



## A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Sept 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2022

### 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 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.*

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## 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

<https://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.

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/>.

## BOOKS

### Junior Library Guild, Digital (JLGDigital)

- This ebook/audiobook collection has new books every month that can be read in a browser or on any device. Download the app from Google Play or the Apple Store for free or view in your browser.
- For app users, please use the username **VirginiaReader** and the password **VirginiaReader**. Use the filter symbol to search by grade level. English and Spanish languages are available. <https://jlg.ipublishcentral.com/bookshelf>
- This subscription is valid until **September 30, 2022**. You might consider rallying financial support from your PTA/PTO or administration now if you would like your students to have this access moving forward.
- Public schools who wish to create their own JLG site based on this may do so by contacting sales rep Lisa Terry at [LTerry@juniorlibraryguild.com](mailto:LTerry@juniorlibraryguild.com) for a fee of \$99.00.

### Overdrive

All Virginia residents may access the Find It Virginia/Library of Virginia (LVA) Overdrive collection which includes ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines. We have recently invested a large sum of money for inclusive children's, YA, and adult titles and will continue to do so moving forward. To add the LVA collection to your "libraries" in the Libby app, select "Add Library" and enter "Library of Virginia." Follow the on screen prompts. When it asks for a library card, simply add your local library card number. This does NOT require having an LVA card.

Schools using Overdrive's Sora app can connect that SORA account with the LVA collection. Contact Nan Carmack ([nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov)) or Barry Trott ([barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov)) for more information.

## 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 client number. If you don’t know your client number, contact your sales rep or Barry Trott ([barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov/804.239.9510](mailto:barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov/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,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)

### Direct Links to

- **MasterFILE Complete (general information database)**  
<https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,geo,cpid&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,cpid&geocustid=ns004890&custid=ns004890&profile=ell&groupid=main>

## HOMEWORK HELP

- **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. This platform is available until **September 30, 2022**.
  - [https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a\\_id=F7519BC3&ss=&r=](https://www.brainfuse.com/highed/helpNow.asp?a_id=F7519BC3&ss=&r=)
- **Rocket Languages:** Speak and understand a new language better. With 12 languages to choose from, including American Sign Language, Rocket Languages also features modules in Spanish and Japanese to learn English. Rocket Languages is perfect for the business or traveler learner, as well as extra practice for students.
  - <https://app.rocketlanguages.com/library/TRiZGE1M2>
- **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!
  - <https://finditva.com/kids/#Learn>

## GALE

- **Kids Infobits:** This general information database supports K-6.
- **Peterson’s Career Prep:** Great for high schoolers beginning to explore their career interests, paths, and job searching.

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.

## 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](#).

- **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.
- **Universal Class**: a diverse self-paced online learning experience from academic to hobby to business skills. Algebra, basic grammar, calligraphy, civics, and more
- **Early World of Learning**: an early learning experience for children from birth through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, featuring read to me titles, 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/>.
- **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 is 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
- Barry Trott, at [barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov](mailto:barry.trott@lva.virginia.gov) or 804.239.9510

### 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 problem 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.