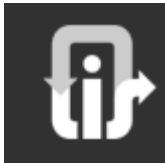




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What's in a name? Library media specialists are also teachers. As teacher librarians we teach the information process, understand the uses of technology, select and use a wide variety of materials, and work in partnership with classroom teachers using books, information and technology.

Welcome back, welcome back, welcome back ... Say it three times, because there are **three** new resources for you to work with this year. **World Book/Discover, Tutor.com and EBSCO online databases** are available statewide to everyone through a cooperative effort of the Office of Library and Information Services, the Statewide Reference Resource Center at the Providence Public Library, Ocean State Libraries, the Higher Education Library Network, and RILINK, along with added funding from the Rhode Island Foundation.



Find all three at [www.askri.org](http://www.askri.org) — no user name or password needed to use these resources from school or from home. Try them out, and recommend them to your students and their parents.

The screenshot shows the World Book Discover website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "Home" and "My Research" links. The main header features the "WORLD BOOK DISCOVER" logo and a group of students. A large number "1" is placed over the search bar area. Below the header, the page is divided into several sections:

- Reference Tools (2):** A list of tools including Dictionary, Visual Dictionary, Atlas, Timelines, My Research, How to Do Research, World Book Explains, and Citation Builder.
- Life Skills (3):** A section with links for Financial questions, Health issues, and Transportation and housing, along with a link to the Life Skills Center.
- For Educators (4):** A section with links for Curriculum Correlations and How to Use This Site.
- Search (1):** A central search area with a search bar, "Search" button, and options for "Search All", "Search Images", and "Advanced Search". Below the search bar is a featured article titled "World Book Discover offers engaging reference resources for students reading below grade level because of language or learning difficulties." with a background image of wind turbines.
- Your Most-Viewed Articles (5):** A list of popular articles including "Human body", "World War II", "Russian Revolution of 1917", "Egypt, Ancient", and "Italy".
- Find by Topic (6):** A "Click on a picture category below to begin browsing." section with categories: People, Places, Science and Mathematics, World Religions, Plants and Animals, History and Government, Arts, and Sports and Hobbies. An arrow points to "more" next to the Arts category.

The school library media center - where information is available in a wide variety of formats, both print and electronic; where materials and activities are coordinated with classroom assignments; and **where students learn information skills that will prepare them to live and work in the 21st century.**



Help is literally minutes away...  
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Students connect in minutes in the subject and grade level they need.



Student and tutor work through problems on an interactive white board.



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Online databases from



**Age and grade-level resources !** Find full text magazine articles, plus biographies and historical essays. Read essential documents in American history. Consult reference books, including the Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia and American Heritage® Dictionary, the Encyclopedia of

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