A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

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Research
Primary general knowledge databases offered for all ages, providing factual, reliable and relevant information.

Read
Whether for research or pleasure, enjoy a wide variety of periodicals, books, and audiobooks.

Learn
Online, self-paced learning opportunities for foreign language, career development, and academic topics are also available.

Find It Virginia is a project supported by the Library of Virginia and funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Its purpose is to provide high quality digital research, reading, and learning options to insure the availability of reliable resources and information across the Commonwealth.

Find It Virginia's mix of resources are aligned to serve Virginians of all ages and resource needs, from baby's first learning experiences with its caregivers to traditional students to non-native English speakers to readers of all kinds, and to provide opportunities for the curious to learn something new.

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE…

Please accept our thanks. Thank you for doing what you do. The pandemic made it clear how much our students, schools, and communities rely on libraries and their professionals for access to accurate information. You have done a herculean job in the face of enormous challenges and Virginia is the better for it.

Choose your resources. Before delving into the technical information below, please visit https://finditva.com/ to get an overview of the offerings. This will be the most comprehensive way to see what is out there and decide how you want to organize your own website with the links that follow. Content is sorted by age group but reviewing the **All resources** tab will display all of the resources.

LINKS AND LMS INTEGRATION

If you use CANVAS or Blackboard, EBSCO and GALE provide LMS integration. You can find technical details at https://vpl.virginia.gov/lva-provided-content/find-it-virginia-for-schools/.

EBSCO

Explora is the "google-esque" interface to search both Ebsco general information databases: MasterFile Complete and ReadIt!. **Customize your links by replacing ns004890** in the links below with your Site ID number. If you don't know your Site ID number, contact Barry Trott (barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov or 804.239.9510). Having the school IP address(es) on file with Ebsco Admin will ensure proper authentication, so please check with Barry Trott if you need to add or update IP ranges.

- **Explora Schools:**
  https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,uid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=src_ic&groupid=main

Direct Links to

- **MasterFILE Complete (general information database)**
  https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,uid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ehost&defaultdb=f6h&groupid=main
- **Read It! (lower lexile and ESL friendly general information database, with comprehension activities)**
  https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,uid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ell&groupid=main

GALE

- **Gale in Context: Elementary:** This general information database supports K-6 learners.

Direct links for your institution for both products can be found at https://support.gale.com/finditva. Search your library name to get your custom links. Contact Barry Trott with questions, barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov.

RESOURCES REQUIRING PUBLIC LIBRARY CARDS

Access all of these resources through your local public library website. While they require a library card for use, we hope you will encourage their use by your students and reach out to your public library to work on getting cards for all students. Find your local public library.

- **Just for Kids:** Authenticated by referring url from the Find It Virginia site. Use the link below and then click the Access Video: Just for Kids link. Enjoy tv shows like Arthur, Sesame Street, as well as "read along" storybooks and so much more. Explore topics like reading, writing, math, arts and science!
- **Homework HelpNow**: Available seven days a week, 2 pm to 11 pm. Connect LIVE with a certified teacher for assistance with homework (k-college), research and writing. A public library card will be needed to access some of the content. This platform is currently available until **September 30, 2023.**
- **NoveList Plus** and **NoveList Plus K-8:** Readalike lists, author information, series lists, and more. A treasure trove of resources for readers of all ages.
- **Transparent Language Online:** Study over140+ foreign languages including over 20 indigenous languages and American Sign Language, as well as ESL/ELL classes in 34 languages and Citizenship Prep – self-paced learning.
- **Universal Class:** a diverse self-paced online learning experience from academic to hobby to business skills. Algebra, basic grammar, calligraphy, civics, and more

HELP!

ONLINE

- **On the web:** The Library of Virginia maintains a site specifically for public and school librarians. Find resources, links, tutorials and more at: https://vpl.lib.va.us/lva-provided-content/.
- **LIBIT listserv:** join by emailing Paranita Carpenter at Paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov.

ACTUAL HUMANS

Library of Virginia's Library Development and Networking Team is here for you. If you are having trouble, contact:

- Barry Trott, at barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov or 804.239.9510
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