



School Library Journal's 10 Best Digital Resources for 2009

The must-have products for next fall

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Our second annual "best of" list looks at products reviewed between June 2008 and the present. The past year saw many excellent and innovative projects—and narrowing them down to a top-10 list wasn't easy. As we prepare for the next school year—or as public libraries develop the budget for a new fiscal year—these are the products for children and teens you should be advocating to add to your digital collection.

Britannica Online School Edition

Britannica Online School Edition has tipped the scales of online encyclopedias by including four different products within their **Online School Edition**. Through each of the age-appropriate resources, Britannica provides instructional and research content that will fit the needs of every user from one simple access point. Contained within is the Encyclopedia Britannica for high school students, Compton's by Britannica for middle school students, Britannica Elementary, and Britannica's latest program for PreS-2 called **Britannica Learning Zone**. With the addition of this latest product, Britannica has expanded their encyclopedic line to reach every user at every level, while still providing educators with Teacher Resources, additional learning materials, digital images, video clips, maps, and much more. It only takes a few minutes of online research (or maybe some interactive fun) within any of the **Britannica** modules to discover why this online encyclopedia has advanced to the head of the class. (Reviewed November 2008, pp. 79-82.)



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