Animal Research Guide

Research guide is located online at [Http://www.vvschools.org](Http://www.vvschools.org). Click on “Media Centers” on the top bar, “Middle School Media Center”, “Research guides for projects and homework”. Click on your subject.

Print Resources: Books:

To locate books use the online web based school catalog. From the district webpage click on “Media Centers”, then “Middle School Media Center”, then “Find a Book”.

Open the catalog and click on the "search" tab. Do a SUBJECT search for your topic.

The books in our collection will have “mvvsh” in the holdings column.

Insects, reptiles, birds, amphibians, mammals can be found in the call number range 590 to 599.9 (zoology). Items in the non-fiction section check out.
Print Resources: **Encyclopedias:** Three different sets behind the librarian’s desks. *The World Book Encyclopedia* will list genus and species at the end of the article.

Print Resources: **Reference:** There are some great articles in the reference section. Reference books do not check out, but you can get a photocopy of what you need. Some recommended titles are:

- *The New Funk & Wagnall’s Illustrated Wildlife Encyclopedia*  REF 591 NEW
- *Grizmek’s Student Animal Resource*
  - *Crustaceans, Mollusks and Segmented Worms* REF 595.7 EVA
  - *Insects and Spiders* REF 595.7 EVA
  - *Corals, Jellyfishes, and Sponges* REF 593.6 ALL
  - *Amphibians*  REF 597.8 MER
  - *Reptiles* REF 597.9 MER
  - *Birds* REF 598 GRZ
  - *Mammals* REF 599 GRZ
- *Wildlife of the World*  REF 591 WIL
- *The Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Animal Kingdom*  REF 591 ILL
- *The International Wildlife Encyclopedia*  REF 691 INT
- *World of Animals*
  - *Simple and Wormlike Animals*  REF 595.7 INS
  - *Mollusks and Echinoderms*  REF 595.7 INS
  - *Arachnids*  REF 595.7 INS
  - *Crustaceans*  REF 595.7 INS
  - *Amphibians and Reptiles*  REF 597.8 MAT
  - *Insects and Other Invertebrates*  REF 595.7 INS
  - *Fish*  REF 597 BEE
  - *Birds*  REF 598 BIR
  - *Mammals*  REF 599 MOR
- *The Pictorial Encyclopedia of Plants and Flowers*  REF 581.022 NOV
- *Cells & Life: Plants & Fungi: Multicelled Life*  REF 580 SNE

There are numerous field guides in the reference section, call number range 580 to 599.9 for wildflowers, trees, insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, etc.

**Grolier Online**- Contains various encyclopedias including *Encyclopedia Americana*, *Grolier Multimedia*, and *The New Book of Knowledge*.

*If using from home: User ID: ________________  Password: ___________

**World Book**- Use *World Book Student* to look up your animal’s classification and some facts.

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**Electronic Resources: Web Sites:**

- **Animal Diversity Web** A searchable database compiled by The University of Michigan. Contains general information on animals including classification.  
  [http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/index.html](http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu/index.html)

Or use a search engine such as [Http://www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) or [Http://wwwgoogle.com](http://wwwgoogle.com) and put in your subject.

  **Search tip:** Put in the common name of your animal, or use the scientific name (genus and species) if you know it.

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