

# About the TDSB Secondary School Library Web Site

## Welcome

Welcome to the School Library Web Site for secondary 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 with the following elements:

- Header:** "Welcome to the Timothy Eaton B&T Library" (A), "L. Czudnochowsky - Teacher-Librarian" (8), and navigation links: Home (B), About This Site (C), TDSB Virtual Library (D), Student Research Guide (E), Teachers' Resources, and Library Mission and Goals (F).
- Left Column (Navigation Buttons 1-7):**
  - 1. Library Catalogue
  - 2. Library Resources
  - 3. Search the Net
  - 4. Subject Links
  - 5. Liens Francais
  - 6. Research Toolkit
  - 7. Our Special Links
- Main Content Area:**
  - Library Resources (H):**
    - Online General Reference (I): Canadian Encyclopedia, Grolier Encyclopedia (Dict. & Atlas)
    - Online Database Subscriptions: Career Cruising, EBSCO Articles, E-STAT (Statistics Canada), NovelList, Toronto Star Pages of Past: School, Toronto Star Pages of Past: Home
    - Toronto Public Library: Library Catalogue, Online Databases: Search, Ramp for Teens, Virtual Reference Library
    - Our Online Resources: World Book Encyclopedia, SIRS Researcher
  - LEARNING GUIDE TO THIS PAGE (G):**
    - Quick-Start Internet Search: Google Canada (Search Engine), Librarian's Index to the Internet, Vivisimo (Metasearch Engine), Yahoo (Directory)
    - Internet Reference Works: AllRefer Reference Encyclopedias, Atlas of Canada, Bibliomania, Dictionary of Canadian Biography, Guinness Book of World Records, Information Please Almanac, Internet Public Library Reference, LibrarySpot Encyclopedias, Quoteland, RefDesk, World Factbook (CIA), YourDictionary
    - News Services: CBC News Online, Other Languages News/Magazines, WorldNews Network
- Bottom Left:** "Make this site your home page at home and school." with a green arrow pointing to a link: "Make this site my homepage".

## SECTIONS OF THE WEB SITE

1. Your school library catalogue (PicturePac optional)
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