

Did you know...

that a database, in this brochure referred to as an e-resource, is a collection of many items arranged to be easily searchable? The e-resources that are available to you online with your TRAC library card contain digitized versions of material that had been originally published in print format. Many of the sources of this information, journals, magazines and books, have been reviewed by experts in the field. This ensures that the information you read is factual and accurate.

That's why e-resources are so much better for finding information than a search engine like Google. With the e-resources provided through your library, you can be assured of quality information that is organized in such a way as to help you easily find what you need, wherever you have an internet connection, whenever you want it.



To access E-Resources...

- Go to the Northern Lights Library System website:
<http://www.nlls.ab.ca>
- Click on the "TRAC" library catalogue link in the shortcuts menu on the left
- Click to login to your account (top right), using your library barcode and PIN (the last four digits of your phone number)
- Either do a general keyword search, or click on the "E-Resources" tab to select the subject area you wish to search
- Search to your heart's content! (If you need assistance, be sure to talk to your local library staff!)

Another service brought to you by
your local public library and:



Northern Lights Library System

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Elk Point, AB T0A 1A0
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Students & Teachers

A guide to resources



*A world of information at your
fingertips!*



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www.nlls.ab.ca



Student & Teacher Resources



Through your local library and your online library catalogue, TRACpac, (www.tracpac.ab.ca) you have access to thousands of items that will help you with all your information needs for the classroom.

To find books in your local library on various non-fiction topics, do a subject search in the library's online catalogue. In the search bar, type in the topic you are interested in. You may wish to change the "Search by" field to "Subject."

Your library may also carry magazines on a topic you are interested in. If you can't find one, ask!

Remember: if your library doesn't own the book, or you can't find the one you're looking for, your library staff will help you borrow it from another library.

Also, your library staff may be able to give library tours to school groups, or sessions on information literacy. Check with your local library about setting up a visit for your class or yourself.



Online E-Resources

For Research

Gale Virtual Reference Library: Search for articles or check out one of thousands of eBook titles with topics such as environment, history, multicultural studies and science.

World Book Kids: is an encyclopedia designed especially for kids. It is easy to navigate, has articles that are written specifically for younger readers with thousands of illustrations and games to engage children's different learning styles.

World Book Spanish is a general resource for adults and students, which includes thousands of articles pictures and maps in Spanish.

World Book Student is a great general resource for elementary and middle school students. It has more than 40,000 articles, videos, animations, an extensive dictionary and atlas plus student activities.

For Educators

ERIC (Education Resources Information Center) contains over one million abstracts of education-related documents and journal articles from the world's largest education information resource.

Education Research Complete offers the world's largest and most complete collection of full-text education journals. It is a bibliographic and full text database covering scholarly research and information relating to all areas and levels of education.

Teacher Reference Centre provides indexing and abstracts for 280 periodicals. In addition, 96% of journals indexed in TRC are peer-reviewed. Topics include: Assessment, Best Practices, Continuing Education, Current Pedagogical Research, Curriculum Development, Elementary Education, Higher Education, Instructional Media, Language Arts, Literacy Standards, School Administration, Science & Mathematics, and Teacher Education.



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