

# *SchoolLinks*

**Guiding Teachers and  
Students to Reliable  
Online Sources**

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**“Where are your sixth grade books about jewelry-making techniques in Ancient Mesopotamia?”**



A photograph of three young girls sitting at a computer lab desk. The girl in the foreground is wearing an orange and white striped tank top over a white shirt with a floral pattern. She is looking intently at a computer screen. Behind her, another girl in a yellow and white striped shirt is also working at a computer. In the background, a third girl in a light blue shirt is visible. The setting appears to be a library or a computer lab with several desks and chairs.

Classroom sessions explain and demonstrate the library's print and digital resources.

**The *Ace Reporters* project set out to close the knowledge gap between the students and the library.**





# The *SchoolLinks* project sought to “teach the teachers” about IL.



**The response from teachers was positive. Many declared the training: “the best in-service ever.”**



# Met regularly with key stakeholders, including administrators, principals, and teachers

- Interviewed social studies teachers about their plans for addressing IL and research methods in light of Common Core
- Teamed with the school district to present a community night focused on *21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy in a Global Society*

# Developed AR / Lexile search tool to help students locate titles.

The screenshot displays the PVIDL website's search interface. At the top left is the PVIDL logo, which features a stylized sun and waves. To the right of the logo are navigation links: "Get a Card", "Newsletters", "Locations", "Contact Us", and "My Account". Below these links is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon, a dropdown menu set to "Everything", a text input field containing "Find books, movies & more", and a "Go" button. Underneath the search bar is a horizontal menu with links for "CATALOG", "EBOOKS", "CALENDAR", "RESEARCH", "SERVICES", "KIDS", "TEENS", "FRIENDS", and "LOCAL HISTORY". The "Catalog" link is highlighted in green. Below the menu is the "Catalog" heading. The main search area includes a "Search" input field, a "by" dropdown menu set to "Keyword", an "in" dropdown menu set to "Everything", and a "Go" button. Below this are three filter controls: "AR Reading level: 0-12" with a slider from 0 to 12, "Lexile range: 0-1400" with a slider from 0 to 1400, and "AR Interest level" with a dropdown menu set to "All".



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Whether you're a teacher or a student, PVLD's SchoolLinks will guide you to reliable online sources for lesson planning or homework help.

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## 7th Grade

### Pirates

### Early Americas (Maya, Aztec, Inca)

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## Pirates

Below are links to sites about buccaneers and privateers during the so-called "Golden Age of Piracy."

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### [Pirates!](#)

This National Geographic site dishes up an interactive High Seas Adventure, a link to the New England Pirate Museum, and articles about pirates of the Bahamas and Blackbeard.

### [Pirates of the Golden Age](#)

A slideshow from the Smithsonian Institution's Ocean Portal features short biographies of famous and lesser-known pirates from the 1650s through 1730s.

### [The UnMuseum — Pirates](#)

Educator and author Lee Krystek, whose UnMuseum site deals with science and history, gives a brief overview of high seas piracy. The article discusses the buccaneers of the Spanish Main, including Sir Henry Morgan who eventually became the Deputy Governor of Jamaica.

### [Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson](#)

The UKOLN center for library and education resources promises "everything you could possibly want to know about Treasure Island." Included are an author biography, descriptions of the book's plot and characters, and fun activities.