

INFO LITERACY TIPS

Databases: ERAC Digital Resources

What are they?

The “databases” subscriptions tend to be bundles of journals, magazines, etc organized into an online collection **that you can search by subject**, etc.

The “hidden web/invisible web”

These database articles will not usually be available in your average Google search—or, if they do show up in results, when you click them, they ask for a special password to gain access. You have to pay to use them—need a registered subscription.

SD33 has bought into the ERAC database bundles; we can use the resources.

Examples of the digital databases available:

World Book – various products, National Geographic Kids, MediaSmarts Passport to the Internet, EBSCO Elementary Mini-suite, Encyclopedia of BC, etc

Here’s a great, short **video clip** about **why you need/want databases**:

bit.ly/2jhygKm

How to use them, access them: Several options:

To use from within ANY SD33 school site any time of day...

Go to <http://www.sd33.bc.ca/>

Click either “Staff” or “Parents & Students” on left sidebar (all see the same results)

Click the drop down link to “Online Library Resources”

From there, in the Centre of the page, scroll down to Elementary Online Resources Library

You’ll see the link to the databases...ready to search on your topic of choice...

OR, BETTER/FASTER,

To access via the Sardis Elem website while in the school any time of day...

Go to <http://www.sardis.sd33.bc.ca/>

Click on “Library” on left sidebar

Click the drop down link to “Online Resources”

From there, centre of page, ElementaryOnlineResourcesLibrary will be auto-selected

You’ll see the link to the databases...ready to search on your topic of choice...

OR...

To access from home:

Since your IP address will not be an SD33 (school) site,
you'll need a username/password

Success!! All of the remote access codes have successfully been changed to
chwk33

- this is for both username and password

for all of the databases: World Book, EBSCO, Gale, etc...

Please give them a try from home and if you have any challenges, let me know.

To access video streaming clips:

for Criterion On Demand: username = 91006
and password = chilliwackSD33

for Learn 360: username = 50024p
and password = bcs

As of sometime in the fall of 2017, these two databases should also switch to the [chwk33](#)
username/password combo.

Better Database and/or Google searching for kids: Quick Tips

- Ignore the ads at the top of the list of results
- *Speling matters*, or *spelking matters*, or is it *spelling matters*?
- **Think of several different possible wordings for your subject:**
 - Ex: dogs, puppies, canines
 - Ex: dessert, cookies, bars, squares
- **Think of taking your broad subject down to a narrow, more exact subject:**
 - Ex: dogs vs. terriers vs. Boston terriers
 - Ex: cookies vs. peanut butter cookies vs chunky peanut butter cookies
- **Use “quotation marks” to tell the search engine you want an exact phrase only:**
 - Ex: “chunky peanut butter” cookies ... chunky “peanut butter cookies”
 - Ex: “Labrador golden retrievers” should bring up only articles about that breed of dog listed in that order without also having results that have just two or one of the words, or all of them but each in a different paragraph.

MORE TIPS...

- **Use Boolean commands (w/ caps) to narrow searches and eliminate unwanted results: some Booleans are AND and OR and NOT**

—Ex: river NOT sea otters

—Ex: river OR sea otters

—Ex: “sea otters” AND Vancouver OR “British Columbia”

- **Add a “for kids” quotation instruction to your search to help find sites made for kids, easier to read, etc:**

—Ex: “particle accelerators” “for kids”

—Ex: manatee migration patterns “for kids”

—Ex: “sea otters” AND Vancouver NOT aquarium “for kids”

ADDING PHOTOS to Research Projects

*did you know that you can't just do a Google image search and copy any old picture you find to paste into your project?

**well, you're not supposed to do that; it's taking someone else's art without permission! Only they own the copyright (the permission/right to make copies).

***BUT, some people are willing to let you use their pictures/images for free (see below)

Creative Commons (cc) Image Search

Creative Commons is part of a wider “open source” philosophy on the Internet. It's about making things free, and copyright-free (as in you have the right to copy and use it), and available to anyone to use in a responsible way (but, some Creative Commons pics aren't supposed to be used by you to make things to sell, unless you make a deal with the artist).

Going to the [Creative Commons Image Search](#) webpage gives you access to free images and icons from various sources.

(Be very specific about what you search for so you get exactly what you want/expect as quick as possible; use the narrower search word skills learned earlier)

Adding background instrumental music to a digital presentation?

Try [Audionautics](#)

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