

# LIBRARY-MEDIA CONNECTION

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## Destiny Automated Circulation System

Did you know that you can find books in any library in District 108? It's easy. Log into **Destiny** ([circulation2.pekin.net](http://circulation2.pekin.net)) with your teacher name and password. Click the Catalog tab and then under Location designate which schools to search. You can also locate books at a specific AR level as well. If you need help contact your learning center para-professional



## Networked Software

The district has an extensive collection of networked software for all grade levels. You can find the programs by opening the application window on the desktop of your computers ( not available on laptops). See the learning center para-professional for a manual with descriptions of content, grade levels,



customizing, and directions for management to track student progress. These resources provide opportunities for interventions and differentiated learning. Also, there is a link to a directory on the staff page menu (Networked Software)

## Classroom Webpages

You can learn to make a **Contribute** webpage for your classroom by contacting me at the tech center (1047). Your page can be used as a communication tool for parents as well as students. You can post your assignments, student work, and links to online content. Using digital photos is a great way to document classroom activities. Also, you can install Contribute at home and update your page from there.

## Online Resources

Want to save some time locating online resources for your classroom? Go to the staff page on the district website. Scroll down to the K-6 or 7-8 links. You will find pages of links that are previewed and updated. Keep in mind that there are resources that cross grade levels so you may want to use both pages. The K-6 page is updated monthly.

## Subscription Resources



The district purchases annual subscriptions to some outstanding resources. They are World Book Online, Visual Thesaurus, NetTrekker, and United Streaming. If you follow this link <http://www.pekin.net/pekin108/css/CHEATSHEETS.htm> you will see directions for using them. You can locate these applications in the yellow menu on the Staff page.

## Your Learning Center Para-Professional

One of the most valuable human resources is the learning center para-professional in your building. They catalog and process new book orders. They set up book fairs. They are the Destiny experts. They also receive training in online resource applications such as the ones mentioned in this publication. They maintain a schedule for book circulation and computer lab activities. They can assist you with using networked software and implementing research projects.



### Projects and Publishing

Need some ideas for students to publish final products for research projects? Most times we use Microsoft Office



applications such as Word, PowerPoint and Publisher. However, there are two programs in the application launcher that are easy to use. One is Storybook Weaver. This program allows students to create scenes using pre-made backgrounds and objects (no drawing required). They can add text and narrate what they have written on the page. Another application is Timeliner. It goes way beyond standard timelines. Students can make “timelines” for anything related to a unit of measurement such as distance, size, etc. Your learning center paraprofessional has been trained on these programs and can team with you in instructing students how to use them.

### Training Opportunities

Want to get 30 CPDU's and learn more about technology integration? Look for information about an upcoming district class which will start in November and continue until May. It meets once a month and you can receive 30 CPDU's for 15 hours seat time plus 15 hours for implementing concepts in your classroom.

Another opportunity will be offered after the holidays. This is called the “One-Hour Wonders”. You can get CPDU credit for seat time by learning how to use a variety of programs such as PhotoStory.



### Information Literacy Skills : Copyright and Citations

One of our goals this year is to teach students how to cite sources of information in research projects. See your learning center para-professional for more information.

### Adding Narration to Written Applications



Did you know that students can narrate what they've written in selected applications? This is a great motivational tool and adds to fluency improvement. Those programs are Microsoft PowerPoint, Storybook Weaver, Kidspiration, and PhotoStory. Contact me or your LC paraprofessional for assistance if you want to try this