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Library Tools

Beanstack	Beanstack is TPL's online reading tracker app. Sign up to participate in reading challenges.
Niche Academy	Niche Academy provides tutorials on several TPL eResources.
Tacoma Library App	Carry the library in your pocket! Available for iOS and Android .
Tacoma Public Library Catalog	Search for books, movies, and more!

Early Learning Resources

Miss Humblebee's Academy	Discover an interactive learning program for children ages three to six. Aligned with preschool and elementary standards.
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Languages

Gale OneFile: Informe Académico	Search across full-text Spanish and Portuguese language scholarly journals and magazines from and about Latin America.
Mango Languages	More than 70 language learning courses. Includes access to ASL Inside. ASL Inside uses video conversation practice to learn ASL grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

Homework Help and Test Prep

HelpNow	Live Homework Help, Skills Building and Writing Workshops. Live tutors are available every day from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Peterson's Test Prep	Search thousands of colleges and graduate schools, identify scholarships, take practice tests, and use test prep eBooks.
Teachables	Printable activities from Scholastic for any subject. Perfect for parents, childcare providers, and educators.

EBooks, Magazines, and Streaming

Comics Plus Full Collection Teen Collection Children's Collection	Access to children's, teen, and adult graphic novels, comics, and manga.
Gale eBooks	Explore this database of encyclopedias and reference sources within the Gale eBooks platform. For multidisciplinary research.
Gale OneFile: News	Access major U.S. and international newspapers online to search articles instantly by title, headline, date, or other fields.
Gale OneFile: Popular Magazines	Access the most searched magazines across Gale OneFile focusing on current events, sports, science, and health issues.
Kanopy (Not available with Pathway Cards)	Stream “thoughtful entertainment” including independent and popular films, documentaries, The Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, PBS and more.
Libby	TPL's eBook, eAudiobook, and eMagazine all-in-one app. Libby is a streamlined reading app experience and is available for Android, IOS, and Kindle Tablets. eBook offerings are also viewable on OverDrive .
National Geographic Kids	Explore amazing adventures in science, nature, culture, archaeology, and space. Best for children aged 6-14.
National Geographic Virtual Library	Browse this cross-searchable platform for research insight from journalism's most trusted name in exploration and discovery.
News Tribune Collection	Access to The New Tribune from TPL. Choose the text edition, image edition, blog or web-only content.
TumbleBook Library	Read animated storybooks, read-alongs, graphic novels, and more for free with your Library card. Includes access to lesson plans and quizzes for teachers. When logging in through the app, you'll need to login with a “school” account. Username: tacomapla Password: libra

Career, Business, and Finance

Data Axle Reference Solutions	Get access to a suite of business and demographic databases including U.S. Businesses, U.S. New Businesses, U.S. Consumers/Lifestyles, Canadian Businesses and U.S. Standard White Pages.
JobNow	Personal job coaching, resume and cover letter review services, live interview practice plus other resources to help you in your job search. Live job coaches available online from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Gale Business: Entrepreneurship	Learn how to start, finance, or manage your small business. Includes sample business plans, how to guides, articles, and more.
Gale Business: Insights	Research global companies and industries with in-depth analysis through current news, statistical data, and comprehensive reports.
Gale OneFile: Business	Understand the activities of companies and industries worldwide through leading business and trade publications. Updated daily.
Gale OneFile: Economics and Theory	Discover content useful for starting a business, marketing a product, developing policy, analyzing trends, and more.
Gale OneFile: Entrepreneurship	Analyze business insights, tips, strategies, and success stories. Updated daily. Best for business schools and entrepreneurs.
Gale OneFile: Insurance and Liability	Discover information about physical and intellectual asset protection, from individuals to multinational corporations.
Gale OneFile: Leadership and Management	Search authoritative periodical content covering topics like organizational dynamics, adult learning, and more. Updated daily.
Gale OneFile: Vocations and Careers	Research a vocation, find an appropriate institution of learning, and get assistance on job searches and maintaining a career.
Investing Center	An ideal investing resource for collecting financial information, getting reliable portfolio analysis, learning about investment options, and financial news commentary.

Technology Skills

LinkedIn Learning	Learn software and technology skills through LinkedIn Learning's video library of engaging, top-quality courses. For app users, please note that our library ID is <code>tacomalibrary</code> (with a lowercase 't').
Northstar Digital Literacy	Practice and improve skills in the following areas: Microsoft products like Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint, Gmail, internet basics, Google Docs, social media, and more.

Home and Hobbies

Chilton Library	Search the most authoritative automotive repair information available to car owners.
Consumer Reports	Information and advice on consumer products providing ratings and reviews, recommendations and buying advice.
Gale OneFile: Agriculture	Access current and authoritative periodical content covering agriculture and its related fields.
Gale OneFile: Culinary Arts	Find a variety of information from major cooking and nutrition magazines as well as key reference titles.
Gale OneFile: Gardening and Horticulture	Find millions of articles on the practical and scientific aspects of horticulture studies. For all horticultural enthusiasts.
Gale OneFile: Home Improvement	Search home improvement topics such as architectural techniques, tool, and material selection, zoning requirements, and more.

Health

Gale Health and Wellness	Search a full range of health-related issues, from current disease and disorder information to alternative medical practices.
Gale OneFile: Health and Medicine	Find up-to-date information on a range of health care topics. Best for students, researchers, and health care professionals.
Gale OneFile: Nursing and Allied Health	Research full-text titles cited in CINAHL and other resources to support specialized care, treatment, and patient management.
Gale OneFile: Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine	Access academic journals and magazines covering the fields of physical therapy, physical fitness, and sports medicine.
Gale OneFile: Psychology	Find authoritative periodical content supporting research in all fields of psychology.

History, Current Events, and Genealogy

Ancestry Library (In-Library Use Only)	Contains billions of names from census records, passenger immigration lists, vital records, war and muster lists, court/land records, images, indexes, narratives and much more.
Gale in Context: Global Issues	Analyze important global issues and events through topic overviews, international viewpoints, news, and multimedia content.
Gale in Context: U.S. History	Uncover information on hundreds of the most significant people, events, topics, in U.S. history from a variety of sources.
Gale In Context: World History	Uncover information on hundreds of the most significant people, events, and topics in world history from a variety of sources.
Gale OneFile: Contemporary Women's Issues	Find timely and historically relevant content on issues that influence women's lives across the globe.
Gale OneFile: Military and Intelligence	Search scholarly journals, magazines, and reports covering all aspects of past and present military affairs. Updated daily.
Gale OneFile: U.S. History	Search balanced coverage of events in U.S. history. Best for novice historians and academic researchers. Updated daily.
Gale OneFile: War and Terrorism	Gain valuable insight into conflicts and their causes, impact, and perception on a global scale.
Gale OneFile: World History	Access balanced coverage of events in world history and scholarly work being established in the field.
HeritageQuest	Access to scanned images of the U.S. census records, Periodical Source Index, Freedman's Bank Records, the U.S. Serial Set, Revolutionary War records and more!

Local History

Northwest ORCA	Northwest ORCA (Online Records and Collections Access) is a digital discovery database for the Northwest Room and Community Archives Center at TPL.
Northwest Room's Photography Collection Guide	TPL's photography collections contain more than one million photographic images in a variety of formats. More than 35,000 of these photos have been digitized and are included in the ORCA database.
Ships & Shipping	A guide to more than 13,000 ships which passed through the Port of Tacoma, with details on the names (and former names) of vessels, their builders, careers, and history.
Local History & Biography Index	Search by name or keyword to find references to articles, book chapters, and other resources containing information on the people and events that have shaped our local history. All sources referenced in the index are available in the Northwest Room at Main Branch.
Tacoma-Pierce County Buildings Index	Indexes home construction news in Tacoma newspapers from 1883 through 1950. Includes many photographs and indexes over 200 books related to Tacoma architecture or history.
Tacoma-Pierce County Obituary Index	An index of obituaries published in the Tacoma News Tribune/Morning News Tribune. Complete coverage from 1980 to the present, partial coverage pre-1980.
Thomas Handforth Collection	The Thomas Schoefield Handforth Collection comprises the art output of Thomas S. Handforth and related items in the collections of TPL.
Washington Place Names	Learn the who, what, when, and why about thousands of place names throughout Washington.
Washington State Fair Collection	This collection of photos covers the entire span of time since the Puyallup Fair's inception in 1900.

Literary Research

Gale Literary Index	Search this digital master index to find coverage of authors and works in products published by Gale.
Gale Literature: Contemporary Authors	Find the biographies and bibliographies of thousands of U.S. and international authors. Continuously updated.
Gale Literature: Criticism	Explore the most extensive compilation of literary commentary available. Includes analysis from book excerpts, periodicals, and more.
Gale Literature: Dictionary of Literary Biography	Explore the lives, works, and careers of the world's most influential literary figures from all eras and genres; multi-series.
Gale Literature: LitFinder	Access literary works and authors throughout history, including full-text poems, plays, short stories, speeches, and more.
Gale Literature: Resource Center	Find up-to-date biographies, overviews, full-text criticisms, audio interviews, and reviews on writers from all eras.

General Academic Research

Gale Academic OneFile	Quickly access articles from a database of scholarly journals and other trusted periodicals. Best for academic research.
Gale General OneFile	Access general interest magazines and key serials in a single resource. Best for general research.
Gale in Context: Biography	Discover the world's most influential people by searching narrative biographies, news, magazine, and multimedia content.
Gale in Context: College	Access a wide array of multidisciplinary content by searching scholarly journals, newspapers, periodicals, images, and videos.
Gale in Context: Elementary	Introduce elementary students to database searching with resources featuring age-appropriate, curriculum-related content.
Gale in Context: High School	Explore thousands of topics across subjects including literature, science, history, and social issues using different sources.
Gale in Context: Middle School	Explore the most-studied topics including cultures, government, people, history, literature, and more.
Gale In Context: Opposing Viewpoints	Find overviews, news, and opinions on hundreds of today's important social issues.

Gale In Context: Science	Understand context for hundreds of science topics through overviews, journals, news, interactive experiments, and more.
Gale OneFile: High School Edition	Search magazines journals, newspapers, and reference on a range of topics. Best for middle and high-school students.
Gale OneFile: Communications and Mass Media	Search millions of articles covering all aspects of communications, including advertising, public relations, and more.
Gale OneFile: Computer Science	Access leading business and technical publications in the computer, telecommunications, and electronics industries.
Gale OneFile: Criminal Justice	Comprehensive periodical content for researchers studying law, law enforcement, forensic science, terrorism, and more.
Gale OneFile: Diversity Studies	Access a range of periodical content to explore cultural differences, contributions, and influences in the global community.
Gale OneFile: Educator’s Reference Complete	Gain insight on issues in administration, funding, and policy. Best for educators, administrators, and education students.
Gale OneFile: Environmental Studies and Policy	Investigate environmental issues with diverse perspectives from the scientific community, policymakers, and corporate interests.
Gale OneFile: Fine Arts	Search millions of articles about drama, music, art history, and filmmaking. Diverse resource for serious fine arts students.
Gale OneFile: Gender Studies	Discover balanced coverage of topics related to gender studies, family and marital issues, and more.
Gale OneFile: Hospitality and Tourism	Discover well-rounded coverage of both the historical and current state of affairs in the hospitality and tourism industries.
Gale OneFile: Information Science	Access articles covering all aspects of managing and maintaining information and technology. Updated daily.
Gale OneFile: Pop Culture Studies	Access scholarly journals and magazines that both analyze and contribute to popular culture.
Gale OneFile: Religion and Philosophy	Research the impact of religion on culture throughout history, including literature, arts, and language. Updated daily.
Gale OneFile: Science	Access information on the latest developments across a range of scientific disciplines. Updated daily.

Notes:

- “OneFile” databases contain articles.

- “In Context” databases offer more variety such as reference materials and media.