The National Library’s Services to Schools provides resources, expertise and services to support literacy, learning and school libraries. Their aim is to offer accessible, connected library services and library learning environments that promote and develop reading engagement and digital literacy. Visit http://natlib.govt.nz/schools

These are just some of the many services and resources available through Services to Schools. Make sure you explore the site in full and make notes about which resources will be useful to you and why.

**Lending Service**

- Click on Lending service for information on what teachers can request through Services to Schools and the process to request resources. The National Library offers three flexible lending options to schools: topic selection requests, extra reading requests and specific title requests. Any lending requests need to go through the school’s loan coordinator, who is responsible for managing books and other resources from the National Library.
- Topic selection requests are based on information provided by loan coordinators. The National Library then selects resources to support student’s inquiry and love of reading. The amount of books provided, depends on the size of the school roll. Extra reading requests allow up to an extra 100 books to be lent over and above topic selection requests. These are books designed to encourage reading for pleasure. Specific title requests can be used when particular books are required. Each of these lending options can be utilised once a term.

**School Libraries & Professional Learning and Support**

School libraries are an essential part of every school and provide an important teaching and learning environment. There is advice and information on how to develop your school library’s collections and services. Professional Learning and Support Services aim to strengthen the knowledge and skill of school library staff and teachers.
**TOPIC EXPLORER**

- **Topic Explorer** is where you can find quality resources on a variety of topics to support inquiry. They are suitable for primary through to secondary level and cover the learning areas within the New Zealand Curriculum.
- They include images, books, articles, websites and videos. There are national and international resources, from trustworthy organisations and sites.

**READING ENGAGEMENT**

Reading engagement provides information and ideas to develop a school-wide reading culture that encourages and supports reading for pleasure. There are links to:

- Understanding reading engagement
- Libraries supporting readers
- Children’s and youth literature
- Family, whānau and community connections
- Teachers as readers
- Strategies to engage students as readers
- Summer reading
- Videos
- Stories
- Research

**DIGITAL LITERACY**

Digital literacy provides information and resources to help understand and develop digital literacy, digital citizenship, inquiry learning, educational success and social engagement. There are links to:

- Understanding digital literacy
- Your library’s role in supporting digital literacy
- Connections to digital citizenship
- Strategies for developing digital literacy

**TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES**

The teaching and learning resources section provides accompanying tools and guides, such as:

- **Tuia Mātauranga**: A programme developed by the Ministry of Education to support teaching and learning about our dual heritage and shared future. Includes He Meka! He Meka!
- **AnyQuestions**: A free online schoolwork chat help service available 1pm-6pm Monday to Friday during the school year.
- **DigitalNZ**: Connects to free, reliable New Zealand digital collections.
- **EPIC**: Gives access to thousands of electronic resources including magazines, newspapers, encyclopaedias and images covering all curriculum learning areas.
- **Papers Past, Index New Zealand**: For newspaper articles
- **Primary sources, World War I resources, Inquiry exemplars and templates** and more.