



Statewide Services – FAQs for Teachers

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Statewide Databases /Online Resources

Student database pages – school librarians helped select which databases are posted on these pages. They are age-appropriate and are commonly used for assignments. If asked to login for access from these pages, please have your school librarian contact us. Links should work without login from schools and this can be fixed.

- Student Research (MS-HS): <https://kslib.info/students>
- Research for Kids (Elem & younger): <https://kslib.info/kids>

Training – on our site under *Librarians->Statewide Services*. We do specific trainings throughout the year on all the major database platforms plus “refreshers and news” trainings that quickly cover what databases are available. SLK webinars are always recorded and made available for viewing on our website. Teachers are welcome to watch the archives or attend the sessions. Notes on some:

- EBSCO – majority of our databases are from the EBSCO system (including Exploras), so if you learn to use one you will be able to use them all.
- Encyclopedia Britannica – great place to start kids on research; can download videos for use in class and create Teacher account to make reading lists of articles/a lesson plan.
- Learning Express – modules for skill building (math, writing, etc); practice tests for the ACT, WorkKeys, ASVAB, Praxis (and other career tests); Student Success Skills; Job & Career Accelerator section with occupation quiz, resume builder, job & internship search.
- Mango Languages – courses in many languages plus ESL modules for at least 16 languages.
- Gale – the Kansas History special database is fantastic for Kansas Day or Kansas history modules.

Digital Books eLending

How do I learn to use these? Devices & Instructions page from <https://kslib.info/digitalbooks>

Notes on School Use of Digital Books:

- RBDigital, Cloud Library, Freading, Enki, Total Boox – students may use books just as any other patron with a personal account. Remember these are **public library collections**.
- BookFlix – **no curriculum use please**. We have the public library subscription which does not include in-class-use licensing. For more info: Librarians->Digital Books->Kids eBooks
- Britannica E-STAX – **no use restrictions**; any book may be used in lessons & other curriculum support. Special access can also be set up for the school which will allow you to link directly to a particular book.

Kansas Library eCard

How to get one: ask your school or public librarian.

Reasons to get a card?

- Access Digital Book eLending services. The majority of these require a personal account (for checkouts, holds, etc) and the KSLC provides that or a way to register for one.
- Backup access to the Online Resources. Many patrons can access the databases directly from the regular database pages, but the location technology used on these pages is not perfect. Patrons can access by logging in to <http://kslc.org> instead. This is also your way to access while traveling.