

Introducing Discovery Link

What is The Alberta Library?

Incorporated in 1997, The Alberta Library (TAL) is a non-profit organization that provides services to libraries. TAL's #1 service is licensing, we deliver licensed information resources to members and customers.

- Over the past 24 years TAL has developed long-term relationships with over 50 vendors to negotiate the best possible price and access terms using our model license agreement.
- Last year 213 opt-in licensed resources worth over \$7.5 million were purchased, saving over \$2.2 million for our members, an average of 29%.

TAL also operates The Online Reference Centre (ORC) Program with funding from Alberta Education. Launched in June 2001, the ORC provides authoritative digital resources to all K-12 Alberta students, their parents, school staff, and library staff across Alberta. By subscribing to these resources, ORC contracts ensure maximum access, support, and benefit to the Alberta K-12 community of learners.

What can TAL do for YOU?

We are now offering licensing services to Schools and School Divisions through our newly developed program, **Discovery Link**. Consider licensing through TAL to get the best deal and save valuable staff time.

TAL can provide you with equitable access to quality authoritative resources that have been created, edited, and updated by experts in the field of study for the classroom.

- Our staff are experts at evaluating resources for:
 - Relevance
 - Scope
 - Classroom suitability
 - Diverse learners
 - Connection to the Alberta Curriculum
- We negotiate access and pricing with vendors for all the resources within the ORC Program.
- TAL works with other library consortia across Canada to leverage purchasing power which results in significant savings.

We are currently negotiating pricing for opt-in school resources. If you would like to receive more information, please sign up for the mailing list by [clicking here](#) and filling out a short survey so we can customize which licensing opportunities we send you.

For current offers or if you have any questions, email Lorisia MacLeod at lmacleod@thealbertalibrary.ab.ca

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1. Sign up for our mailing list.
2. Look at current offers.
3. Send request to TAL to participate in chosen licensed resources.
4. A quote and Consortium Subscriber Agreement is sent to you for signing.
5. TAL submits the order to the vendor, providing the vendor with subscriber contact information and IP addresses for set up.
6. TAL signs the license agreement on behalf of subscribers.
7. Vendor sends subscribers welcome email and set up information, marketing material, and training opportunities.
8. TAL invoices subscribers for the cost of the licensed resource. A licensing service fee will be applied to invoices.
9. Subscribers pay TAL.
10. TAL pays the vendor.