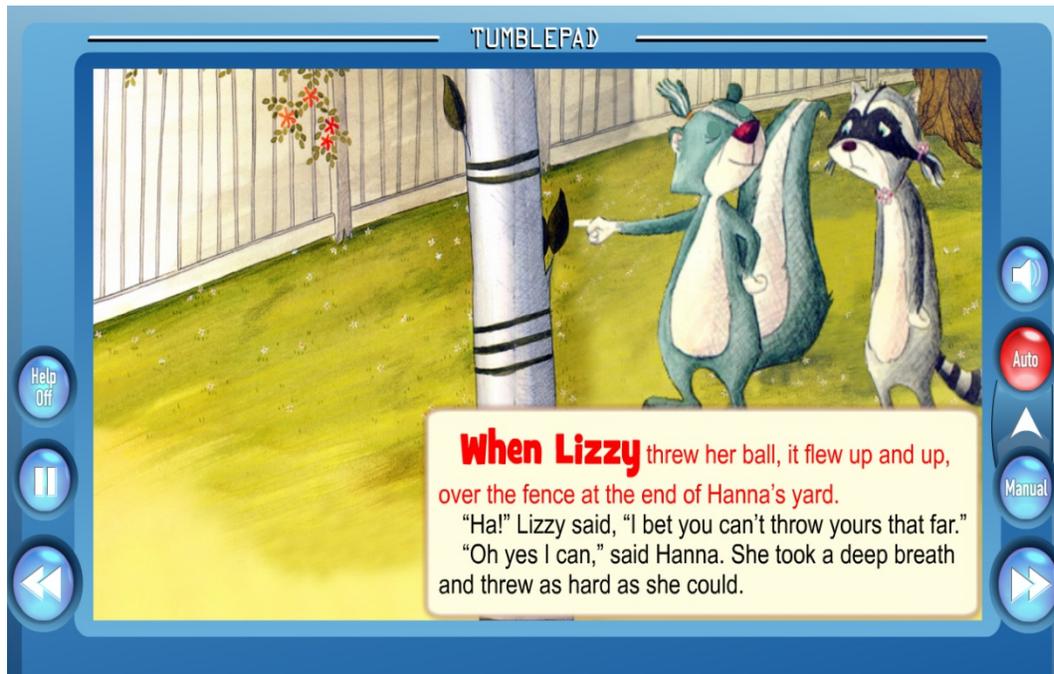
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers

Word Count: 21182

Reading Level:

A/R: 4.0
Grade: 3-6
Lexile: 620L
F & P: R

The second kind of “Tumblebooks” book is the picture book. When you open it, you can have the book read to you (the sentence that is being read is highlighted) or you can turn off the sound and read it yourself. You can choose to have the pages turn automatically or manually.



Bonus: There are books in several languages:

Language

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Chinese (1) | English (2342) |
| French (46) | Russian (1) |
| Spanish (72) | |