



# FIND IT VIRGINIA

## A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

### 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.

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*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, quality reading and lifelong learning.*

*Find It Virginia's new 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, readers of all kinds, and opportunities for the curious to learn something new.*

*The purpose of this guide is to help Virginia's school media specialists and librarians make these resources available on individual websites, provide answers to frequently asked questions, and offer contacts for assistance.*

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## BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE...

**Please accept our thanks.** Thank you for doing what you do. Thank you for your patience with what is always a challenging process. Thank you for reaching out to be problem-solvers. Please also accept our apologies—with no central person to communicate through, we did our best communicating through VAASL and various volunteers among your colleagues. However, some of you were still blindsided by the massive Find It Virginia shift on October 1. Please know that we are all after the same thing—equipping our communities with accurate, reliable and factual information; amazing reading options; information literacy and lifelong learning---thanks for being our partners in this effort.

**Choose your resources.** Before delving into the technical information below, please visit <http://finditva.com/> to get an overview of the new 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. You will be able to see what we have sorted by age group but reviewing the **Index** navigation tab will be the best way to see the full scope of resources.

## LINKS FOR YOUR OWN WEBSITES

<http://finditva.com/> is the most efficient way to get to all of the resources, but you may not want ALL of the resources, given your student population.

## EBSCO

**Explora** is the “google-esque” interface to search all EBSCO Products appropriate for the age group. For example, Explora High School searches everything listed here, while Explora Secondary only searches the K-8 eBook Collection, ReadIt, Newspaper Source, and Cricket Media.

- **Explora High School**  
[https://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=src\\_ic&groupid=main](https://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=src_ic&groupid=main)
- **Explora Middle School**  
<https://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=geo,ip,uid&custid=ns004890&geocustid=ns004890&profile=exmid&groupid=main>
- **Explora Primary**  
<https://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=geo,ip,uid&custid=ns004890&geocustid=ns004890&profile=exprr&groupid=main>

**Direct Links to resources** (except Newspaper Source, which is not independent of MasterFILE Complete and ReadIt!).

- **MasterFILE Complete**  
<https://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ehost1&defaultdb=f6h&groupid=main>
- **Read It!**  
<https://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ell&groupid=main>
- **Cricket Media**  
<http://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&custid=ns004890&geocustid=ns004890&profile=ebooks&defaultdb=e863mww>

#### **EBSCO eBooks**

- **K-8 Collection:**  
<http://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&custid=ns004890&geocustid=ns004890&profile=ebooks&defaultdb=e860xna>
- **High School Collection:**  
<http://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&custid=ns004890&geocustid=ns004890&profile=ebooks&defaultdb=e862xna>
- **eBook History Collection:**  
<http://search.EBSCOhost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&custid=ns004890&geocustid=ns004890&profile=ebooks&defaultdb=e089mna>

## GALE

- **Kids Infobits:** [https://galesupport.com/finditvageo/?loc=virginia\\_main&db=ITKE](https://galesupport.com/finditvageo/?loc=virginia_main&db=ITKE)
- **Career Transitions:** [https://galesupport.com/finditvageo/?loc=virginia\\_main&db=CART](https://galesupport.com/finditvageo/?loc=virginia_main&db=CART)

## 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 virtual cards for all students.

**Novelist Plus:** reader's advisory

**Novelist K-8 Plus:** reader's advisory for students

**Rocket Languages:** foreign language learning; learning English in Spanish and Chinese; learn American Sign Language

**Universal Class:** a diverse self-paced online learning experience from academic to hobby to business skills. Algebra, basic grammar, calligraphy, civics, as well as test prep can all be found in the over 300 classes.

**RB Digital:** provides digital magazines, eBooks and eAudiobooks. Books provided have been selected to represent widely assigned high school reading assignments.

**Early World of Learning:** an early learning experience and complete curriculum for children from birth through about 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, featuring read to me resources, downloadable books, lesson plans, and options for Spanish presentation.

## 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.virginia.gov/lva-provided-content/> . This page will also announce problems, fixes, additions, etc.
- **FIVATECH listserv:** join by emailing Paranita Carpenter at [Paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:Paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov).

### ACTUAL HUMANS

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

- Nan Carmack, Director at [nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov) or (804)692-3792
- Rose Schooff, Technology Consultant at [rose.schoof@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:rose.schoof@lva.virginia.gov) or (804) 692-3772

The Gale and EBSCO and WorldBook reps you have always worked with can also help you!

### KNOWN ISSUES AND TEMPORARY FIXES

**EBSCO authentication problems:** we are aware that home networks and some school networks are receiving a log in screen rather than going straight to the resources, which should be geo-authenticated. The main problems seems to be that large providers such as Comcast and Verizon may be resolving their IP addresses out of state. EBSCO is working on it. Here are two things to try:

1. Set your devices to accept cookies. EBSCO provided this link they call 'The Cookie Killer'... <http://search.EBSCOhost.com/testauth.aspx>

....and here is a screencast of what you will see before using the link and what you should see after using it. <https://www.screencast.com/t/O5ZkkQ88K6T>

2. Considering placing these credentials with your EBSCO links or provide users with these generic log in credentials:     **Userid:** valib     **Pw:** va@lib1