

DIGITAL RESPONSIBILITY

Digital Media - the Upside



Everyday we hear another story of young people making unfortunate choices while using social media and other digital environments. At Point, we are concerned about these issues and in

response we are instituting the Digital Literacy curriculum that we shared in the last newsletter. Students will learn about Internet Safety, Privacy, Digital Footprints, Copyright, and other topics.

There is reason to be concerned in this age of technology, but there is also reason to celebrate. Our students have access to resources and opportunities that were not available before the digital age. This issue of the Digital Responsibility newsletter focuses on digital resources that are available to you and your student that can enhance the school experience.

LIBRARY IN MY POCKET

Build A Collection of Apps to Make Access Easy*



- Follett Enlight K-12
- Catalyst Digital
- Destiny Quest
- OverDrive
- OneClick
- MLN2Go
- Zite
- Flipboard
- Google Drive
- Teen Book Finder

Apps available at:



*Look for details about each application in this newsletter.

Encourage Your Students to Read More with EBooks and Audiobooks from the Prairie Point Library



* Reading for pleasure is correlated with improved achievement in all academic areas

* Use the Follett Enlight App to access over 900 ebooks, books you can read on your

smartphone, iPod touch, or tablet.

* Students use their regular **Prairie username** (the first part of their student email address) and **password** to login

*First time set up: type **wbb12215** in the http:// box



* Research shows that audiobooks improve adolescent literacy by improving fluency, increasing vocabulary, and improving motivation to read.

*Encourage students to read along while they listen to an audiobook.

* Use the Catalist Digital app to access our library's growing collection of audiobooks.

* Username & password are the same for all students. Username: **point** Password: **books**

Why Databases?

Students will be doing research projects in several classes this year. Prairie Point and area education agencies provide databases of high quality resources that are intended for K-12 students.

Materials in these databases are reliable and written at the appropriate reading level for students. The databases also give students help in citing sources properly. Using databases of high quality resources is usually better and easier than just using Google to find information for student projects. [Check out the databases available to Point students](#). Information in red font indicates which password you will need to access that database.

Here are the passwords you will need:

AEA - username: 1337point, password: aea10
Gale - remote password: library
High School - username: prairiehs, password: library
Point CRPL card #: 1000105235930

Students also have these passwords inside the cover of their agenda.

Class Websites

Many teachers have websites where they post important information (i.e., assignments, homework, resources, etc.) related to their class. You can find links to [all class websites](#) here so that you too can stay up-to-date.



Did you know that the Point Library has Nooks that your child can borrow with your permission? Students find the Nooks motivating & love the choice in books! Complete the permission slip (on the right side of the [library website](#)) & return it to the Point Library.

Area Public Libraries Support Reading & Research Too!

All Point students are eligible for a Cedar Rapids Public Library student card, no matter where you live. This card gives a student access to the print collection as well as many digital resources such as ebooks, audiobooks and databases. [Click here](#) (look on the right side) to download the application form if your student does not already have an account. Return the form to your student's Reading teacher or to the Point Library.

Use these apps in conjunction with your CRPL account:



Catalog



Overdrive
Ebooks &
Audiobooks



OneClick Digital
Audiobooks

Also check out the digital resources at other area public libraries:

[Fairfax](#) [Ely](#) [Swisher](#)

More Great Tools for School & Home

Reading Online



[Flipboard](#) - create magazines to match your reading interests

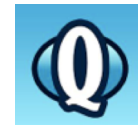


[Zite](#) - online reading customized to your favorite sites, authors, blogs, etc.

School Tools



[Google Drive App](#) - use this app to more easily access your Google documents online



[Destiny Quest](#) - search the Point Library catalog, check your account, place holds, recommend books to your friends & more

If you have questions about any of the resources listed in this newsletter, contact [Martha Wilding](#), Teacher Librarian.