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for
educators

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to a new year of *Discover@PWPLS*! We're glad to be a part of your new school year!

Discover@PWPLS is an e-mail newsletter designed especially for educators! *Discover* is designed to be a brief overview of changes or additions to the web based resources and services offered by the public library system. Three times a year, you will receive a 1 to 2 page update, delivered directly to your e-mail address! *Discover* is free! You can subscribe or unsubscribe at any time!

Coming in October. . .

Sometime in early October, our library web catalog will be upgraded. In addition, this winter we hope to launch Kids Pac, a special library catalog interface for elementary school students, and Spanish iPac, our web catalog in Spanish! We also hope to offer special "electronic resource" only library cards for students who do not have access to traditional library cards or resources. A special issue of Discover will highlight the changes available after our upgrade.

Check Out Our New Electronic Resources!

Not only are the "old faithful" electronic resources still available, but we are pleased to announce several new offerings as well this school year!

For our pre-K through primary crowd, we have a delightful new product available called **TUMBLEBOOKS**. The TumbleBooks library consists of animated talking picture books that enhance a child's reading pleasure with its use of animation, sound, music, and narration. In addition to the growing number of picture books in English, the database also provides a selection of books in Spanish and French. Other resources in TumbleBooks include online puzzles, games, and quizzes.

Our newest history database is EBSCO's **HISTORY REFERENCE CENTER**. Designed for high school age students and above, the database features cover-to-cover full text for nearly 500 historical encyclopedias and reference books, as well as full text articles from more than 50 leading history journals. With numerous historical documents, biographies of historical figures, as well as maps, this database is an excellent place to start your research or history project.

Science comes to life with Facts On File's **SCIENCE ONLINE**, a curriculum-based database, offering a comprehensive, authoritative overview of the sciences. Content is organized by subject and contains extensive information on a broad range of scientific disciplines and principles. Thousands of diagrams, many in full color, as well as essays, definitions, and biographies are arranged by topic. The database also includes more than 600 experiments indexed by grade level and subject category.

For those preparing for higher education and the working world, **GALE'S TESTING AND EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER** provides access to interactive online practice tests for college and graduate school entrance exams as well as certification and professional license exams. In addition, this product contains all the Peterson's guides so students and teachers can locate private high school, distance education, two-year and four-year colleges as well as graduate programs, including law and medical schools.

Our last product to be featured in this issue of *Discover* is a technical database called **SAM'S PHOTOFACTS**. Due to licensing restrictions from the vendor, we are only allowed to provide access to this product within the library. **SAM'S PHOTOFACTS** is a "household name" in service documentation and schematics for electronic repairs. Brand names for a wide variety of consumer electronic equipment, including TVs, VCRs, radios, CBs, and more are featured in this database. This database provides an excellent supplemental source for courses in technical and engineering areas.

We hope you and your students enjoy our electronic resources. The Library System now proudly offers 50 web based sources for a variety of interests and needs. To access any of our databases, simply visit our library website: http://www.pwcgov.org/library and click on Electronic Resources in the left navigation

frame. All you need is your Prince William Library Card number to access this world of information!

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