

Accessing the "Digital Library"

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Our "digital library" (Laurier's library catalogue and the VSB's electronic resources) can be accessed online from any computer that has Internet access. This sheet gives you basic instructions on using most of the resources and tools. It is a handy reference for you to keep at home. If you have a computer, that would be an ideal spot to post this sheet.

Our library also has a website <http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/laurier/Library/Pages/default.aspx> where you can find more information about our library, lists of "Mrs. Wong's Recommended Reads", and many useful links.

Our library is open Mondays-Fridays before school (8:45-9:00 am) and after school (3:00-3:30 pm). Students and their families are very welcome to drop in to read and exchange books, find information, get help with completing assignments, or to use any of the electronic resources on hub of computers. I'm here to help!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wong

Checking Your Library Account

I encourage all students to check their **Laurier** library account on a regular basis. This helps students to keep track of their library books.

By checking your account, you can find out:

- Which books you have checked out.
- How many books you have checked out.
- When your books are due.
- If you have any lost or overdue books.
- Also, you can create and save lists of books that you are interested in.

To access your account, follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://webcat.vsb.bc.ca>.
2. Click on the "My Account" tab or the "Login" button.
3. Type your BceSIS number _____ in the box beside "BceSIS Number:".
4. Click on the "Login to webcat" button.

Searching for Books Using WebCat

You can use WebCat (short for "web catalogue") to search for books in our library. But, you need to tell WebCat to *only search our library*: click on the "School Collections" tab then click on **"Laurier Elementary"**. You can then search WebCat as you normally would.

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Databases, eBooks and Videos

The Vancouver School Board provides all students with access to a "digital library" filled with databases, e-books, and video services. (A database is an organized collection of information; an e-book is an electronic book). Students can find information to do research and complete assignments, read and interact with e-books, and watch educational videos.






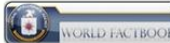



















The electronic resources that I recommend and use most with students include:

- *BookFlix*
- *The Canadian Encyclopedia*
- *CultureGrams*
- *KnowBC.com*
- *World Book*
- *Learn360*
- *Biography in Context*
- *History Channel*
- *The Province and The Vancouver Sun*
- *NFB (National Film Board of Canada)*

Using Databases, eBooks and Videos

1. Go to <http://webcat.vsb.bc.ca>.
2. Click on the "Databases" tab or "eBooks/Video" tab.
3. Click on the name of the electronic resource you want to use.

Database Tab

For Younger Students	Searching by Subject	Research Databases	Reference Desk
Early Database Users	Subject Specialty Databases	Magazines, Journals, News	Encyclopedias and other info
 <small>BookFlix</small>	 <small>BC Stats</small>	 <small>Academic Search Premier</small>	 <small>The Atlas of Canada</small>
 <small>Children's Digital Library</small>	 <small>Biography In Context</small>	 <small>BC Historical Newspapers</small>	 <small>Canadian Encyclopedia</small>
 <small>Culturegrams</small>	 <small>Canadian Points of View Reference Centre</small>	 <small>Canadian Periodical Index</small>	 <small>CIA World Fact Book</small>
 <small>Kids Search Database</small>	 <small>Consumer Health Complete</small>	 <small>EBSCO - Search All EBSCOHost</small>	 <small>Dictionary of Canadian Biography</small>
 <small>NoveList K-8 Plus</small>	 <small>Culturegrams</small>	 <small>Global Issues in Context</small>	 <small>Encyclopedia of British Columbia / KnowBC</small>
 <small>Searchjasaurus</small>	 <small>E-STAT from Statistics Canada</small>	 <small>Student Research Centre</small>	 <small>Gale V Ref Library - eBooks</small>
 <small>Starfall</small>	 <small>Green File</small>	 <small>The Province Newspaper</small>	 <small>MediaSmarts - mediasmarts.ca</small>
 <small>World Book Kids</small>	 <small>Legaleze</small>	 <small>Vancouver Sun Newspaper</small>	 <small>World Book Online</small>
	 <small>NoveList Plus</small>	 <small>The Tyee</small>	 <small>Learn Now BC</small>

eBooks/Video Tab

Digital Books	Videos	ORCA
Books Online	Videos free or by subscription	ORCA
 <small>Books should be free</small>	 <small>A.C.F. Video Site License Catalogue</small>	 <small>ORCA eBook Collector</small>
 <small>Gale V Ref Library - eBooks</small>	 <small>BBC Video and Audio</small>	 <small>Lesley University Online List</small>
 <small>LibriVox Audio Books</small>	 <small>CBC & Feature Films on Learn360</small>	 <small>NASA Video</small>
 <small>Merlot eText Content Online</small>	 <small>CBC video archives</small>	 <small>National Film Board of Canada</small>
 <small>Open Library Accessible Books Online</small>	 <small>CBC video - News</small>	 <small>National Geographic video clip library</small>
 <small>Project Gutenberg</small>	 <small>eHow</small>	 <small>PBS Frontline</small>
 <small>Smart History Art web-text</small>	 <small>Historica Minutes</small>	 <small>Watch Know</small>
 <small>Story Hour</small>	 <small>Historica Minutes (French)</small>	 <small>VEC Criterion Pictures Site License Catalogue</small>
 <small>World Book eBook centre</small>	 <small>History Channel Video Library</small>	 <small>Streaming Videos for Science</small>
	 <small>Learn360 Feature Films</small>	 <small>VSB Films</small>

4. If you are asked to log in, please refer to this list of logins and passwords:
 - Most resources use: user ID **391a**, password **library**
 - *The Province* and *The Vancouver Sun* use: e-mail laupaper@vsb.bc.ca, password **library**
 - *Passport to the Internet* uses: username **39all** and password **library**