Product Name: eLibrary Curriculum Edition™ Library Learning Resource

Curriculum Level: Upper elementary grades, middle/junior high schools, and high schools

Product Description: eLibrary Curriculum Edition contains more than 40 million full-text documents from 7 media types: 190 reference books, 2,100 magazines and journals, 200 newspapers, 5,300 current and historic maps, 400,000 photos, thousands of hours of multimedia clips, and thousands of transcripts (primary sources) from government and public and private TV/radio news shows.

In addition, students and teachers can access more than 160,000 Editor’s Choice websites that are organized with a curriculum-focused, easy to use topic tree search method. Topic tree searches for web sites also provide a bonus of many relevant documents. The educational value of eLibrary CE is that students can easily find a variety of information, both current and historic, without wasting time searching multiple databases, interfaces, and surfing the Internet. Librarians and teachers will have more time helping students to use the information for reading, writing, and critical thinking rather than teaching searching techniques.

History Study Center provides more than 500 study units on U.S. and world history back to the age of exploration. These study units combine a variety of websites, maps, photos, biographies, videos, and primary and secondary sources for teachers and students for in-depth learning beyond the textbook.

ProQuest Learning: Literature provides thousand of original works of English language authors back to the Middle Ages. Author biographies, literary criticism, photos, audio readings, and web sites enhance the understanding and appreciation of the poetry, prose, and drama featured in this learning resource.

School Leader Concerns:

Learning Resources for All Students—Resources for all levels: K-6 students can access appropriate websites using topic search, more than 50 publications written exclusively for this age group, and photos, multimedia, and maps; Secondary students can access 7 media types and websites in one search. AP students can use the primary sources in HSC and PLL to complete AP course requirements.

Teacher Standards-Based Lesson Planning—Language arts and mathematics tutorials, puzzles, and games from Editor’s Choice websites; Standards-Based Lesson Activities; 140 model standards-aligned BookCarts for copying to your local school website; Engaging Issues Guide and 90 correlated BookCarts.
Lexile Reading Levels—Lexile (www.lexile.com) reading levels are used to search for information that meets the needs of the student. Lexiles are recognized by NCLB for being developed based on scientific research on reading.

Proven Learning Resource—eLibrary has won many awards for its unique content, ease of use, and curriculum supporting learning materials.

CIPA and Filtering—Editor’s Choice and teacher favorites websites integrated into BookCarts practically eliminate the need for “surfing the Internet” and the extensive supervision time and effort this demands for teachers and supervisors.

Standards Correlation—Content, features, and the mini-research process are correlated to state and national standards in online curriculum guides.

Teacher Training—Training is available online and in-person. Training focuses on curriculum, mini-research models, and standards support for teachers, not on functionality and searching. We want teachers to know how to create, manage, and evaluate research activities that engage students and build essential skills in reading, writing, and critical thinking. School leaders can build this ongoing training model into professional development and offer CEUs.

Teacher and Student Learning Tool—eLibrary-CE is designed to help teachers teach more effectively as well as being an excellent student research tool. Teachers can create BookCarts of customized learning resources that focus on the needs of their students.

Budget Concerns—eLibrary-CE provides the most comprehensive library learning resource for teachers and students. The purchase of many other redundant print and digital resources can be eliminated when a school invests in eLibrary-CE. Students can also access eLibrary-CE from home, unlike traditional resources.

Teacher Power:

Custom BookCarts—Teachers can customize learning resources for students by building them into BookCarts. 150 model BookCarts are available to jump-start the school collection. BookCarts can be customized by Lexile reading level and by student interest. They can be aligned to state standards and include essential questions on the topic to guide student reading, critical thinking, and writing. Students can access BookCarts from school or at home.

One-Step Researching—Saving classroom and library searching time is essential in a 180-day school year. One search can access 8 different media types including Editor’s Choice websites. BookCarts speed up the process even more.

Printing and Copying Resources—Teachers can print and then photocopy a variety of maps, photos, graphs, and articles, so that they can enrich the textbook and more easily integrate current events into classroom readings and discussion.
Online Curriculum Resources and Tutorials–SBLAs, Engaging Issues, 150 ProQuest model BookCarts, mini-research guides, and “how to” tutorials provide immediate support for teachers and students to the benefits of eLibrary--CE.

Unique Teacher Training–Teachers will learn how create, manage, and evaluate engaging mini-research activities that are plagiarism resistant. Most teachers need this support if they are to successfully integrate technology and the Internet into their teaching strategies and assignments.

Teacher Use of eLibrary Resources--All articles, photos, and maps can be legally printed and photocopied for classroom reading, discussion, and other activities. Multimedia clips can be integrated into teacher presentations.

Student Tools:

Reading with Understanding—Access to an integrated dictionary, thesaurus, almanac, and encyclopedia builds vocabulary and understanding of articles.

Citation Support–All resources include citations automatically when printed, saved or emailed. Mini-research models make citing sources easier and save time for students and teachers.

Tutorials–eLibrary can be used with little or no instruction, but online tutorials provide students an easy way to learn to be more sophisticated researchers.

Beats Surfing and Googling–160,000 Editor’s Choice websites are linked to the curriculum correlated Topic Tree search, which includes relevant documents, too.

Search 3 Sources Simultaneously--All searches scan the contents of eLibrary, History Study Center, and ProQuest Learning: Literature, saving student time.

My List–Students can select the best resources from their search results by adding these to My List. This list can be printed, saved, or emailed to home computers. My List includes citations.

Email–Students can email selected resources from school to home or from home to school (if available) to expedite their work on research activities.

Context-Sensitive Help–When students click Help, eLibrary-CE knows what operation they are involved in and provides help specific to that need.

NCLB Connections: Lexile Reading Level Search—NCLB requires learning resources to demonstrate proof of scientific effectiveness. Searches can be made, and the Results List can be sorted by Lexile reading level. Lexiles are based on scientific research of the learning to read process.

Standards Correlation–Content, features, and student mini-research activities are correlated to state and national standards in the eLibrary Mini-Research Guide. BookCart can be aligned to state standards also.
Customized Learning Resources—BookCarts can customize learning resources by reading and interest level and include multimedia to help disadvantaged students.

Technology Integration—Every mini-research activity requires the student and the teacher to use technology from searching to the final phase of report/presentation.

Teacher Training—NCLB Titles I through V all include teacher training that is focused on empowering teachers to improve student reading, writing, and critical thinking. The new ProQuest model provides this essential training.

Curriculum Resources:

Anti-Plagiarism Guide: (Models and strategies that teachers use to create activities that require critical thinking, original thought, and problem solving)

Standards-Based Learning Activities: (42 eLibrary–CE SBLAs for English Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Math supporting teachers in K-5, MS, and HS and librarian collaboration with teachers)
http://www.bigchalk.com/cgi-bin/WebObjects/WOPortal.woa/db/lsc/elibce_sblas.html

Parent Homework Guide: (Parent guide to home access and use of eLibrary–CE)

150 ProQuest Model BookCarts: http://www.proquest.com/go/bookcartlist

BookCart Copying and Creating Multimedia Demo: (Provides a visual step-by-step demonstration on copying (recommended) and creating BookCarts—use with 150 model BookCarts listing—link above)
http://www.bigchalk.com/media/pic/libreso/eLibCEBookcarts.viewlet/eLibCEBoo
kcarts_viewlet_swf.html

Engaging Issues BookCart Guide: (90 engaging issues for critical thinking and student min-research correlated with 90 BookCarts of learning resources)

Discovering School Leader Priorities:

1. How easy is it for your students to find useful, age-appropriate material on the Internet? Is the time spent searching worth the results?
2. How are student research activities in your school integrated by teachers across-the-curriculum to develop reading, writing, and critical thinking skills?
3. Are you aware of the proven impact of frequent student research activities on increasing essential skills that are measured on state assessments?
4. What is your school doing to correlate student research activities and other instruction with state standards?
5. How do your students and teachers integrate the library’s electronic learning resources into instruction, how often, and in what subject areas?
6. How do teachers select and customize library learning resources for their classes and how do they integrate current events into instruction and research?