

## The Learning Commons - Mme G. Dassios

### Adam Beck Virtual Library - Home access

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Did you know that your child can get help from their school library at home? Each school in TDSB has a **Virtual Library** of carefully selected digital resources to help students and teachers in their work. Some resources need a password when used outside of school. Enclosed is a TDSB Virtual Library Learnmark (bookmark) with descriptions of digital resources and Login/Password information for home use.

The Virtual Library is an extension of your school library at home. It can be used for homework, research, to encourage a love of reading or just for fun.

Keep the Learnmark where you and your child can easily find it. The Virtual Library is accessible from home on the Internet:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/findyour/schools/librarycat.aspx?schoolno=5306>

*The Virtual Library provides learning resources for students from K-12 allowing students to:*

1. search multiple age/grade/curriculum relevant resources from one location
2. focus searches on one subject or many
3. read fiction and nonfiction articles, books, newspapers, journals, encyclopedia etc. online
4. read and listen to many resources with a read-aloud component
5. watch full length videos and documentaries
6. print, save, or email resources
7. access content in English, French and many languages using translation features
8. search by date or content type (e.g. images) and avoid distracting advertising
9. link to "Just Read It" for students to post recommended book titles, find out what other TDSB students are reading and even win a book prize or author visit for their school.



## Virtual Library Resource Highlights

(explore the links to these subsections of the Virtual Library site)

### Encyclopedias:

Britannica Online - research in a wide variety of topics with 3 different reading levels, read aloud, translation and special topic features, images and links to articles and recommended websites.

Universalis - French language encyclopedia for intermediate and secondary

### E-Books:

Follett Shelf - a mixture of fiction and nonfiction books to read online or download to iPads and other portable devices

### Online Databases:

PebbleGo - animals, earth & space and social studies databases presented in an online book format, incorporating read-a-loud, video and images to support K to 3 students and English Language Learners

BookFlix - paired fiction and non-fiction e-books on a wide variety of topics for junior readers

CultureGrams - information on countries and provinces, including culture and local customs to help in making global connections, regional comparisons. Grade 4 to 12 two reading levels and images, maps, statistics, comparison graphs/charts

NovelList K to 8 - an annotated collection of fiction for elementary students which can be used to answer the question "what should I read next".

Kids Search - provides access to articles on general topics as well as science and history related content for middle to high school students

Canadian Student Research Centre - general search portal, highlighting Canadian resources while searching multiple databases (Science, History, Literature). Appropriate for grades 6 to 12.

Global issues in Context - specialized portal related to global topics - for grades 6 to 12.

### Images & Media:

Learn 360 - view or download streaming video related to many subject areas in elementary and secondary studies. Searchable by subject and by grade

CBC Archives - access video and audio news stories related to Canada and the world

Images Canada - a collection of images and photo stories from Canadian archives, libraries etc.

*Parents and caregivers can also explore the **Parent Resources** section of Virtual Library site.*