Tennessee Digital Resources Library

*Resources for Today and Tomorrow!*
The Tennessee School Boards Association and its partners created the Digital Resources Library in 2015.
Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents

Dr. Dale Lynch, Executive Director
Tennessee Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development

Steve Simpson, Executive Director
Tennessee Educational Technology Association

Joan Gray, Executive Director
American Public Education Foundation

David Pickler, President

Provided iPads and Stipends for all Teachers who Participated in Project
Our Vision:

To embrace the potential offered by digital technology for the delivery of content in the classrooms of Tennessee and engage students with a delivery method that inspires their natural curiosity and parallels the world in which they function outside the classroom.
Why was the Digital Library created?

The Digital Resources Library was created to help school districts use and share open educational resources, which are aligned to Tennessee standards thus helping our teachers deliver content in the classrooms.
The House and Senate passed a resolution in support of our Tennessee Digital Resources Library

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 441
By Tracy, Orsham

A RESOLUTION to commend the Tennessee Digital Learning Project.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) is recognized in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-2001, as the organization and representative agency of Tennessee’s school board members. Its membership is comprised of all 141 county, city, and special school district boards of education; and

WHEREAS, TSBA has partnered with the Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSOS), the Tennessee Association of Superintendents and Curriculum Development (TASC), and the Tennessee Educational Technology Association (TETA) to create the Tennessee Digital Resources Library (TDRL); and

WHEREAS, the vision of the Tennessee Digital Learning Project is to embrace the potential offered by digital technology for the delivery of content in the classrooms of Tennessee and to engage students with a delivery method that inspires their natural curiosity and parallels the world in which they function outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Digital Learning Project will result in the Tennessee Digital Resources Library, a digital resource for school districts; and

WHEREAS, boards of education spend significant amounts of money on textbooks that are often obsolete even before reaching students, and

WHEREAS, by utilizing these free, modifiable learning resources, schools can use textbook money on devices and technology infrastructure, thus allowing maximum use of finite resources, and

WHEREAS, in our society it is of vital importance to the teachers and the education of the children of this State to have the most up-to-date information possible; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the House of Representatives concurring, that we hereby commend the Tennessee Digital Learning Project on its effort to provide quality education to the children of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.
How was the Digital Library Created?

By utilizing the talents of our Tennessee teachers to curate Tennessee digital learning materials.
In August 2015, teachers from across the state curated digital learning materials for fourteen high school courses.
The teachers received technical support from Apple, Inc. and the materials were accessible through iTunes U.
In 2017, TSBA and partners decided to expand the Tennessee Digital Resources Library by partnering with the Tennessee Book Company and Thrivist.
New Improved Tennessee Digital Resources Library

• Will be powered by Tennessee Book Company and Thrivist.

• Teachers will be able to search various curriculums, designed courses, ebooks and other resources
New Tennessee Digital Resources Library is Twofold

1. The current library of free materials will be expanded

2. Courses will be designed within a learning management system that are aligned with Tennessee standards available to districts for a fee
Good Digital Resources Are Hard to Find

...AND TEACHERS WASTE TOO MUCH TIME SEARCHING FOR RESOURCES

This problem has led many teachers to search for free digital content in unvetted places like Google or Pinterest.
Empowering TN Districts & Teachers while better preparing students
A Repeatable Digital Library For Southern States
A Place to **Search, Discover & Share**
Digital Resources for TN Teachers
"Bacterial Metabolic Behavior" | Microbiology with Educator.com
Tennessee Digital Resources Library

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