Getting Started

Subscriptions cover a wide range of valuable content in various subject areas and grade levels. All subscriptions are available for Enrolled and Flex families. If you are a Registered family, please select the bar below the video to discover which subscriptions are available to you.

This short video will help you get started with Subscriptions on the Learning Commons website.

What Subscriptions are Available to Me?

	HCOS Enrolled and Flex	HCOS Registered
Axis	☐	☐
BC ExamBank	☐	☐

BrainPOP, including Spanish and French		
Canadian Reader		
Canadian Reference Centre (EBSCO)		
ClickView & Twig		
Enchanted Learning		
Everfi		
Focused Education (BC Digital Classroom)		
Gale (Focused Ed)		
Gizmos		
HearBuilder		
Mathletics		
Mathseeds		
myBlueprint		
Mystery Science		
National Geographic Kids (Focused Ed)		
PebbleGo		
Read&Write		
Reading Eggs, Eggspress & Fast Phonics		
RightNow Media		
Signal Hill		
Teaching Books		
Touch-type Read and Spell		
Tynker		

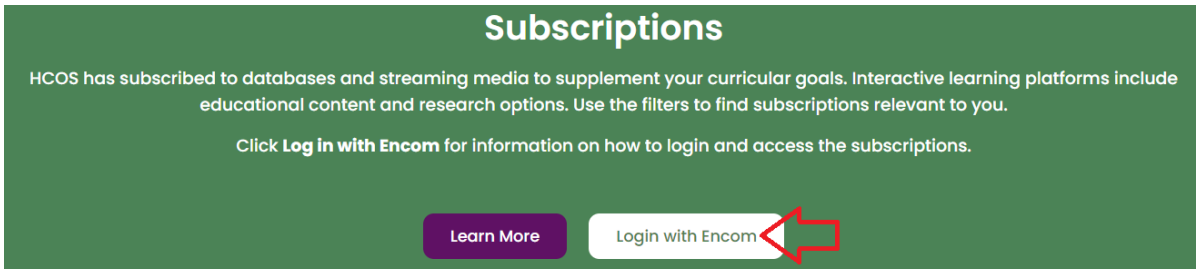
What in the World? Level 1 & 2		
World Book (Focused Ed)		

Finding Links, Usernames, & Passwords

On the Website

Navigate to the Learning Commons Website Subscriptions page.

Log in with your Encom credentials at the top of the next page.



Select the "Info" button on any Subscription tile.



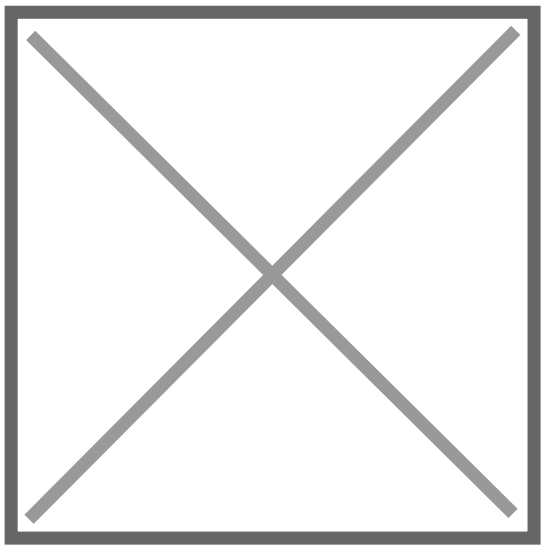
Read the information and select the "Log in" button to log in.

On the Search Portal

Navigate to the Search Portal and select the Subs/Password tab. Log in with your Encom username and password. You will see a list of subscriptions and find links, usernames and passwords.



The list is organized alphabetically from A-Z. You can toggle to Z-A by selecting "Name."



Subscription Passwords are updated annually in August, with some being updated throughout the year. If your password stops working, please check back on the Learning Commons website for up-to-date passwords.

Do you have questions about these Subscriptions? Please email Erica Corcoran or Andrea Scott for more information. Are you having trouble logging in to a Subscription? Please email Margaret Basaraba for help with access issues.

Using Subscriptions

Indigenous Peoples' Resources

4Canoes

These digital magazines offer a series of authentic information vetted by the indigenous communities about which they were written.

Content in Each Issue

Each edition follows a common theme and features:

- The history of the culture, pre- and post-contact
- Compelling and beautiful pictorials that draw students into the stories and place of the featured community
- The story of the vessel and/or other modes of transportation used by the featured Peoples
- Art and Food
- Kids' Zone
- Resources for everyone, including kids, parents and educators (Gr. K-12, the reading level would be a middle school)
- Stories by and of the featured People in each edition
- Extraordinary pictures of the lives, land and waters of the featured Peoples

GALE CENGAGE Learning

Choose "Canada in Context," "and then search "First People," "First Nations," or "Aboriginal."

KNOWBC.com

Log in at KNOW BC and choose a book or encyclopedia from the menus on the site to search for First Nations content.

The KNOWBC site has newly revised curriculum correlations, with links to content:

- Social Studies K to 3
- Social Studies 4
- Social Studies 5 to 6
- Social Studies 7 to 9
- Social Studies 10
- Social Studies 11
- First Peoples 12
- Science K to 7

Live It Earth

Navigate to the slideshow for an Indigenous perspective on any given topic.

Teaching Books

Search the word "Indigenous" to find many books and resources available on this site.

French Resources

- BrainPOP Français is BrainPOP's French language learning site for fluent French speakers. (Gr. 4-8)
- Enchanted Learning (K-3), type "French" into the search bar for French activities.
- Live It Earth translates the website into French by selecting "FR" from the "EN" drop-down menu at the top right of the page.
- Teaching Books resources include books in French. Search "French Language."
- World Book *L'Encyclopédie Découverte* is the World Book French site. (Gr. 8-12) It is not meant to teach French to new learners, but is geared to helping those who are already fluent in French.
- The Search Portal will direct you to French books, CDs, songs, videos, etc., including French teaching helps.

Spanish Resources

- BrainPOP Español for fluent Spanish speakers. (Gr. 4-8) Navigate here for Hispanic heritage topics.
- Enchanted Learning (Gr. K-3) search "Spanish" for Spanish activities.
- Our Search Portal will direct you to Spanish resources.
- Touch-Type Read & Spell (Gr. 3-12) has five spoken typing units under the Subject heading.

Typing Resources

Touch-Type Read and Spell

A former teacher, Anne-Marie Semke, commented that her student with dyslexia did not progress while using All the Right Type (ATRT). She purchased a subscription for TTRS and said, "It has been an excellent help with his dyslexia. I highly recommend it for students with special needs, as it is meaningfully and usefully different from a traditional learn-to-type program."

For more information on TTRS, please refer to SOPHIE page Touch-Type Read and Spell. TTRS is a universal support and is available to all enrolled HCOS and Flex students, free of charge. Fill in the registration form. Margaret Basaraba will contact you when she receives the form.

External typing resources can be found here.

Using Subscriptions in the Summer

Enrolled, Flex, and Registered students who are re-enrolled for the next school year are welcome to continue using subscriptions through the summer, with a few exceptions.

EVERFI resets all the classrooms in June. New class codes will be available in July.

What in the World? and the Canadian Reader magazines will be temporarily unavailable in July while they reset for the next editions which will be uploaded in August.

Reading Eggs, Matheseeds, and Mathletics data resets in mid-August, removing all teacher-assigned tasks. All student accounts and logins remain the same. Certificates awarded during the school year will still be accessible.

Troubleshooting

When a Subscription login does not work:

- Always check the Search Portal to ensure that the link, username, and password you are using are up to date.
- Clear your browser cache, as your computer may have saved a broken link. Type “clear cache” into your search bar and follow the instructions from the drop-down menu for your browser. Restart your computer.
- Check that you are not adding an extra space at the beginning or the end of your username or password. Ensure usernames and passwords are located at the very beginning of the allowed space and that your cursor is right at the end of the password.
- Verify that your username and password contain both uppercase and lowercase letters. Some subscriptions are case-sensitive.
- Use a different browser to access the subscription. For example, if you usually work in Google Chrome, try using Internet Explorer, Safari, or Firefox.
- Reboot your computer. Turn everything off, wait thirty seconds, and then turn it on again. Sometimes, waiting a day and then trying it again seems to resolve the issue.
- If you continue to experience trouble, please contact Margaret Basaraba via email or LiveChat. Don’t give up! We promise it will be worth your while!

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