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Dear Home School Families,

My name is Sunglee Randall and I am one of three Board Librarians for the Western Quebec School Board. Our newly redesigned [Virtual Library](#) aims to be the go-to spot with the best online tools to help support our students and staff in both providing quality reading material in multiple formats and languages as well as research tools for every grade level. An example of some of these resources are as follows:

Online Books

Sora: downloadable e-books and audiobooks, mostly in English with some French and Spanish titles (elementary/secondary)

Biblius: French e-books, with a few English titles (elementary/secondary)

TumbleBook Library: semi-animated picture books and chapter books (elementary)

TeenBookCloud: chapter books, graphic novels and audiobooks (secondary)

BiblioEnfants: semi-animated picture books and chapter books in French (elementary/secondary)

Research Databases

Britannica Online: includes a specific K-Grade 2 Learning Zone with game-based learning features, portals for elementary/middle/secondary

World Almanac Kids Elementary: K to elementary cycle 2 database with articles, videos, interactive learning tools and more

World Almanac Kids: similar format as WAK Elementary but with content appropriate for elementary cycle 2 and above

Universalis Junior: French encyclopedia and world atlas (elementary/secondary)

Historica Canada: fully bilingual website on all things Canadian--people, places, events, etc. (secondary)

Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada: bilingual 4-volume resource about the Indigenous people of Canada (secondary)

Larousse Junior: French dictionary, encyclopedia, conjugation tool and more (elementary/secondary)

The WQSB Virtual Library not only includes student resources, but also a separate section of support resources for teachers and parents, many of which contain full lesson plans for all grade levels and in both languages. With just an Internet connection you have access to a multitude of wonderful resources available for you and your children. A Virtual Library guide is also being distributed, which contains all access information. If you encounter any technical issues or if I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me at the email address below.

Best Regards,

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