



New report shows success of California's K12 Online Content Project

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Sacramento, Calif. – In its first year, the online educational databases California is providing to over 6 million students was accessed over 7 million times, according to a [newly published analysis](#) of the California K12 Online Content Project.

The project, a joint partnership provided by the California State Library and the Riverside County Office of Education, spends \$3 million annually to provide public school students and educators with access to educational resources. If every district and charter school were to pay for their own individual contracts it would total at least \$13 million.

The analysis shows that resources from Britannica, TeachingBooks and ProQuest were accessed 7.4 million times, with over 33 million actions – click, views, and downloads – during the 2018-2019 school year.

Online resources from these three content providers are available to all public schools at no cost to the district or charter. Teachers, school librarians, students and others involved in K-12 education may browse through and utilize newspaper articles, informational entries, books, book supplements, teaching guides, scientific research, photos, audio recordings and educational videos – all aligned with the standards that California has created for its schools.

The report, [California K-12 Online Content Project: Going Beyond the Textbooks - September 2019](#), is available now for download on the California State Library website. There is also a [comprehensive website](#) and [newsletter](#) with information about upcoming professional development, recorded training videos, details on how schools obtain access, and additional information related to the K12 Online Content Project.

A full-day training in these resources was recorded by the San Diego County Office of Education and is available for viewing, segmented by platform: [Britannica](#), [TeachingBooks](#), and [ProQuest](#). Details of an upcoming all-day [training in Stockton](#) at the San Joaquin County Office of Education on November 12, 2019, are available as well. This particular training will focus on English learners and world/international learning and perspective.

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