

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>

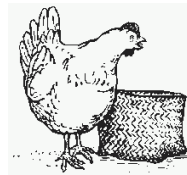
Then install Bloom.

Install **Art of Reading**

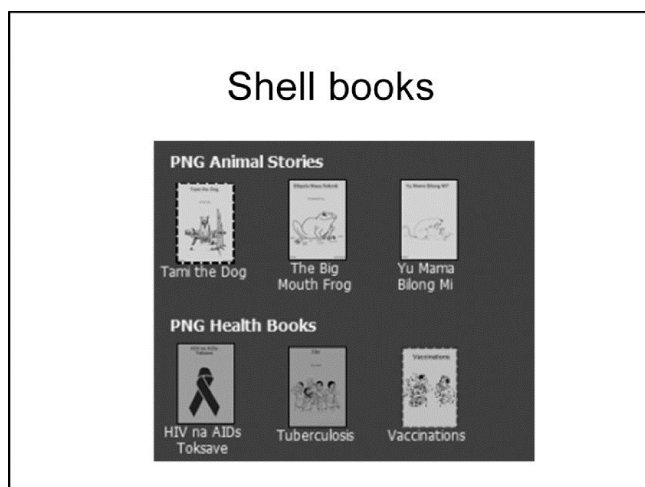
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[Download Art Of Reading \(Free\) Installer](#)

(300 Megabytes, for Microsoft Windows)

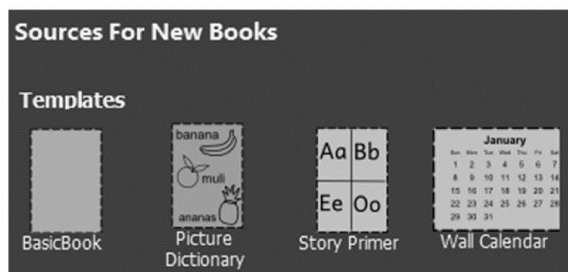


Overview of Bloom



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



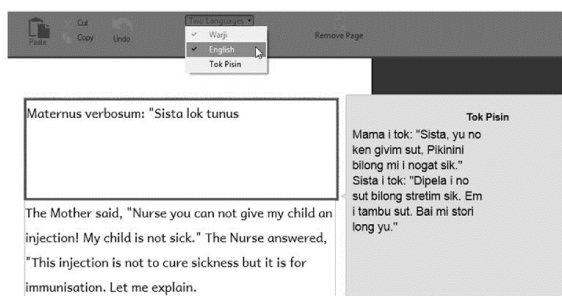
Bloom isn't just for *shell books*. To create a brand new book, we use what Bloom calls a *template*. For most books, the "Basic Book" template is enough. It contains templates pages with the most frequently used layouts. There is also a Picture Dictionary template and Wall Calendar template

Effortless PDF Booklets



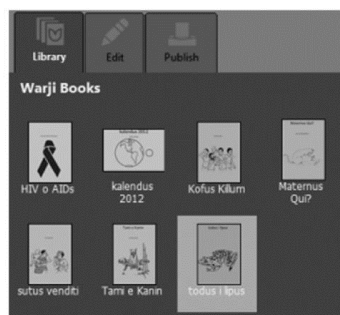
Click on Bloom's Publish tab, and voilà! You have a PDF file laid out as a booklet, ready for saving or printing.

Multilingual Books



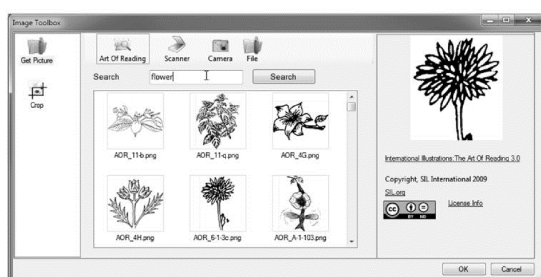
For each box of text, Bloom stores text in any a number of languages. You can then tell it to show one, two, or three of those languages to make monolingual, bilingual, or trilingual versions of the publication

All your books, a click away



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

Pictures from the Art of Reading collection



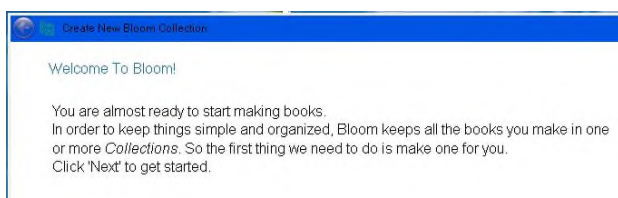
After you install our free Art Of Reading Collection, it's easy to find hand-drawn illustrations from around the world.



Things to notice:

- **Emphasis is on production, not perfection**
- **Low-tech users never had 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. Source Collection makes a **BloomPack** so others can use them.



  Create New Bloom Collection

Choose the Collection Type

☐ Vernacular/Local Language Collection

A collection of books in a local language.

☒ Source Collection

A collection of shell or template books in one or more languages of wider communication. You will be able to upload these shells to BloomLibrary.org and optionally make a BloomPack to give to others so that they can make vernacular books with your shells.

This manual will show

1. How to install and setup Bloom.
2. How to create a basic book using Bloom, **Vernacular Language & 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.