



Rhode Island Library Information Network for Kids
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What is RILINK ?

RILINK is a cooperative effort by Rhode Island school libraries to share their resources through an interactive web site. Students and teachers at RILINK member schools use the site to find information, browse their own library's resources, and request books or other items from other member libraries. Currently, 132 school libraries in 27 school districts are working together, sharing their books, audiovisual materials and expertise to provide better service to their 68,000 students and teachers. By Fall 2011 we will have 150 members and serve over 50% of Rhode Island public school students.

Through RILINK and its online web-based union catalog, students and teachers have access to more than 1,000,000 books and audiovisual items and more than 60,000 subject-based web links that are K-12 appropriate, chosen for their relevance to curriculum subjects. Through the statewide library network, they also have access to the books and other materials in Rhode Island public and academic libraries. If what is needed can't be found in Rhode Island, the statewide library network (LORI Clearinghouse at OLIS) will forward their requests throughout the entire library world, through the OCLC international catalog and interlibrary loan system. This means that

literally the entire world is open to students and teachers at RILINK schools, even to those students who cannot get to their local public libraries and must rely on whatever they can get through their school library.

RILINK members also receive:

- ★ On-site training and support
- ★ Professional development workshops, plus
- ★ Discounts for online database subscriptions from Thompson Gale, ProQuest and EBSCO

RILINK knows its Destiny...

Destiny is Follett's web-based library automation software. RILINK is offering a shared Destiny system for Rhode Island school libraries, which we call RICAT. When a school library joins our RICAT/Destiny system, all that is needed locally is good access to the Internet through PCs or MACs with web browser software. Librarians, library staff, teachers, students, and parents have access to the school's library collection anytime, anywhere they have access to the web.

With Destiny software no local server or software requires maintenance or backup. Students can have access to library resources from home without having to open the district network to outside traffic. System hardware and software maintenance, backups, and training are all provided by RILINK. Software upgrades are done at the central site and are available immediately to all users.

Check it out at www.ricat.net. Each member library can have its own web page with links to local school pages as well as Internet resources and online subscriptions. Access to administrative functions is provided by password. Each library can set up its own protocols and change them at any time, as needed. It's all done through the web. When adding books and other items to the catalog, librarians have access to millions of catalog records, which are downloaded directly into the system when selected.

Most entries include content annotations as well as interest and reading levels. The software supports searches by reading level for a variety of reading programs. If an item is not already in the RICAT database, library staff can bring in records from a number of other authoritative sources, including the Library of Congress and the National Library of Canada. New books can be available to students and teachers almost immediately with full subject access to each title.



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Subject searches in RICAT can also link to digital resources, such as streaming video from Discovery Education. Searches will find information in online subscription databases, including those available free to all Rhode Islanders through AskRI.org. Your tax dollars at work!



With Web Path Express, searching in the catalog also brings up an annotated list of web sites related to the topic. Each site listed indicates grade levels for browsing and comprehension. Many of the sites also include lesson plans for teachers. Clicking on the link for a site brings up that site in a new window.

WebPath Express - Web Site Results

Subject: tsunamis Grade Level: All Web Site Res

Web Sites: 1 - 14 of 14 Printable

What is a Tsunami? Grade Level: K-5

Mother Nature can be sweetly calm and peaceful one moment and roaring with rage and destruction the next you have ever seen the aftereffects of a tornado, a flood, or even a thunderstorm, you have witnessed the yourself. On this web site you will be able to learn about another one of nature's forces, the tsunami. You out just what a tsunami is, and then you can follow the links to learn more about them.

Topic: Tsunamis
URL: <http://www.geophys.washington.edu/tsunami/general/physics/physics.html>

Life of a Tsunami Grade Level: K-5

How much do you know about tsunamis, and how they are caused? Do you know how they begin, and what they go through? On this web site you will be able to find the answers to all of your questions about the life of a tsunami. You will see what stages they go through, how they develop, and finally, how they abate. There are some links here that you can follow to learn more.

Topic: Tsunamis
URL: <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/tsunami/basics.html>



Life of a Tsunami

The classroom: Now available anywhere, anytime.



Panel 1—Initiation: Earthquakes are commonly associated with ground shaking that is a result of elastic waves traveling through the solid earth. However, near the source of

What does it cost?

RILINK annual dues are just \$1.00 per student (with the entire district billed on one invoice). The minimum per school is \$300 per year, and the maximum for individual schools is \$1,500 per year. Dues cover local support and training, administration and technical support provided by the East Bay Educational Collaborative, Internet communications through RINET, plus software and equipment maintenance for the servers and other central site equipment.

The initial software license, including all of the first year costs for Destiny, is \$3,740 through RILINK. After the first year, annual costs for Follett/Destiny are approximately \$700 per site, per year. Some of the annual subscription options available to enhance the district's investment in the school library are:

Web Path Express	Links to thousands of curriculum-based, authoritative sites on the Web, all K-12 educator-evaluated, checked regularly for availability.	\$345
Accelerated Reader	Students, teachers and parents can easily find AR levels and quiz information for the books in your library. The Enterprise version of AR provides updates automatically, whenever new information is added by Renaissance Learning.	\$225
TitlePeek	Displays the book cover and varied content such as title profile, table of contents, brief summary, author notes, first chapter or excerpt, published reviews and more.	\$122
State Standards	Aligns your school library resources and WebPath Express links to Rhode Island Standards, both Grade Level and Grade Span Expectations.	\$345

Coming soon: Cognite, a new Follett classroom collaboration tool. Cognite provides everyone in your district with the resources they need to learn more, teach more, share

more, enabling seamless collaboration between educators – teachers, librarians, and administrators. Cognite gives parents, educators and students an easy way to stay in touch.