Bloom Training Manual

Install Bloom

Home page: http://bloomlibrary.org/#/landing

Read the webpage for overview of program.

Click and view the **Bloom 6 Minute Overview.**

Go back and click on **Download Bloom.**
http://bloomlibrary.org/#/installers

Choose the latest version under **Installers.**

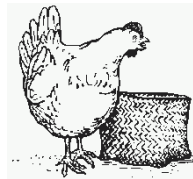If states need Microsoft .Net 4.0 go here to download and then install it.
http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=17718
Then install Bloom.

Install **Art of Reading**
http://bloomlibrary.org/#/artofreading

Download Art Of Reading (Free) Installer
(300 Megabytes, for Microsoft Windows)

Overview of Bloom

A growing collection of Creative Commons-licensed shell books help you grow your library quickly. Just add a book to your vernacular library, then type in translations.
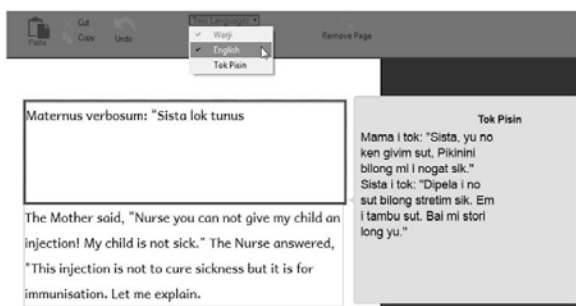
Template Books

Sources For New Books

Templates

BasicBook

Picture Dictionary

banana
muli
ananas

Story Primer

Aa Bb
Ee Oo

Wall Calendar

January

Bloom isn't just for *shell books. To* create a brand new book, we use what Bloom calls a *template.* For most books, the "Basic Book" template is enough. It contains template pages with the most frequently used layouts (half page book, booklet, etc.).

Effortless PDF Booklets

Click on Bloom's Publish tab, and voilà! You have a PDF file laid out as a booklet, ready for saving or printing.

Multilingual Books

Maternus verbosum: "Sista lok tunus

The Mother said, "Nurse you can not give my child an injection! My child is not sick." The Nurse answered, "This injection is not to cure sickness but it is for immunisation. Let me explain.

Tok Pisin

Mama i tok: "Sista, yu no ken givim sut, Pikinini bilong mi i nogat sik." Sista i tok: "Dipela i no sut bilong stretim sik. Em i tambu sut. Bai mi stori long yu."
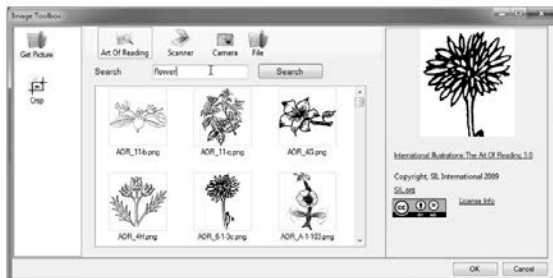
For each box of text, Bloom stores text in any number of languages. You can then select it to show one, two, or three of those languages to make monolingual, bilingual, or trilingual versions of the publication.

All your books, a click away

Bloom never asks you to find things in the computer's file system. It just shows your library and books that you can add to more books when you're ready.
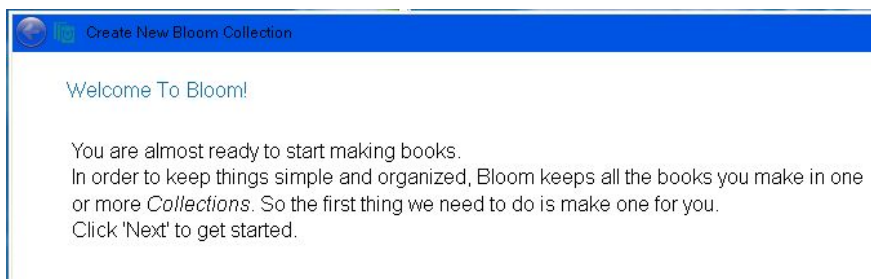

Pictures from the Art of Reading collection

After you install our free Art Of Reading Collection, it's easy to find hand-drawn illustrations from around the world.

Things to notice:

- **Emphasis is on production, not perfection**
- **Low-tech users never have to go find a file somewhere**
- **Intellectual property rights are taken seriously.**

Bloom makes two kinds of books, and they are called **Collections**.
- **Vernacular/Local Language Collection**
- **Source Collection** – A collection of shell or template books in one or more languages of wider communication. A Source Collection can be made into a **BloomPack** so others can use them.

Create New Bloom Collection

Welcome To Bloom!

You are almost ready to start making books.
In order to keep things simple and organized, Bloom keeps all the books you make in one or more *Collections*. So the first thing we need to do is make one for you.
Click 'Next' to get started.

This manual will show

1. How to install and setup Bloom.
2. How to create a basic book using Bloom, **Vernacular Language** and **Source Collections**.
3. How to publish a basic **Vernacular Language** book using Bloom.
4. How to create a **shellbook** using Bloom as part of a **Source Collection**.
5. How to create a book using the **decodable text** tool.
6. How to create **leveled graded books** for the first 3 grades of primary school.