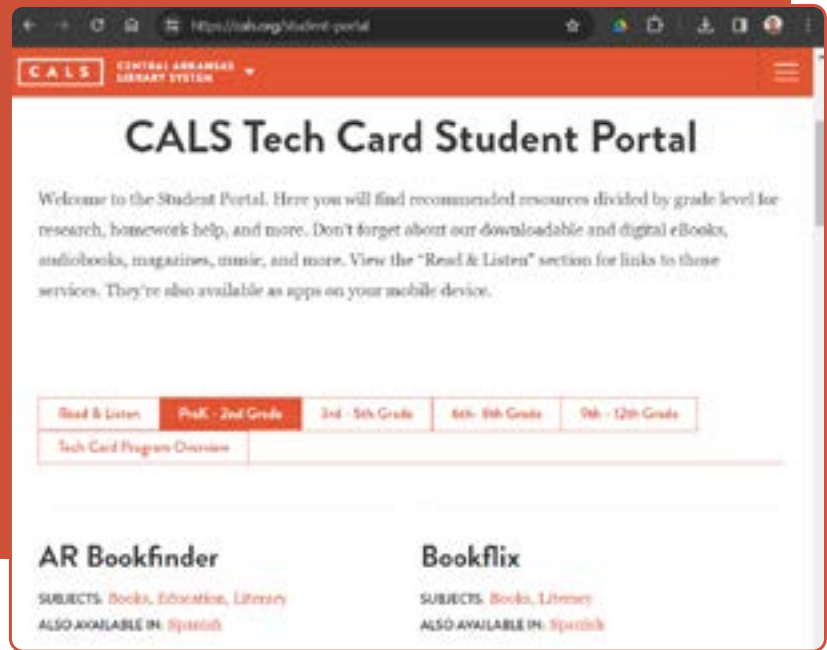




Central Arkansas Library System (CALS) is partnering with several local schools to provide students with improved access to research and reading materials through the Tech Card Program. Students in participating schools will be issued a Tech Card which can be used to access the library's electronic resources from school or home.



RESOURCES

EXAMPLES, NOT FULL LIST

- AR Bookfinder
- Bookflix
- Brainfuse HelpNow
- America's News
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Driving-tests.org
- ProQuest Research Companion



PARENT PERMISSION FORM
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If you have questions about the Tech Card Program, please contact Ellen Samples, Youth Services Coordinator, at (501) 918-3059 or by email at outreach@cals.org.



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students of the Pulaski County Special School District,

The Central Arkansas Library System and PCSSD are continuing our partnership for the Tech Card Project, designed to improve students' access to digital reading and research materials. We will again be issuing Tech Cards to students for use in school and at home. Students will be able to access a wide range of grade-level-appropriate materials through the Student Portal on the library's website (www.cals.org/student-portal). The library's digital resources cover a wide range of topics and meet many educational needs. In addition to encyclopedias and databases of reputable sources for research, we also offer language learning, test preparation tools, and online courses. Don't forget to visit the "Read & Listen" page for links to our downloadable and digital content for eBooks, audiobooks, music, and magazines that you can access any time.

Some of our online resources may require the use of a PIN in addition to the library card number. The PIN on every Tech Card is set to 1234 for your convenience. We recommend taking a photo or making a note of the number on your student's Tech Card in case it is lost. The Tech Card issued to your student for the 2023-24 school year will expire on September 1, 2024. If your child continues to be enrolled in a participating school, they will be issued a new Tech Card each year.

Parents/caregivers and their students can set audience-level preferences when using Overdrive/Libby to check out eBooks or audiobooks to limit content that may appear or be suggested. To access this setting, log in to Overdrive using the Tech Card number and PIN, go to **Settings**, and make the desired selections under **Audience**. This settings change must be set for each device the student uses to access Overdrive/Libby.

The Tech Cards cannot be used to check out books or other physical materials from the public library. Print books, DVDs, and other materials are available for check out from any of our branches to anyone with a valid library card issued in their name. Parents and children may apply for a library card with borrowing privileges at any of our locations or by visiting our website. We have cards for individuals and families as well as provisional cards which limit the number of items that can be checked out.

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All our best,

Central Arkansas Library System Team



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