

LWSD/KCLS ONLINE ACCESS

Background: Last year LWSD and KCLS created a partnership to provide online access for our students. This partnership creates special library accounts for all students. This account allows your student to log onto KCLS from home or school.

Logon information: Your student can begin using their LWSD student ID number at any time by going to www.kcls.org/students. The account number is the LWSD three-digit number 414 followed by your student ID number (no dashes or spaces). The PIN is the last four digits of the student ID number.

Ex.: 4141234567 4567

If you do not know your student ID number, you can look in Skyward (look for Student ID), contact your teacher or contact me.

What KCLS online access provides:

The online access provides numerous databases and online books

Some of the available resources are:

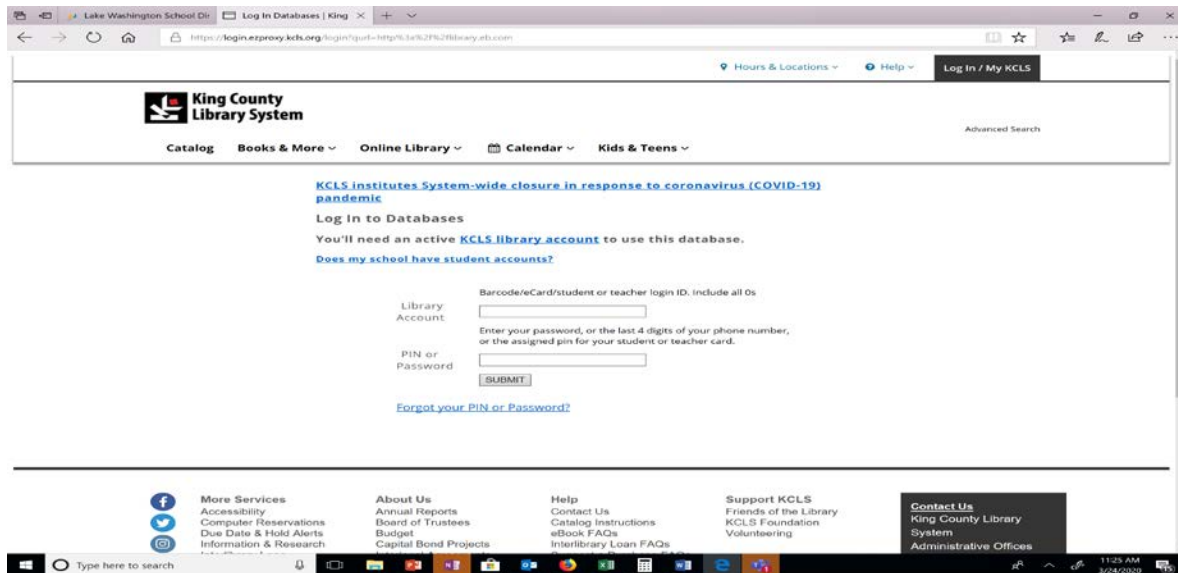
- eBooks, audiobooks, videos and even magazines and newspapers to download to your computer or mobile device.
- Premium databases with information you can't just find through Google.
- Homework Help from Live Tutors online.

What KCLS online access does not provide: It will NOT work to check out physical books. To fully access King County Library resources requires a regular KCLS Library card. These are available free. For more information on how to get a card for yourself or your family members, visit <https://kcls.org/library-cards/>. (PS. You can apply for a card online and start accessing online resources right away, just like your student can with their number!)

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How to access student resources:

When you click on the link to any of the databases or other electronic resources, you will be asked to enter Student ID number (Library Card Number) and PIN number. This sign in screen should look like this. Once you click submit, the resource should open for you.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the King County Library System login page. The page title is "Log In Databases | King". The URL is "https://login.ezproxy.kcls.org/login?pub=http%3A%2F%2Flibrary.ab.com". The page features the King County Library System logo and navigation links: "Catalog", "Books & More", "Online Library", "Calendar", and "Kids & Teens". A prominent blue link reads "KCLS institutes System-wide closure in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic". Below this, the text says "Log In to Databases" and "You'll need an active KCLS library account to use this database." A link asks "Does my school have student accounts?". The login form includes a "Library Account" field with a placeholder "Barcode/eCard/student or teacher login ID. Include all 0s", a "PIN or Password" field with a placeholder "Enter your password, or the last 4 digits of your phone number, or the assigned pin for your student or teacher card.", and a "SUBMIT" button. A link "Forgot your PIN or Password?" is also present. The footer contains various service links like "More Services", "About Us", "Help", "Support KCLS", and "Contact Us".

Family Library Cards – can you use this instead?

Yes! You can access all the same materials using your KCLS Library card and your personal PIN. Unless you have changed it, your default PIN is the last 4 digits of the phone number you listed when you applied for the card.

If the book you want on Overdrive is already checked out:

When a book at the Library – electronic or hard copy – is not available, that is always disappointing. However, there are thousands of good books out there that are available! Click on the picture of the book you want to go to its page and then scroll down. Overdrive will show you several books that you might like to try based on the first one you wanted. There's a world of books to explore!

Need more book ideas? Check out reviews on [Brightly](#) or [Common Sense Media](#).

A word about Holds: If you still really want a particular title, put a hold on it. This means that after a while – a few days to a few weeks usually – that book will be there for you. If you are using the Student Access account, when you place the hold, it will ask you for an email where you will be contacted when the book is available for you to check out and download.

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