

About the TDSB Elementary School Library Web Site

Welcome

Welcome to the School Library Web Site for elementary schools in the Toronto District School Board. This site is created and maintained by the Instructional Leaders and Technical Support staff of the Library Learning and Resources department, with the help of teacher-librarians in Toronto schools.

Purpose

This site supports the mission and goals of a strong school library program. It is designed to improve learning and teaching by helping students and teachers:

- **navigate** to sites quickly within a user-friendly design;
- **find** quality online databases and Internet sites from dependable and safe sources;
- **explore** sites that are rich in content for Ontario schools;
- **learn** ways that Internet information is organized;
- **use** web-based information independently and responsibly.

Design

Use the following diagram to learn your way around our site. Don't forget to ask your teacher-librarian for further assistance.

The screenshot shows the website interface for Parkfield JS Library. At the top, the title is 'Welcome to the Parkfield JS Library' by C. Ambrose - Teacher-Librarian. A green navigation bar contains links: Home (B), About This Site (C), TDSB Virtual Library (D), Student Research Guide (E), Teachers' Resources (8), and Library Mission and Goals (F). The main content area is divided into sections: Library Catalogue (1), Picture Pac, Library Resources (2), Search the Net (3), Subject Links (4), Liens Francais (5), Research Toolkit (6), and Our Special Links (7). The 'Library Resources' section includes 'Online General Reference' (I) with links to Canadian and Grolier Encyclopedias, 'Online Database Subscriptions' with Toronto Star and EBSCO links, and 'Toronto Public Library' links. A 'LEARNING GUIDE TO THIS PAGE' (G) provides a 'Quick-Start Internet Search' with various search engines and directories, 'Internet Reference Works' like the Atlas of Canada and Guinness World Records, and 'News Services' like Environment Canada Weather. A 'NAVIGATION BUTTONS TO EACH SECTION' sidebar on the left lists buttons 1 through 7. A green arrow points to a 'Make this site my homepage' link at the bottom left.

SECTIONS OF THE WEB SITE

1. Your school library catalogue(text and pictures)
2. **Home page:** online databases, quick start searching, and key reference resources
3. Directories and search engines
4. Quality links for subjects and courses
5. Quality French links, directories, and search engines
6. Key links and resources for research
7. Special links created by your school teacher-librarian
8. Professional links and resources for teachers

SPECIAL FEATURES

- A. Your school name
- B. **Home page** link
- C. General site information (PDF.)
- D. Link to TDSB Virtual Library (more links for learning)
- E. TDSB Student Research Guide (PDF.)
- F. Summary of the School Library Program (PDF.)
- G. Descriptions and tips for this page's links: (PDF.)
- H. Section's main heading (same as button for this section)
- I. Subheading with links