

## What Are Virtual Library Cards?

The mission of Manitowoc Public Library is to promote a culture of reading and to provide access to information. Through services, we strive to foster an environment that meets the educational, recreational and cultural needs of the community. Wisconsin law recognizes “the importance of free access to knowledge, information and diversity of ideas by all residents of this state.” Wis. Stat. § 43.001

In 2017, Manitowoc Public Library partnered with the Manitowoc Public School District to introduce Virtual Library Cards. These Virtual Library Cards allowed all students and staff within MPSD access to a wide range of digital resources offered by the Library. In 2018, the Virtual Library Card program expanded into some of the private schools within the area. By 2019, most of the schools in the city of Manitowoc offered Virtual Library Cards. In 2020, Manitowoc Public Library was contacted by schools outside the city to enroll in the Virtual Library Program as a way to support student learning virtually during the pandemic.

This is a service Manitowoc Public Library provides directly to schools, at the school's request. When first enrolling in the program, Manitowoc Public Library assists in creating marketing materials for the schools. Attached are examples of original MPSD promotion. It is up to each individual school to distribute information regarding the Virtual Library Cards to parents, students, and staff as they see fit

Manitowoc Public Library does not act *in loco parentis* (in lieu of parents). We encourage adults to take an active role in helping their children choose those materials that are the best fit for them and their families.

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## What Can It Do?

Regardless of whether or not you have a personal library card, or if that card is blocked for any reason, these Virtual Library Cards will allow students to access online databases, check out ebooks and digital magazines (not physical ones, though), and use the public computers at the library.

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## How Does It Work?

The Virtual Library Card is based on the student's school ID with a predefined set of numbers in front of it and it must be 14 digits in length. The outline of what the numbers look like based on each school (or district) is listed below, along with what the PIN is. For example, say you are part of the Manitowoc Public School District and your student ID is 999999, your Virtual Library Card number would be 12345000999999 (the 0's get added between the prefix 12345 and the student's ID, 999999, to make a 14 digit number), and your PIN would be your PersonID from Infinite Campus.

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Below is a list of electronic databases the students can access with these Virtual Library Cards.  
For a full list of our online resources please [click here](#).

- [Tutor.com](#) (free online tutoring/homework help)
- [Tumblebooks](#) (free kids ebooks and audiobooks)
- [Overdrive](#) (free ebooks and audiobooks for all ages)
- [Badgerlink](#)
- [Mango Languages](#) (learn a new language online for free)

## **Schools Enrolled in the Virtual Library Card Service:**

Manitowoc Public School District

Bethany Lutheran

First German

Immanuel Lutheran

Lutheran High School

Mishicot School District

Reedsville School District

Roncalli

St. John's Lutheran

Valders School District