

Research Resources for ENL Classes

Books:

You can borrow books from other schools as well as from the Staff Development Library. To search for and request a book, go to <http://libcat.sf.k12.sd.us> and select YOUR school. Click the “login” button in the upper right. Username=Employee ID; Password=Lastname. Search the catalog, changing the Search location to **Sioux Falls School District**. Enter your search (e.g. **English language learners**). When you see a title you like, click “Hold It”. If you have a Siouxland Libraries card, you can use it to check out books at USF, Augie, or the Public Library. If you need to get a book from another library, you can do an interlibrary loan through the public library or talk to your school librarian.

eBooks:

The ASCD Collection of eBooks contains several titles related to teaching English Language Learners (for example, *Classroom Instruction That Works With English Language Learners*). To access the collection, go to <http://libcat.sf.k12.sd.us> and select the Staff Development and Central Admin link. When you do a keyword search, you will bring up chapters within books. If you wish to view the contents of an entire book, click “Title List” then select the book you are interested in. You can download individual chapters as PDFs or mp3 audiofiles.

Country/Cultural Information:

Culture Grams is an online database of country profiles. The World Edition is appropriate for middle school through adult. The Kids Edition is designed for upper elementary and middle school. There is also a States Edition and a Provinces Edition. Each country profile includes *Background; The People; Customs and Courtesies; Lifestyle; and Society*. There are recipes, pictures, a currency converter and you can listen to the National Anthem. There are also lesson plans and ideas for using Culture Grams in your classroom.

Scholarly Journals

EbscoHost and ProQuest are two databases with scholarly journals relevant to teaching English Language Learners. Go to <http://libcat.sf.k12.sd.us> and select Staff Development and Central Admin. When viewing search results, note that the “pdf” version will look just like it came from the print magazine, while “full text” will be just the text with minimal formatting and no pictures and may not include tables, charts, etc. You can either print or email articles to read later.

EbscoHost. After choosing EbscoHost, put a check mark by Academic Search Premier, ERIC, Professional Development Collection, and Teacher Reference Center. Click continue. After doing a keyword search, you can limit to Full Text, Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) articles, etc.

ProQuest. Enter your keyword in the search box. Check “full text” and “peer reviewed”.