

New Student Welcome Email

Welcome to Minisink Valley High School!

As our library media specialist here at MVHS, I wanted to welcome you to our school and share some great resources that are available to you.

Library Website:

I have a great library website that is a “one stop shopping spot” for any resources you might need. Please take a minute to browse the site when you can:

<http://minisink.com/index.php?id=54>

You can scroll down to see all of the resources, but there are also shortcuts under the “library resources” heading on the left so you can get to what you need quickly.

Library In Your Pocket:

You can have our library in your pocket! All of our library resources have apps available (the catalogue, the databases and e-books and audiobooks). Download the 3 apps (links on the library website) so you can have our library in your pocket!

Databases:

All of our databases that we subscribe to are organized on their own webpage with widgets to easily access each.

http://galesites.com/menu/nysl_se_msvahs

All of the databases are available from ANY school computer without a password, but if you are at home or on your own device, you will need to use the username and password to access them (usually “mvhs” and “mvhs”). Please check on the library Sakai tab for a list of all of the database username and passwords.

Sakai:

This is a collaborative learning environment that we use in our school. Some of your teachers may have a tab created for their class. You will find assignments, announcements and resources for that class on the tab. You can also upload assignments and digitally hand in your work on the class tab.

You will also notice that I have added you to my HS Library Sakai tab.

<https://sakai.minisink.com/portal/>

E-books/Audiobooks:

We have a great selection of e-books and audiobooks. The link is on our library website, but here is the direct link:

<https://wbb00542.follettshelf.com/shelf/servlet/presentshelfform.do?site=00542>

Online Newspapers and magazines:

Check out the library website for links (and passwords) to some newspapers and magazines that we have digital subscriptions to. You can access these online: Times Herald Record, New York Times, Gannett Newsstand (over 87 local and national newspapers), Time magazine and more!

Digital Resources:

I have curated several symbaloo walls with resources for you. There is a technology symbaloo and a research/resources symbaloo on the library website. Here are links to those symbaloos. Also check out my "Mother of All Symbaloos" with links to all kinds of digital, teaching and learning resources!

http://edu.symbaloo.com/home/mix/AAAAAvQVME4AA41_HGWenA==

https://edu.symbaloo.com/home/mix/AAAAAuTo_lwAA41_HGWbog==

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Office 365/Microsoft Office Suite

Minisink Valley students are entitled to a free subscription to Microsoft Office 365 where you can access all Office apps online from any computer. You can also download the Microsoft Office Suite on your home computer for FREE.

<http://products.office.com/en-US/?legRedir=default&CorrelationId=8429f838-2ed5-4331-8a1f-b509bdf6e90e>

Remember that ALL of the above mentioned resources are on our library website accessible at any time you need them.

The username and password that you use to log in to a school computer is the SAME username and log in that you will use to access your school email, Google apps, Sakai, e-book/audio-book shelf and Office 365 (make sure your password is at least 8 digits). Remember that your school email address is :

Your 5 digit student id@students.minisink.com

You may come to the Library Media Center instead of your study hall. Report directly to the library and we will take your attendance for you. You may also come down for all or part of your lunch period. If you are coming down after you eat lunch, you will need to see us earlier in the day to get a pre-signed pass to leave the lunchroom early. We are also open every day after school and we will give you a pass to take the late bus home at 3:25.

I look forward to meeting you in the Library Media Center!

Mrs. Lombardo

