



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the MDK12 Digital Library?

- A partnership of all 24 Maryland school districts, 80+ non-public schools, and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- Subscriptions to online databases with evaluated resources, articles, and websites that support learning.
- Databases available to K-12 students, parents, and educators.

Why subscribe to online resources instead of using the free Internet?

- Ensures access to accurate, reliable, and current information selected by experts.
- Provides resources not available on the free Internet.
- Presents information at various reading levels.
- Supports differentiation of instruction.

Why do we need the MDK12 Digital Library?

- Provides quality resources for students at all grade levels.
- Supports learning with access at school and home.
- Ensures equitable access across districts and schools.
- Reduces cost through statewide purchase.

How can I show my support for the continuation of the MDK12 Digital Library?

- Promote its use for teaching and learning.

How can I access the MDK12 Digital Library?

- Contact your local school library media specialist for access information.
- School: No password required.
- Home: Password required.
- Go to the following websites:
 - SIRS Knowledge Source (middle and high school students)
<http://sks.sirs.com/webapp/issues-researcher>
 - SIRS Decades (elementary, middle, and high school students)
<http://decades.sirs.com/decadesweb/decades/do/frontpage>
 - SIRS Discoverer (elementary and middle school students)
<http://discoverer.prod.sirs.com/discoweb/disco/do/frontpage>
- EBSCO Databases through the SAILOR Project (ask your library media specialist about access).

What is available in the MDK12 Digital Library?

- Information to support social studies, science, government, health, arts, humanities, and MORE!
- Magazine articles
- Local and national newspapers
- Primary documents
- Dictionaries
- Science experiments
- Photographs
- Maps, charts, and graphs
- Biographies
- Web links
- Maryland standards correlation

May I download or print articles from the MDK12 Digital Library?

- Yes, users may download or print content for educational use.

How can I learn how to use the MDK12 Digital Library?

- Use the help topics and tutorials available on the database websites.
- Contact your school library media specialist for help and more information!