# 6-12th Grade Virtual Classroom Visits

Library staff look forward to visiting your classroom (virtually) to nurture students' love of reading, connect students with library research resources, and provide opportunities for research instruction.

What: Visits include fun, engaging elements customized to support classroom learning goals and nurture a love of reading and lifelong learning.

Why: Library staff connect with you and your students, inspire a love of reading, provide a sense of community and support social-emotional needs.

Where: Visits can be pre-recorded (for asynchronous posting on classroom platforms) or presented live for synchronous interaction. Live visits can be recorded and posted.

Who: Visits are provided by passionate staff from a Denver Public Library branch near your school.

When: Scheduling is flexible. Visits are generally between 5-90 minutes and can be one time events or provided on a regular weekly/monthly basis.

How: Setting up a visit is easy! Simply contact us at www.denverlibrary.org/virtual-visits.

# 6-12th Grade Virtual Classroom Visits Menu

Our visits are tailored to your classroom needs, pick and choose from the following options and schedule a visit <a href="here">here</a>. Don't see something that works for you? Let us know!

#### CONNECT

youth of all reading levels to high quality books that reflect the wonderful diversity of our city. Provide engaging opportunities to develop a love of reading and lifelong learning.

### Booktalks & Readalikes

Foster reading excitement through a series of short teaser talks about some of Denver Public Library's best books including new, popular and exciting titles!

#### **Book Discussions**

Library staff and students will engage in conversation about current reads, past favorites, and future book options.

#### Read Alouds

Increase reading engagement and connect students with books through fun, interactive read alouds that lift up diverse voices.

### Personalized Reading Lists for Every Student

Help students find new favorite titles and authors with a customized list of high quality, diverse books based on their interests and reading levels.

#### DISCOVER

high quality, diverse books, primary source materials, and library research databases to support educators and students with their learning goals. Develop background knowledge, research and information literacy skills.

### Library Catalog 101

Introduction on how to search the library catalog and basic search functions of databases.

## Virtual Research Instruction

Reference librarians are available to visit your class virtually to provide guided instruction on research assignments. Topics include: narrowing a research topic, developing a research strategy, and searching library databases. Customized instruction can be tailored to your lesson plans, curricula and student needs.

### Video Tutorials

Short videos will introduce you and your students to our most valuable homework resources. Explore topics like: getting a library card, using the <u>Ask Us! Chat</u> service, developing a research strategy and using topical research databases. If you don't see the tutorial for the resource you want to use, let us know and we will create a customized video for you.



## Subject Book Lists or Topic Support

Books, databases and other resources to support classroom learning. Option for library staff to share resources in a fun, engaging presentation or create a <u>teacher set</u> for quick and easy pickup.

#### **EXTEND**

student learning beyond the page with one-on-one connections with librarians. Increase awareness of the library as a welcoming place for all community members with a wealth of resources beyond print materials.

### Virtual Student Research Appointments

Our research librarians offer one-on-one student research appointments designed for middle school and high school working on a research project or paper. Meet with your librarian via online chat or Google Hangouts.

Make an appointment with a librarian a week in advance, and we'll spend up to an hour with you focusing on your individual research goals. We'll take you beyond Google and Wikipedia to help you locate the best materials for your project. Our resources include subscription databases, reference books, magazines, and Federal government documents and credible internet resources.

## Ask Us 24/7 Chat Service

Chat online with a research librarian to get answers to questions, research guidance, and online information. Ask Us! can be used anonymously, with or without a library card. Use our <u>demonstration video</u> and <u>chat quidelines document</u> to teach your students about the service.

### Research Guide Requests 9th-12th Grade

Research guides for 9th-12th grades include resources available at the Denver Public Library (books, DVDs, databases), Internet resources, primary sources and search tips. <u>See examples</u> of guides we have created for others.

## Colorful Coloradans

These are biographies of important Coloradans—featuring digitized sources from the Western History collection—that provide young researchers with high quality, primary source material for their history projects.

## Western History Primary Source Materials

For students, teachers, and parents looking for digital images of primary sources, contact Western History and Genealogy at <a href="https://distory@denverlibrary.org">history@denverlibrary.org</a>. These materials may include art, maps, photos, and local newspaper articles dating back to 1859.

