Lesson Plan
Lote4Kids: Tech Tutorial 4 Libraries, Schools, and Families!

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Lesson Title

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Topic

Topics include how to access the Lote4Kids database, how to navigate the Lote4Kids database, and why the Lote4Kids database is a valuable resource for libraries, schools, and families.

Audience

Since Gail Borden Public Library offers the Lote4Kids database, the primary audience for this lesson includes Gail Borden Public Library patrons and staff. As both a patron and a staff member of Gail Borden Public Library, I'd hope that patrons could access the video as a tech tutorial on the library's eLearning webpage. Additionally, Gail Borden Public Library staff, especially staff who work with multilingual families, can learn from this video to assist patrons using this database, as well as using this database in storytimes and other family programs. Additional audiences include patrons at other libraries who offer this database as an e-resource, as well as staff at libraries and schools considering purchasing this database.

Lesson Objectives

By viewing this tech tutorial, library patrons and library staff can learn how to:

1. Access the database from the Gail Borden Public Library website and the Lote4Kids website with their GBPL library card.
2. Access the Lote4Kids website in 15 different languages.
3. Browse the digital picture books in the Lote4Kids multilingual collection.
4. Search for books in different languages to access the titles in each language's collection.
5. Search by book title in a language collection.
6. Sort a language collection by Latest Release, Most Popular, A-Z, and Z-A.
7. Filter the search results in a language collection by reading level, bilingual, and flipbook.
8. Leave a rating and a comment on a picture book title.
9. Access the digital picture books in the Lote4Kids sign language collection.
10. Access the activities on the Lote4Kids website.

Information Literacy Frame: Information Has Value

- In this frame, one Knowledge Practice includes recognizing "issues of access or lack of access to information sources" ("Framework" 16). The Lote4Kids database addresses an issue that many libraries face – a lack of access to multilingual titles in a library's picture book collection. By offering multilingual digital picture books, Lote4Kids offers one possible avenue to meeting the information needs of multilingual families.
- Lote4Kids follows another Knowledge Practice of giving "credit to the original ideas of others through proper attribution and citation" ("Framework" 16). In addition to giving credit to a title's author and illustrator, Lote4Kids gives credit to sign language speakers, noting the signer by first name in the title's description.
- Lastly, the Lote4Kids collection may give English speakers the opportunity to incorporate the Disposition of examining one's own "information privilege" ("Framework" 17). English-speaking library staff may gain increased awareness of the abundance of English titles, and lack of non-English titles, in a library's picture book collection. Library staff may also examine this privilege in the Lote4Kids database. All titles on this database are available in English. Additionally, all activities are offered in English, even when navigating the website in another language. Recognizing the English privilege in the Lote4Kids website may lead libraries to examine this privilege in their own websites, collections, and resources – even while recognizing that Lote4Kids can be a valuable resource for meeting the information needs of multilingual families.

Resources in Lesson Plan

"Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education." 2015. Association of College & Research Libraries. 11 Dec. 2023. https://www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/issues/infolit/framework1.pdf

Resources in Tech Tutorial

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Other Materials / Equipment

Access to Lote4Kids through a desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile device.