



MeL CONNECTIONS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMMING



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HOW eRESOURCES HELP YOU

Libraries have a long tradition of providing quality information. Committed to offering resources that our patrons and community trust, we are the information experts. We don't have to "sell" our communities on the authority and reliability of what we provide because we're already a trusted source.

THE eRESOURCES CAN HELP YOU, YOUR PATRONS, AND YOUR COMMUNITY BE FASTER.

F

FLEXIBLE

Quick and easy access to articles, eBooks, images, and videos whether you're in the library or not.

A

AVAILABLE 24/7/365

MeL is always open!

S

SAVE TIME + SAVE MONEY

No need to vet for authority and reliability. Simply search and narrow results. Free to ALL libraries and citizens in Michigan. On their own, many of the magazines, eBooks, and publications might be too expensive for a single library's budget.

T

TRUST

Be confident you are providing quality, trustworthy information. Content is up-to-date and curated.

E

EVERYWHERE YOU GO

Print, download, and save to Google Drive and Google Classroom, or share via email or permalink.

R

REINFORCE CLASSROOM WORK

Assist students and educators in your community. eResources support the Michigan Department of Education's [K-12 Curriculum Standards](#), [Essential Instructional Practices in Literacy](#), and the [Michigan Integrated Technology Competencies for Students](#).

HOW eRESOURCES HELP YOU

FEATURES YOU'LL LOVE

SUPPORTS VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

- Easy to demonstrate the interactive learning features
- By sharing sound, kids can learn from the audio features
- Reduces the cost of programming. eResources are free

SIMULTANEOUS USE & UNLIMITED USERS

- All program participants can access an eResource at the same time
- No need to place holds, wait for a title or accrue fines

SUPPORTS INFORMATION LITERACY

- Demonstrate how to evaluate online information
- Access to credible and authoritative sources

TEXT-TO-SPEECH

- Support auditory learners
- Hear new vocabulary words pronounced
- Assists non-native English speakers to learn how to read, write and speak English

TRANSLATION

- Support students learning English and other languages
- Immersive Spanish experience with [Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos](#) (World Book Kids in Spanish), [Referencia Latina](#) (general article and reference eResource from EBSCO), and [Recurso Para Hispanohablantes](#) (career tools and citizenship exam) from LearningExpress Library

HOW eRESOURCES HELP YOU

WHAT ABOUT ONLINE SEARCH ENGINES?

Google can be a great place to obtain certain kinds of information, but not all information. When we want authoritative and reliable information, eResources are our best bet.



HOW DO THEY COMPARE?

eRESOURCES	Search Engines (e.g., Google)
Organized + curated by experts	Information is not organized or curated. There is no oversight. Anyone can put anything on the Internet.
Subscription service, free to Michigan residents	Search results are both free and fee-based.
Limit results to just what you want	Hard to limit a search to just the things you want
Results contain citations	Hard to find authority/credibility of sources
No advertisements	Results contain ads
Easily find scholarly and peer-reviewed articles	Results sometimes can have dead links or paths to outdated information



WHAT TYPES OF INFORMATION CAN YOU ACCESS?

eRESOURCES	Search Engines (e.g., Google)
eBooks	Tax information
Full text journals and magazines	Local municipal ordinances
Newspapers	What's playing at the cinema
Images and videos	Hours of operation for a business
Scholarly and peer-reviewed articles	Time zone information



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO USE THEM?

eRESOURCES	Search Engines (e.g., Google)
When you need vetted, reliable sources	Searching for quick facts
Doing research for school or work	As a preliminary way to determine the best search terms to use in an eResource

INFORMATION LITERACY TOP 3 BASICS

1 MAKE A PLAN



These guiding questions can help you find quality information from reliable, vetted sources:

- What is your goal?
- What is your research question?
- What do you already know?
- What are your search terms?
- Where will you look for answers?
- How will you evaluate the information you find?

2 CONSIDER YOUR SOURCES



3 EVALUATE SEARCH RESULTS



Be on guard
with ARC



Author Authority

- Who wrote it?
- Who published it?
- What authority do they have on the subject?



Relevance

- Are both sides of the issue represented?
- Is persuasive or emotional language used?
- What does the domain ending tell us about intentions (.org, .com, .edu, etc.)?



Currency

- When was it written?
- Does the date impact the accuracy of the information?

HOW THIS BOOK WORKS

This booklet is for you, Michigan Youth Library Staff! Have you ever been on the hunt for new tools to develop programming for your community? If your answer is yes, you have come to the right place.

In this book, you will find examples and suggestions for including MeL content to enhance the programming you offer your patrons.

EACH PROGRAMMING PAGE PROVIDES:

- Tips for using the highlighted eResource
- Examples of how to integrate MeL content into programming
- Search strategies to get you started
- Connections to training resources

eResources highlighted in this guide represent only a portion of what is available in MeL. The following criteria were used to select eResources for this guide:

- Content connections to library programming
- Ease of use in programming

eRESOURCES HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS GUIDE

Where marked, the eResource content is appropriate for these ages, however younger learners may not be able to navigate the eResource on their own.

eRESOURCES	0-5 years old	6-9 years old	10-12 years old	13+ years old
Britannica Fundamentals	✓			
eBook High School Collection				✓
eBook K-8 Collection		✓	✓	
eBook Public Library Collection	✓	✓	✓	✓
Explora for Middle Schools			✓	
Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center	✓	✓	✓	✓
LearningExpress Library			✓	✓
NoveList Plus	✓	✓	✓	✓
PebbleGo	✓			
World Book Early Learning	✓			
World Book Kids		✓	✓	

HOW THIS BOOK WORKS

ADDITIONAL eRESOURCES FOR KIDS + TEENS

eRESOURCES	0-5 years old	6-9 years old	10-12 years old	13+ years old
Britannica School Elementary		✓		
Britannica School Middle			✓	
Britannica School High				✓
Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos (World Book Kids in Spanish)		✓		
Explora for Elementary Schools		✓		
Explora for Middle Schools			✓	
Explora for High Schools				✓

If you need help, contact meldatabaseshelp@mcls.org

VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISITS INTERVIEW & BOOK TALKS

1

NOVELIST PLUS

• Over 260,000 fiction and nonfiction titles; easy to browse by audience, subject, appeal, theme, award winners, and more.

• The **Working with Youth** feature offers reading resources that support literacy including book lists, articles, and tools.

• Search by grade level and Lexile, as well as author's cultural identity and gender identity.

• NovelList collaborates with Goodreads to provide recommendations.

BEST BET ★

SEARCH STRATEGY

SAMPLES FROM THE EBOOK HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION AND NOVELIST PLUS

2

ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Share and discuss PBS Books author interviews and biographical information with the group.
- Demo searches using NovelList's "Appeals" in the Readers Advisory section to support easy Tween/Teen searches.
- In the **Especially For** area, be sure to check out:
 - **Advisory Toolbox**
 - **Working with Youth** has an article about the *20 Tips for Virtual Readers' Advisory Victory*
- Show your group how to:
 - Find **Award Winners**, **Audio Books**, **Media Mentions**
 - Explore other books by the author and **Author Read-alikes**.
 - Read and discuss **Book Reviews** by Booklist, Publishers Weekly, School Library Journal, and others.
 - Create, manage, and share their own book lists using the **Folders** feature.
 - Browse the **Recommended Reading Lists**.

3

LEARNING LINKS

- Using Basic Search
- Searching for Read-alikes
- Finding the Right Book for Every Reading Level
- Create and Share Custom Reading Lists
- Crash Course in Graphic Novels

4

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- All kinds of Book Clubs
- In-library programming
- Adult programming

5

COMPANION eRESOURCES

- eBook K-8 Collection, eBook H.S. Collection, eBook Public Library Collection, and NovelList K-8 Plus
- **Literary Reference Center:** Topics include plot summaries, literary criticism, book reviews, novels, and author interviews

PROGRAMMING PAGE GUIDE

This is an interactive book. Items in the Table of Contents link to their respective pages. On the Programming pages, there are links to outside sources. This guide shows the types of links we have included and where to look for them on each page.

1. The name of the eResource is a link to the highlighted resource.
2. Many of the lists contain blue text. The blue text is a link to web resources or videos.
3. Most of the book images in the Samples sections link to that book's online listing.
4. The Audience Tabs highlight the intended audience.

PROGRAMMING KEY

EARLY CHILDHOOD
0 - 5 YEARS OLD

SCHOOL AGE
6-9 YEARS OLD

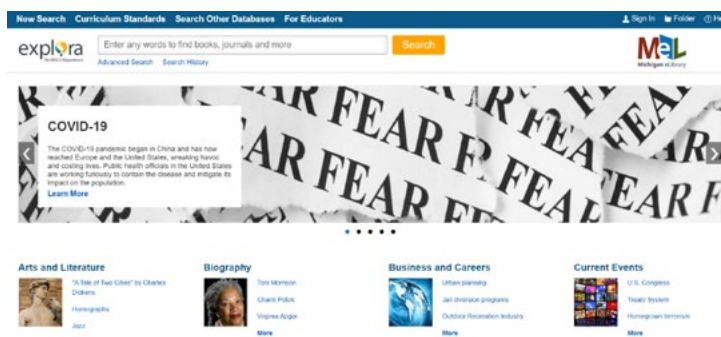
TWEENS
10 - 12 YEARS OLD

TEENS
13+ YEARS OLD

A LIBRARY'S SECRET WEAPON EBSCO'S EXPLORA

Explora is a powerful tool that is a great shortcut for users new to eResources. It gives you access to a wide range of subjects including art, music, literature, science, technology, engineering, health, hobbies and crafts, sports, and more.

Be confident you're searching authoritative information, curated and organized by experts.



How does Explora help you?

- Access to primary source documents
- Search multiple formats at the same time including eBooks, magazines, academic journals, and more
- Easily browse popular topics, organized by categories, and subjects
- Find age-appropriate materials via audience-specific Explora interfaces; searching by Lexile is easy
- Quickly and easily save search results to your personal folders

The screenshot shows the Explora search interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'New Search', 'Curriculum Standards', 'Search Other Databases', and 'For Educators'. On the right, there are links for 'Sign In', 'Folder', and 'Help'. The main search area includes a large search bar, a 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdown, and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar are three rows of 'AND' connectors and 'Select a Field (optional)' dropdowns. To the right of these are 'Clear' and '+ -' buttons. Below the search area are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'. The 'Search Options' section is expanded, showing 'Search Modes and Expanders' with radio buttons for 'Boolean/Phrase' (selected), 'Find all my search terms', 'Find any of my search terms', and 'SmartText Searching'. There are also checkboxes for 'Apply related words' and 'Also search within the full text of the articles'. The 'Limit your results' section includes a 'Full Text' checkbox, a 'Journal Name' text box, a 'Peer Reviewed' checkbox, and a 'Date Published' section with 'Month' and 'Year' dropdowns and text boxes.

A LIBRARY'S SECRET WEAPON EBSCO'S EXPLORA

MeL has each Explora set to search a specific set of eResources. Each MeL institution can also customize their own Exploras via EBSCOadmin by contacting melatabaseshelp@mcls.org. The eResources included in the Exploras on MeL.org are listed below. View a full list of eResources that your library can add to the Exploras [here](#). [Learn more](#) about Explora!

	Explora for Elementary Schools	Explora for Middle Schools	Explora for High Schools	Explora for Public Libraries
Academic Search Complete				✓
American Heritage Children's Dictionary	✓			
Biography Reference Center	✓	✓		✓
Caribbean Search				✓
Consumer Health Complete				✓
eBook Collection				✓
eBook High School Collection			✓	✓
eBook K-8 Collection	✓	✓		✓
eBook Public Library Collection				✓
GreenFILE				✓
Health Source – Consumer Edition				✓
History Reference Center			✓	✓
Legal Information Reference Center				✓
Literary Reference Center			✓	✓
MAS Complete			✓	✓
MasterFILE Complete				✓
Middle Search Plus		✓	✓	✓
Newspaper Source Plus				✓
Points of View Reference Center			✓	✓
Primary Search	✓	✓		✓
Read It!				✓
Referencia Latina				✓
Science Reference Center			✓	✓
Topic Overviews K-5	✓			
Topic Overviews 6-12		✓	✓	
Topic Overviews Public Libraries				✓

VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISITS INTERVIEWS & BOOK TALKS



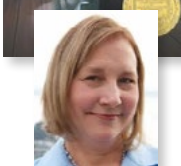
NOVELIST PLUS

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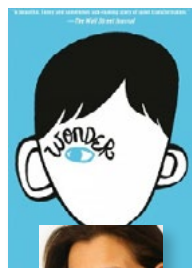
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SEARCH STRATEGY

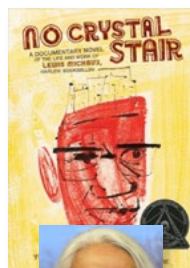
SAMPLES FROM NOVELIST PLUS



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- Show your group how to:
 - Find **Award Winners**, **Audio Books**, **Media Mentions**
 - Explore other books by the author and **Author Read-alikes**.
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LEARNING LINKS

- [Using Basic Search](#)
- [Searching for Read-alikes](#)
- [Finding the Right Book for Every Reading Level](#)
- [Create and Share Custom Reading Lists](#)
- [Crash Course in Graphic Novels](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- All kinds of Book Clubs
- In-library programming
- Adult programming

COMPANION eRESOURCES

- eBook Collections ([K-8](#), [High School](#), [Public Library](#)) and [NovelList K-8 Plus](#)
- [Literary Reference Center](#)
 - Topics include plot summaries, literary criticism, book reviews, novels, and author interviews

TWEENS

TEENS

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB WITH GRAPHIC NOVEL CLASSICS



EBSCO eBook HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION

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- Over 9,800 full text fiction and nonfiction eBook titles featuring reliable, audience appropriate content
- Save and share eBook lists and individual titles with permalinks
- User-friendly searching and browsing
- Read on your computer or download to a device
- Share easily in online environments such as Zoom, Google Hangouts, Google Classroom, and more

SEARCH STRATEGY

Searching: **eBook High School Collection (EBSCOhost)** | [Choose Databases](#)

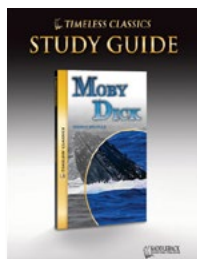
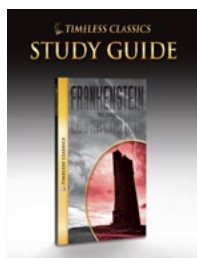
graphic novels

AND - juvenile

AND -

[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)

SAMPLES FROM THE eBook HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION



ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Use [Classic Graphic Novels](#) as inspiration for a themed “modern retelling” for a virtual program
- Offer a live or recorded version of a book talk for reluctant readers with a selection of classic Graphic Novels
- Create a Virtual Escape Room with clues from a graphic novel so tweens/teens can read along as they escape
- Share your screen during live, online programs, using the Standard View or Fit-to-Page toggle feature
- Everyone can check-out, download, and read the Book Club selections at the same time.
- Make notes within the eBook as you read. Sign in to your EBSCOhost account to save and print your notes.

LEARNING LINKS

- [Searching for eBooks](#)
- [Reading an eBook](#)
- [Download eBooks to Mobile Device](#)
- [Setting up and using Personal Folders](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- All kinds of Book Clubs, including those for adults
- In-library programming
- Readers Advisory programs
- Reluctant Reader programs

COMPANION eRESOURCES

- [eBook K-8 Collection](#)
- [NoveList K-8 Plus](#) and [NoveList Plus](#)
 - Search by Lexile to find the “just-right” reading level for all readers
- [Literary Reference Center](#)
 - Topics include plot summaries, literary criticism, book reviews, novels, and author interviews

TWEENS

TEENS

STORYTIME BOOKS

EBSCO eBOOK K-8 COLLECTION

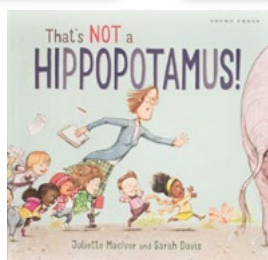
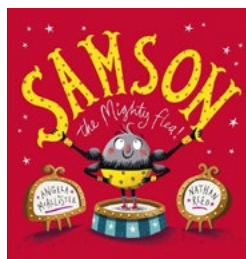
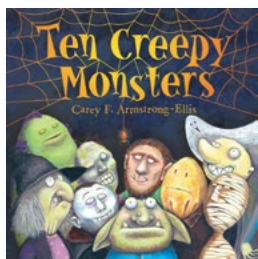
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- Over 12,450 Full Text fiction and nonfiction eBook titles
- Save and share eBook lists and individual titles using permalinks
- Curated by librarians featuring reliable, audience-appropriate content
- User friendly searching and browsing
- Read on your computer or download to a device
- Make notes within the eBook as you read. Sign in to your EBSCOhost account to save and print your notes.
- Share easily in online environments such as Zoom, Google Hangouts, Google Classroom, and more

SEARCH STRATEGY

Click “Advanced Search” -> when the new screen opens, type “picture books” in the top search box and “juvenile” into the middle search box -> then click “Search.”

SAMPLES FROM THE eBOOK K-8 COLLECTION



ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Select an eBook to promote in advance of your program; some families like to read ahead!
- Suggest unlimited-use eBooks to avoid fines and holds on print materials.
- Develop themed eBook lists using permalinks to send home after storytime.
- Craft and cooking eBooks can be matched to your storytime themes and used to supplement storytime activities.
- Give kids examples and demonstrate how to use an eBook while running the virtual program.
- Use the **Search Within** tool to generate a list of every instance where your search term appears in the book. When you select any of the results, you are directly linked to the pages where that term exists. This supports discussions about the book with early readers.
- Make notes within the eBook to assist you as you read-aloud, e.g., change your voice when a new character speaks or keep track of questions and comments. Sign-in to your account to save and print your notes.
- Project or screen-share images from an eBook during live, online programs, using “Fit Page Width”, “Fit Page”, and “Full Screen View”.

LEARNING LINKS

- [Searching for eBooks](#)
- [Reading an eBook](#)
- [Download eBooks to Mobile Device](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- School age children, 6-9
- Young Reader Book Clubs
- Reluctant Reader programs
- Any program that connects readers to books

STORYTIME LEARNING GAMES + ACTIVITIES



WORLD BOOK EARLY LEARNING

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- Designed for emergent learners. World Book Early Learning has an interactive and playful environment that encourages reading comprehension and mastery of phonetic skills.
- Full of stories, videos, songs, and games to provide a firm foundation for 21st-century learning and digital citizenship.
- Provides learners with an interactive, self-directed reading experience
- Hover your cursor over any of the words or pictures and the audio will quickly announce the topic or word. This feature helps young users with reading comprehension.
- Works on all devices

SEARCH STRATEGY

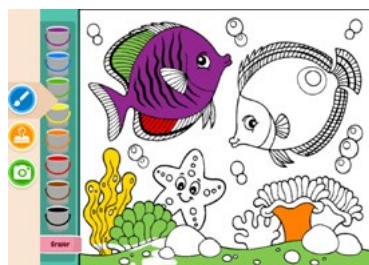


From the home page, click **Games**, then click the **Concentration** image to access Concentration.

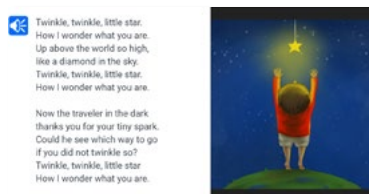


From the home page, click **Stories**, then click the **musical notes** image to access **Nursery Rhymes and Songs**.

SAMPLES



Kids can pick colors to virtually "paint" onto the interactive Coloring Pages.



Text is highlighted as audio plays children singing the song.

ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Play with the **interactive games**, sorted by topic to make storytime fun and engaging for kids.
- Use the **Videos** (14 topics) to spice-up and add variety to your storytime activities.
- Check the "**For grown ups**" section to access foldable books; teach kids how to fold and put a book together; print in B&W if you want to encourage them to color in the pictures.
- Visit the **Educator Tools** section. It is designed to help you connect the World Book Early Learning features to curriculum correlations, components of reading, and best practices.
- Learn, listen, and **sing a-long** to Rhymes and Songs (see image below.)
- In the Activities section:
 - Select an image and have families take turns picking a color for different parts of the picture. Then download and print/share the final image with families
 - Share the English and Spanish **Print and Do** printable activities with kids and parents for take-home activities.
 - Download simple mazes from the **Print and Do** area for young children to trace their fingers along the pathways to increase fine motor skills.
 - Use Print and Do activities like **Alphabet Cow** to encourage kids to sing their ABCs while you connect the dots."

LEARNING LINKS

- [World Book Early Learning Videos \(6 short videos\)](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- Reluctant reader programs
- Young readers learning English
- Arts and crafts programs

BRITANNICA FUNDAMENTALS

BEST BET ★

- Engaging and fun learning experience for kids; play and read to learn letters, numbers, shapes, animals, and more.
- Aligned with PreK-3 content, this activity-centered learning environment offers exposure to language, literacy, geography, and math.
- Narrated by real people, animated eBooks, biome videos, activities, and games help kids learn new words, fun facts, and answers to interesting questions.
- Designed to expand kids' knowledge and understanding of the world around them.
- Explore the 4 engaging pathways for learning — READ, EXPLORE, PLAY, and CREATE. The pathways are designed to help young learners build language, critical thinking, and comprehension skills.

ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Take children on an armchair/virtual road trip by pairing a video from the **Explore** pathway with a book from your collection.
- **Explore** concepts such as opposites or math skills including solving simple problems, answering questions about measurement, and recognizing shapes, by engaging groups with the **Play** pathway.
- Introduce kids to fundamental concepts while using animated e-books in the **Read** pathway.
- Discover Biomes of the World videos and images from the **Explore** pathway and help kids understand the world around them as part of their storytime experience.
- Encourage kids to illustrate and share a concept that they learned during storytime, or express their creativity using the whiteboard feature in the **Create** pathway.

SEARCH STRATEGY



Explore the four learning pathways

SAMPLES FROM BRITANNICA FUNDAMENTALS



Play interactive games

LEARNING LINKS

- [Britannica Fundamentals Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Britannica Fundamentals Video \(1:41\)](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- Reluctant Reader programs
- Storytime webinar training for adults
- Any program that connects readers to books



Read and listen to the interactive books

PebbleGo

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- Designed for PreK-3 emerging learners with an easy to navigate visual interface.
- Offers Social Studies curriculum content, including social concepts to support learning about self, school, community, country, and world.
- Image and video content supplements articles
- Activities align with curriculum content in each module
- Easy to use school-to-home literacy eResource parents can use to engage their kids in fun learning.

SEARCH STRATEGY



SAMPLES FROM PEBBLEGO



ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Host a community storytime and use the Jobs in the Community section (in the Social Studies module) to introduce guest storytellers, such as local firefighters.
- Open windows and doors for your youth by sharing different homes, states, and more by using My World (in the Social Studies module).
- Play the Games and work through the Question of the Day during the program to reinforce learning connected to curriculum.
- Children of all abilities will find literacy support with articles and ready-made activities.
- Explore the Range Maps in the Animals module and help kids develop spatial thinking and visual literacy.
- Share the Activity Sheets and the Share What You Know printable templates with kids and parents.

LEARNING LINKS

- [PebbleGo Training Video](#)
- [How to Search in PebbleGo](#)
- [Range Maps in PebbleGo](#)
- [Animal Lesson Plans & Activities](#)
- [Social Studies Lesson Plans & Activities](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- Reluctant Reader programs – read aloud feature offers narration performed by humans for real-word pronunciation
- Learning before and after a school visit from a fireman, librarian, nurse, builder, or any job-related professional
- Summer Reading programs, especially before and after an animal handler or zoo visit

Word Book Kids

BEST BET ★

- World Book Kids is specifically for grades K-5 and features image-driven navigation and an intuitive user experience.
- Contains thousands of easy-to-read articles packed with illustrations, videos, interactive maps, and a wealth of engaging games and activities.
- Hands-on **Science Projects** and experiments cater to many different interests.
- Provides **Correlations to Common Core Standards** to support your literacy efforts and complement what children are learning in school.

SEARCH STRATEGY



SAMPLES FROM WORLD BOOKS KIDS



ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Use starter experiment ideas from the Science Projects section and set-up STEM drop-in programs with related materials.
- Feature science ideas in a blue-ribbon science fair workshop to assist students as they prep for school fairs.
- Hold a contest for families to submit their own science videos demonstrating their attempt to complete a project!
- Share the age-appropriate Webquests — step-by-step, print-and-go activities that take children on an “expedition” through the database. All the while, they will be learning basic research skills.
- Use the hands-on **Lesson Plans** that align with student versions of the science projects.
- Enrich your science programs with World Book Kids - **Activities**

LEARNING LINKS

- [World Book Kids Training Videos](#)
- [How to Do a Science Project](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- Learning about **Animals, Important People, Geography**, and more
- Storytime activities, experiments and supplemental learning opportunities
- Summer Reading Program activities
- Weekend and after school hands-on programs
- Making K-12 connections and supporting curriculum
- Homework-help and research projects

COMPANION eRESOURCES

- [Science Reference Center](#)
 - Allows browsing of specific content in 6 categories: Applied Sciences, Earth Sciences, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Scientists, and Space & Astronomy.
- [Explora for Public Libraries](#)
 - Engaging interface, easy-to-browse and searches multiple EBSCO databases simultaneously.
 - Subjects include history, current events, science, sports, and more.

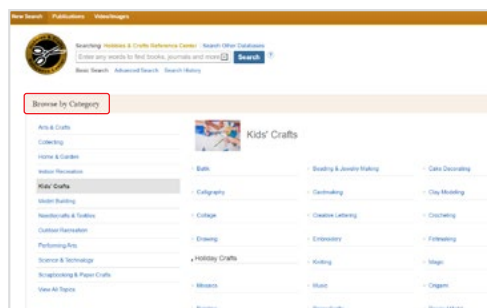
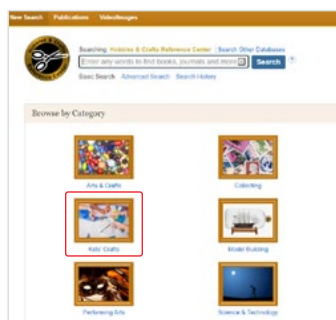
ARTS & CRAFTS

HOBBIES & CRAFTS REFERENCE CENTER

BEST BET ★

- Access to over 1,900 full text titles.
- Explore articles with step-by-step instructions offering tips and techniques.
- Browse hundreds of how-to knitting patterns, instructions, and videos.
- Explore arts & crafts, collecting, home and garden, indoor recreation, kid's crafts, outdoor recreation, and much more.

SEARCH STRATEGY



Easily explore different types of crafts using the Browse by Category feature.

SAMPLES FROM HOBBIES & CRAFTS REFERENCE CENTER



ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Use the Kids' Crafts collection to host a weekly kids craft program.
- Tie-in heritage crafts while celebrating different cultures. For example, African American quilt patterns that directed slaves along the Underground Railroad.
- Encourage teens to create unique charms with felt.
- Check out the Scrapbooking section for decorative ideas to enhance journals.
- Host a basic knitting workshop or series such as "How to Make a Scarf" before the winter holidays. Kids will learn knitting basics, techniques, and create handmade gifts to share with friends and family.
- Project your eBooks, how-to videos, images and materials to the screen as you teach kids how to knit.
- Create lists for sewing articles, patterns, and books. Save them to your personal folder for easy retrieval and share via email with tweens/teens and families.

LEARNING LINKS

- [Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center Video Tutorial](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- School age children, 6-9
- Adult programs
- Crochet, sewing, and other craft programs
- Outdoor activities and games, hobby farming, cooking, and more

COMPANION eRESOURCES

- [eBook Public Library Collection](#)
 - Chapter or full download to mobile device, or Google Drive and toggle tools for easy reading within the resource

TWEENS

TEENS

PERFORMERS MAGICIANS & CARD TRICKS



EXPLORA FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS

BEST BET ★

- Magazines, eBooks, reference books, primary source documents, and more
- Subjects include history, current events, science, sports, and biographies.
- Includes photos, maps, and flags for multimedia experience.
- Engaging interface that searches multiple EBSCO databases simultaneously
- User-friendly search process and easy-to-use browse by subject feature
- Easy to save search results to folders to access later and share

SEARCH STRATEGY

explora
An EBSCO Experience

"magic tricks" Select a Field

AND - nonfiction Select a Field

AND - juvenile Select a Field

Basic Search Advanced Search Search History

SAMPLES FROM EXPLORA FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL



ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Offer "Tricks in a bag" by supplying the materials and a print-out of directions.
- Learn a few tricks to keep "up your sleeve" to engage tweens when they're feeling shy. Once they're engaged be sure to share the eBooks!
- Project your eBook, how-to videos, images and materials to a projector screen. All the kids will be able to see how to perform the magic tricks.
- Host a Magic Tricks Performance program and invite kids to show off their spectacular, amazing talents.
- Create and save Magic and Card Tricks title lists to your personal folder. Print for in-library distribution or share via email.
- Explore the **For Educators** section for **STEM Lessons**, **Scavenger Hunts**, and more.

LEARNING LINKS

- [Explora Video Tutorial](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- School-age children, 6-9
- Online programming
- Readers Advisory programs
- Reluctant Reader programs
- Any program that connects readers to books

COMPANION eRESOURCES

- [Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center](#)
- [eBook K-8 Collection](#)

TWEENS

TEENS

BOOK CLUBS



EBSCO eBOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLECTION

BEST BET ★

- Over 44,450 full text fiction and nonfiction eBook titles
- Create, save, and share book lists using permalinks
- Find something for everyone, with thousands of eBooks for all ages
- Chapter or full download to mobile device, or Google Drive and toggle tools for easy reading within the resource
- Offer more accessible experiences using the easily adjustable font sizes and the text-to-speech features
- User friendly searching and browsing
- Read on your computer or download to a device.

SEARCH STRATEGY

Searching: [eBook Public Library Collection \(EBSCOhost\)](#) [Choose Databases](#)

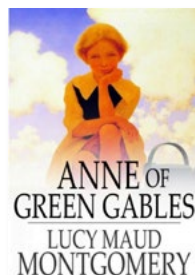
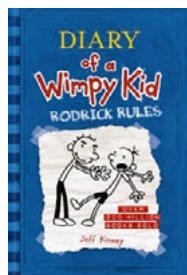
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[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)

SAMPLES FROM THE eBOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLECTION



ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Learn how to show kids how to find their own titles in the eBook Collections, using the Learning Links below.
- Create a read-a-like book list as a companion to your Book Club selection and share it with the group. For example, here's a list of [eBooks like Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#).
- Start a series Book Club and share this list of [Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series](#) eBooks from Jeff Kinney's first 14 books.
- Select titles with a similar theme, like "Anne of Green Gables" and "The Secret Garden", and create an eBook list of [books about orphans and foster homes](#).

LEARNING LINKS

- [Searching eBooks Video Tutorial](#)
- [Downloading eBooks Video Tutorial](#)
- [Reading eBooks Video Tutorial](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- School age children, 6-9
- Readers Advisory programs
- Reluctant Reader programs
- All kinds of Book Clubs, including those for adults
- Any program that connects readers to books

COMPANION eRESOURCES

- [NoveList Plus](#)
 - Search by Lexile for "just right" reading levels
 - Use the [Book Club Resources](#) to access great articles and book discussion guides
 - Find past, current, and upcoming books that became or are becoming movies in the [Books to Movies](#) section
 - Browse [Working with Youth](#) (found under "Especially For") for teen and tween focused content book lists, and programming ideas
- [Literary Reference Center](#)
 - Topics include plot summaries, literary criticism, book reviews, novels, and author interviews.

TWEENS

TEENS

JOB, CAREER & TEST PREP

LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY

BEST BET ★

- Achieve academic, job, and career goals with the **Public, College, and High School Learning Centers**. Each contains a collection of practice tests, tutorials, eBooks, articles, and flashcards, and more.
- Explore potential careers (including military service), build workplace skills and prepare for tests (ASVAB, career licensure exams, civil service exams, and more) in the **Career Preparation Center**.
- Discover powerful tools and guidance, including **Career Match** and **Explore Occupations** to achieve your goals in the **Job & Career Accelerator Center**.
- Prepare for important exams (ACT, SAT, AP, TOEFL iBT, and more), as well as college admissions essay writing in the **College Admissions Test Preparation Center**.
- Find PrepSTEP in **Prepare for College Learning Center** to access even more skill-building tools.

ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

- Host a series of Test Prep evenings at your library for high schoolers.
- Invite an area school counselor to co-host a college/trade school prep night and feature LearningExpress Library.
- Use the **Help** feature at the top of the page to access and share **Video Guides**.
- Show participants how to create a LearningExpress account and use the dashboards available in **My Center** to keep track of their studies and tests.
- Help participants find scholarships relevant to their needs with the Scholarship Finder.
- Conduct Workshops and Drop-in programs to show how to use the Learning Centers to study, learn new skills, take tests, keep track of progress, and more.

SEARCH STRATEGY



Using the search box is the fastest way to find what you need.

LEARNING LINKS

- [Learning Express How-to Videos](#)
- [Learning Express Centers Video Tutorial](#)

ALSO SUITABLE FOR...

- Adults re-entering the job force or changing careers
- Tweens who want to begin to explore their career and job options. Show them how to use **Career Match** and **Explore Occupations** modules.
- Job Fairs and community collaborations

SAMPLES FROM LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY



COMPANION eRESOURCES

- **Read! It**
 - Designed for users who are developing or “catching-up” with their English language proficiency.
- **AtoZdatabases**
 - Access job postings, powered by Indeed

TEMPLATE: CONSTRUCT YOUR OWN “HOW TO” MeL PROGRAM PAGE



NAME OF eRESOURCE(S)	BEST BET ★
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Why is this the best eResource for your program?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

SEARCH STRATEGIES

How will you find the content you need?

- _____
- _____
- _____

ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM

How will you incorporate eResource content into your program?

- _____
- _____
- _____

EXAMPLES

What samples did you find in the eResource?

- _____
- _____
- _____

COMPANION eRESOURCES

What other eResources could you use?

- _____
- _____
- _____

LEARNING LINKS

Where will you find training resources?

- _____
- _____
- _____

ALSO SUITABLE FOR

What other applications are there for this eResource content?

- _____
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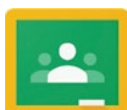
SUPPORT RESOURCES

GOOGLE

WHAT IS IT?



Google Drive Interface



Google Classroom Interface

WHAT DOES IT DO FOR YOU?

- Clicking the Google Drive icon within an eResource allows the user to drop articles and eBook content from the Britannica, EBSCO, Gale and World Book products directly into their private Google account.
- Selecting the Google Classroom icon prompts the user to choose which Classroom account they want to share the eResource content to directly.

MeL eRESOURCES WITH GOOGLE TOOLS

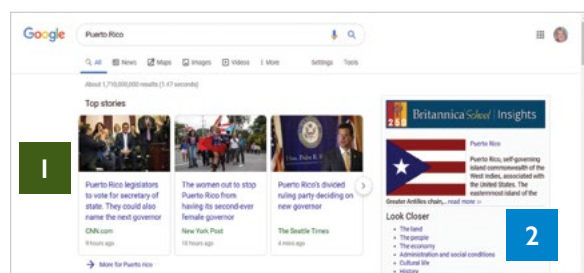
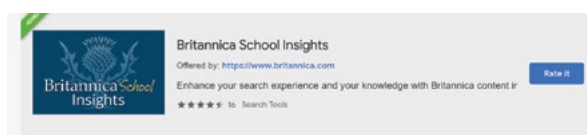
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Art & Architecture Source
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Britannica School High
Britannica School Middle
Central & Eastern European Academic
Consumer Health Complete
eBook Business Collection

eBook High School Collection
eBook K-8 Collection
Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos
Explora for Elementary Schools
Explora for High Schools
Explora for Middle Schools
Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints

History Reference Center
MAS Complete
Middle Search Plus
Political Science Complete
Primary Search
Psychology & Behavioral Sciences
Science Reference Center
World Book Kids

CHROME EXTENSIONS

WHAT IS IT?



WHAT DOES IT DO FOR YOU?

- Seamless connection with database content right from a Google search results page.
- If users access Britannica via the Chrome Extension, then they can continue searching online for related content, utilizing the “Web’s Best Sites,” already vetted for reliability.

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GOOGLE RESULTS

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BRITANNICA RESULTS

MeL eRESOURCES WITH CHROME EXTENSIONS

- Britannica School Insights
- Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints

SUPPORT RESOURCES



eRESOURCE TOOLS



Google Classroom

Prompts appear to share selected articles to a specific class in Google Classroom.



Google Drive

Articles save directly to Google Drive accounts.



One Drive

Documents will go directly to Microsoft 365 accounts.



Permalink/Persistent Link

A link is generated on the screen to capture and will access the article or eBook directly.



EBSCO Email

Send document via email in EBSCO products.



EBSCO Folder

Access EBSCO folder.



EBSCO Citation

Citation formats available through EBSCO products.



Britannica Citation

Citation formats available through Britannica products.



Gale Citation

Citation formats available through Gale products.



PDF

A file format that provides an electronic image of text.



HTML

A document in this computer language allows the text to be translated and converted to audio.



EBSCO Notes

Add note to file in EBSCO products.



Printing

Print document.



Email

Send to email, Google Drive or One Note in Gale.



Send

Send to Google Classroom, Google Drive or email in Britannica.



Britannica Translation

Translation tool in Britannica



Audio

Audio/Listen tool



Sliding Date Range Tool

By moving the blue dots on the bar, you can control the date range of your results.



Text-To-Speech

Text-to-speech player with HTML formatted files



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