



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, ninety-six school libraries in 27 school districts are working together, sharing their books, audiovisual materials and expertise to provide better service to their 55,000 students and teachers.

RILINK serves over 34% 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, there is no local server or software to maintain and backup, and no need to open the district network to traffic from the outside so that students and teachers can have access to library resources from home. System hardware and software maintenance, backups, and training are all provided by RILINK. Software upgrades are all 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. 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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RICAT includes thousands of curriculum-based, authoritative K-12 links to sites on the Web (Follett's WebPath Express), all educator-evaluated and checked regularly for availability. Each site listed is annotated, indicating grade levels for browsing and comprehension. Many of the sites also include lesson plans for teachers. Pick any library and search the catalog using the keyword search for "tsunamis" for an illustration of how this works:

Web links

The screenshot shows the Calcutt Middle School library catalog interface. A search for "tsunamis" has been performed. The results show two titles: "Volcanoes & earthquakes" by Knight, Lindsay, published in 1995, and "WebPath Express Results on 'Tsunamis'" from Follett Software Company. A red arrow points to the search bar area.

WebPath Express - Web Site Results

Subject: Tsunamis Grade Level: All

Web Sites: 1 - 14 of 14 Printable

What is a Tsunami?

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

Topic: Tsunamis

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

Life of a Tsunami

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

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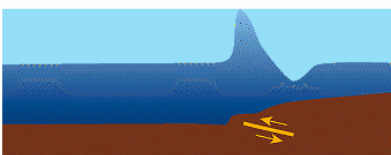
URL: <http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/tsunami/basics.html>



Western Coastal & Marine Geology

Tsunamis and Earthquakes

Life of a Tsunami



Panel 1—Initiation: Earthquake commonly associated with ground shaking that is a result of elastic waves traveling through the solid earth. However, near the source submarine earthquakes, the seaf is "permanently" uplifted and dow dropped, pushing the entire water column up and down.

The potential energy that results from pushing water above mean sea level is then transferred to horizontal propagation of the tsunami wave (kinetic energy). For the c shown above, the earthquake rupture occurred at the base of the continental slope i relatively deep water. Situations can also arise where the earthquake rupture occurs beneath the continental shelf in much shallower water.

What does it cost?

RILINK annual dues are just \$1.50 per student (\$1.00 per student if the whole district joins and we can bill on one invoice). The minimum per school is \$500 per year, and the maximum 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 Destiny/ RICAT are approximately \$700 per site, per year. Here is a list of some of the annual subscription options available to enhance your investment in your school library:

Web Path Express	Links to thousands of curriculum-based, authoritative sites on the Web, all K-12 educator-evaluated and 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. If you use the Enterprise version of AR, you get 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
OneSearch	Searches all resources, including the library collection plus free and subscription databases with one easy and time-saving search. Eliminates the need to remember which databases are available in your school and create long lists of usernames and passwords to gain access to each. Gives students the confidence to conduct self-directed searches and develop greater information literacy.	\$345