



I'd like to take a moment to tell you about the **FREE online EBSCO resources** brought to you by the [Oklahoma Department of Libraries](#) with funding from the federal [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#), available through our engaging interface called [Research + Discovery](#). Designed with students and educators in mind — it is also useful for admin, school staff, parents, grandparents, even friends and neighbors — EBSCO offers *Explora* which provides a safe, trustworthy environment for students to look up articles and facts for research papers, class projects or homework. A far better alternative to websites and search engines, *Explora* provides students with **easy-to-use features and age-appropriate content** from the world's leading magazines and reference books. Available on school computers and from mobile devices, *Explora* offers all of the following:

- **High-quality articles licensed from reputable publishers**, recognized by library professionals
- **Simple search** that quickly delivers relevant results, including primary source documents, news articles, and Associated Press videos
- **Easy-to-browse categories** organized by popular topic
- **Topic Overviews** that provide students with a starting point for research
- **Text-to-speech** for HTML articles to assist struggling readers or those learning English
- Numeric **reading-level indicators** to help students and teachers find grade-appropriate articles
- No ads or pop-up windows
- **COPPA compliancy**, meaning EBSCO does not ask for or require personal information to use its databases
- **Password-protected personal folders** that allow students to save search results
- **Citation help**, including the ability to export citation information to online bibliography generators such as EasyBib and NoodleTools

For tutorials and information on using the above tools such as text-to-speech and reading level-indicators, go to [Using EBSCO Databases in the K-12 Classroom](#).

I encourage you to explore these resources with your students or even on your own. For access, go to [digitalprairieok.net/discover](#) and look under **Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup>** to find:

- [Elementary Explora](#)
- [Middle School Explora](#)
- [High School Explora](#)

In addition, EBSCO on *Research + Discovery* offers some great resources for **teachers and educators**. You will find

- [Explora Teacher Resources](#)
- [ERIC \(Education Resources Information Center\)](#)
- [Professional Development](#)
- [Teacher Reference Center](#)

*If you have trouble accessing the links above, go to [digitalprairieok.net/discover](#) to access.*

EBSCO also offers lesson plans that integrate EBSCO's online resources into the curriculum. To learn how to use the Curriculum Standards Module, go to [EBSCO's Curriculum Standards Module](#).

[Download a PDF](#) to share this resource with your school, administrators, teachers, neighbors and friends.

**Questions?** Contact [Arlene](#) at the Department of Libraries. If you are a representative of a library or school who does not have access to these resources directly, go to the [EBSCO Sign-Up Form](#) or see [How to Access](#).