



The NewsBank Solution for Texas School Libraries

*"...to ensure that students are effective users of ideas and information."
(AASL, Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning. 1998)*

NewsBank Overview – High Impact...and Affordable

For 30 over years, NewsBank, inc. has helped build high-impact school libraries that make a significant difference in their schools. Our expansive collections and curriculum integration tools, are explicitly designed to help Texas educators improve the quality of research, thinking and learning.

Recognizing today's tough economic realities, we are offering our Texas School Library Solution to schools/districts at surprisingly affordable prices!

Uniquely Suited to Support Texas Libraries...

1. Supports your school/district **curriculum**
2. Features the **Big6TM** information literacy model
3. Correlates directly to **TEKS**

Supports Your School/District Curriculum

More than ever, students and teachers depend on the library to support their curriculum. Beyond the traditional book report or research paper, the library provides resources for all subjects...often on highly specialized topics. Teachers depend on the library to provide sources with different perspectives and opposing viewpoints that traditional resources, like textbooks, can't provide. The ability to analyze, organize, synthesize and use primary/secondary documents are now required TEKS that are assessed on the TAKS.

NewsBank's Texas School Library Solution provides...

- Expansive, **subject-focused** collection for the curriculum areas you need
 - Social Studies – US and World History, Current Events, Economics, Civics & Government, Geography...
 - Science & Health – Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Astronomy, Physics, Technology...
 - English & Arts – Reviews, Criticism, Arts, TV & Film, Music...
- The greatest **diversity** of source types and perspectives available (from over 200 countries and all 50 states) - newspapers, periodicals, historical documents, speeches, wire services, TV & radio transcripts, news agencies, US government documents, UN documents, academic and research journals (made readable for students), encyclopedia, biographies and statistical publications

- Multiple perspectives and opposing viewpoints to challenge critical thinking – pro/con, local, regional, national, international, multicultural
- Maps – Complete set of searchable state and country maps
- Daily headlines and lesson plans – written each weekday
- Current curriculum content updated daily.

Exclusively Features the Big6TM Information Literacy Model



There is a difference between being an effective “searcher” and an effective “researcher.” Once students successfully access and locate the right resources, they must analyze, organize, synthesize and apply the information in their research report or project. Given the over-abundance of information students can access, nothing is more important than equipping them with a practical research process for harnessing the power of library resources.

NewsBank’s Texas School Library Solution...

- Exclusively features the Big6TM information literacy model (Eisenberg & Berkowitz) ...“the most widely-known and -used approach to teaching information and technology skills in the world.” Includes the Big6 Research Center with graphic organizers and other tools to develop effective research skills
- Big6TM Resource Center – Online tools to help students learn effective research skills such as choosing topics, identifying keywords, citing sources, outlining, note-taking, and evaluating sources.

Correlates Directly to TEKS

The library provides important resources needed to teach required state learning standards, especially in for English/Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Librarians play a key role in helping teachers locate resources to target TEKS assessed on the TAKS

NewsBank’s Texas School Library Solution provides...

- State Education Standards – Searchable database of state education standards that link your research topics to TEKS
- A powerful planning tool for collaboration between librarians and teachers

NewsBank School Library-Education Advisors

Dr. Mike Eisenberg, Dean, University of Washington; Co-founder - Big6
Bob Berkowitz, Asst. Professor, Syracuse University; Co-founder - Big6
Dr. Blanche Woolls, Chairperson, San Jose State University; Past-president AASL
Dr. Sandra Marona, Manuscript Board, International Reading Association (IRA)
Dr. Margie Thomas, Asst. Professor, Louisiana State University

<i>Program Components</i>	
NewsBank Social Studies – US History, World History, Current Events, Economics, Civics & Government, Geography, State Studies...	
NewsBank Science & Technology – Biology, Environmental Studies, Earth Science, Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics, Health, Fitness, Technology...	
NewsBank English & Arts – Reviews, Criticism, Arts, TV & Film, Architecture, Photography...	
Diverse Source Types & Perspectives ✓ Domestic newspapers ✓ International sources ✓ Science journals and reports ✓ Periodical publications ✓ Broadcast Transcripts ✓ UN Documents ✓ US Government Documents ✓ Historical Documents ✓ Publications for beginning readers	
Map Collection ✓ All countries and states ✓ Three versions each – outline, political, geographical	
Remote access 24/7 for teachers and students	
Correlations to Texas State Education Standards (TEKS)	
Big6 TM Resource Center ✓ Tools to develop research skills ✓ Choosing a Topic ✓ How to Cite Sources ✓ Note Taking ✓ How to Evaluate Sources ✓ IdeaWeb for Brainstorming	
Top News Headlines and Daily Activity Plans ✓ Headlines selected for curriculum value ✓ Published every morning before school	
Dynamic Daily Updates	
Live telephone technical support 800-243-7694	

[2009 – 2010 NewsBank DKC Package Details](#)

NewsBank K-12 Package

Access World News - Student Edition

Access World News is a comprehensive, web-based resource that provides access to hundreds of news publications from countries worldwide. These sources include the full text of major national and international newspapers, news wires, transcripts, magazines and videos. Access World News is updated daily to keep students informed of current issues and events and includes deep archives that provide background information on important topics, enabling students to track contemporary world issues and study international cultures. The content is relevant for world history, English and science classes, debate teams, speech and persuasive assignments. Several search modes are available including keyword or map-based for easy country studies and comparing/contrasting issues and perspectives from different areas. Students may also search by continent, country, state or an individual title. The interface may be viewed in English or Spanish.

America's Historical Newspapers - Student Edition

America's Historical Newspapers - Student Edition provides news articles covering topics including government, politics, social issues, culture, discoveries, inventions and more from hundreds of primary sources that enable students and teachers to explore virtually every topic or aspect of American history and culture between 1690 and 1922. The resource also provides a wealth of information for English/Literature and science classes. America's Historical Newspapers is aligned to state standards with the ability to locate articles directly related to specific standards. The resource features cover-to-cover facsimiles from hundreds of U.S. newspapers, including titles from all 50 present states. Students searching by using either the timeline or topic search can easily find news and eyewitness accounts and pro/con articles of events, issues and daily life in the colonies or during the Revolutionary War, westward expansion, the Civil War, deconstruction, industrialization, the Progressive Era, World War I and other time periods. Newspapers of particular historical importance, regional weeklies and big-city dailies are available. Also included are illustrations, advertisements, classifieds, birth and marriage announcements, obituaries, stories about historic people and other articles exactly as they appeared in print.

Archive of Texas History

Created for in-depth research of state history and culture, the Archive of Texas History offers online access to newspapers, government documents and maps that illuminate more than 150 years of the people, events and issues that defined the Lone Star State. Designed to meet the needs of K-12 students, this unique resource provides important primary source material that supports course work in 19th and 20th century state history, African-American history, politics, government, social issues and much more. Also included is the complete Dallas Morning News Archive for studying major events in Texas, the U.S. and the world and a series of lesson plans for easy implementation of this content.

NewsBank KidsPage

Elementary school teachers require resources that are fun and capture kids' attention. These resources must also provide safe, appropriate information that's easy to use. NewsBank KidsPage does all this and more, with Web-based access to articles from relevant, age-specific publications, many of which include photographs and images. Featuring a colorful interface to engage early learners with research and technology, KidsPage offers useful learning materials for all subject areas.

ScienceSource Collection

ScienceSource Collection was designed to support today's science curriculums. It offers easy access to thousands of article digests on life, earth, physical, medical, health and applied sciences that help clarify complex scientific concepts and provide important facts, ideas, results and conclusions from the original articles. The Collection includes encyclopedia entries that provide background information on diseases, the environment, mammals and physics as well as biographies of important scientists.

Popular Periodicals Premier

NewsBank's Popular Periodicals is a collection of some of the most popular and widely-read magazines published. The collection covers topics relevant to all areas of the curriculum including world news, people, health, culture, education, business, science, sports and more.

Acceda Noticias Package

Acceda Noticias features a wealth of primary source information from Spanish-language news sources and wire services that allows students to find articles on current issues and events relative to government, politics, entertainment, sports, people, the environment and many other topics. It can be used for Spanish-speaking students or those learning the language.

The Curriculum Resource Package

TCR Connections

Featuring more than 1,000 inquiry-based activities that address essential classroom topics, skills and themes, TCR Connections saves teachers time and effort. All articles and activities are aligned with state educational standards and include a Lexile score and reading level. Fast, convenient and easy to use, the lesson plans offered in TCR Connections are ideal for fostering real-world connections and keeping students engaged in their research.

Connections for Kids

Connections for Kids features more than 500 activities and lesson plans designed to help young students discover the joy of learning. Appropriate for students of any reading level-including ESL learners-these helpful teaching aids are also aligned with state education standards. Connections for Kids offers guides and links to high-interest subjects and themes, and helps students learn to read and write effectively by guiding them through a five-step process that builds thinking and reasoning skills.