



ALIA SCHOOLS SEMINAR 2013 EXPLORING EWORLDS

Session 2: Low cost and no cost online resources

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Slide 1: Online Resources Google / Wikipedia

- free, simple searches, available 24/7, multimedia.
- millions of results, very broad, not organised, not authoritative.
- Plagiarism.

Online Databases

- free, available 24/7, specific searches, easy to use, authoritative, multimedia, up to date information.
- Need to join a library service.

Librarians promote the Online Databases, by visiting Schools (Transition Program) and training sessions at the library. To use the Eresources you need to have your own card. Schools can't use one card for a class. The supplier can track if their product isn't being used properly.

Just like students learn how to research a topic using books, it is important for students to learn how to use the Eresources. Tips for evaluating website – Currency (How recent is the information?) reliability (Does the website include references? Is the information balanced?), authority (What are the credentials of the publisher?), purpose/ point of view (Is it biased? Is it fact or opinion?).

Slide 2: Stonnington Library eResources

Online databases need to be managed just like any collection in the library. The IT Librarian looks at how many times a database is used. If it is not popular it is replaced by another database.

eResources are organised under broad headings:

Books and Reading - Good Reading Magazine, Who else writes like, Who next – children's, Spine Out Young Adult magazine, Tumblebooks.

Business Community and Consumer Information – Australian Bureau of Statistics, The Law Handbook, Safari Business ebooks.



Computers and Science – Computer school.net – 117 tutorials for Apple Ipad, social media, learn to type.
Computer Source – current trends in technology.

Craft and DIY – Home renovations.

Download now – Eaudiobooks, Ebooks using Borrowbox, Freegal, Library Anywhere.

eReference – Berg Fashion Library, Oxford Reference Online.

Film – Beamafilm (can search by Country, category or director).

Genealogy and History- Ancestry Library Edition.

Health - Health and Wellness Resource Centre.

Learning Tools – Living in Australia, Mango Languages.

Magazines and Newspapers – Zinio.

Study with us

Link to the eResources flier

<http://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/DownloadDocument.ashx?DocumentID=5338>

Slide 3: Study with Us

- Ancient and Medieval History Online
- ANZ Reference Centre
- C.I.A. The World Fact book
- Encyclopaedia Britannica
- Good Reading for Kids
- Mango Languages
- Modern World History Online
- Spine Out
- Today's Science
- Tumblebooks
- Who next Online
- World Geography and Culture Online

Slide 4: World Geography and Culture Online – At a glance, maps, flags, culture.

Slide 5: Today's Science – Topic index, teacher resources, avoiding plagiarism.

Slide 6: Who next – Authors who write in a similar style, awards, themes eg. Bullying.

Slide 7: Ancient and Medieval History Online

