

MackinVIA Essentials: eBooks and Databases

Did you know that MackinVIA is your one-stop shop for eBooks and online databases?

Here are some of your essential questions answered!

How do I access MackinVIA? Access MackinVIA through Classlink.

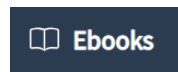
MackinVIA will automatically assign students to their school locations.

Teachers have the ability to switch between locations using the MackinVIA backpack.



Need to read? Check out an eBook!

How do I access eBooks? From the MackinVIA homepage, choose the eBook Icon.



All of the eBooks available at a school's location will appear. eBooks are searchable by title, author, or subject.

What do those symbols on the books mean?

A gray icon on a book indicates it is available.



Readers can open the book and begin reading immediately using "Open Now," or save the book to their MackinVIA backpack using "Checkout." Choosing the checkout option will place the book in the reader's MackinVIA backpack for 7 days. If a book does not have a checkout option, it is a multi-user copy and is always available.

A red icon on a book means that it is currently checked out to another borrower.



Readers can view a short preview of the book, or request it.

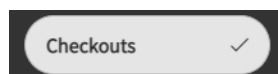
Once requested, readers get a notification in their MackinVIA backpack when the material becomes available.

A green icon on a book means it is checked out to you.



Readers can read the book using "Open Now," or return it. Pro tip: eBooks automatically return at the end of the lending period, so readers never need to worry about an overdue eBook.

How do I know what is checked out to me?



View the checkouts area in your backpack. You may have up to 10 books checked out at a time.

What else is in my backpack?

Your backpack contains a record of any titles you have favorited, any notes you have written about titles, and a record of current requests.

Need information? AACPS online databases are a best bet!

How do I access databases?

AACPS online databases are accessed through the databases icon on the homepage.



Databases are good sources of information, because their content is accurate and current.

Do I need a password to access the databases?

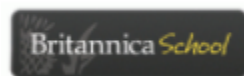
No. If you are accessing the databases through MackinVIA, no additional information is required for nearly all of our databases.

What if a database is asking me for a password?

Make sure that you have accessed MackinVIA using ClassLink with your AACPS credentials.

What kind of information is available through our databases?

Our AACPS databases include general information databases such as Britannica School.



There are also content specific databases, such as CultureGrams for Social Studies or FactCite Science for Science, or World Book Early learning for Early Childhood.



Who should I ask if I'm not sure what database to use?

Your school's library media specialist is a great resource to ask about our online databases.

What are some other features of our databases?

Most AACPS databases have accessibility features such as screen readers and translation tools. Most databases also have built in citation tools, making it easy to give proper credit to your sources.