

FROM THE LIBRARY

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MackinVia E-books for Olmsted 156

GO TO: mackinvia.com

We currently have access to e-books on the web-based platform MackinVia.com. Mackin is a book distribution company that many public and school libraries purchase books from every year. They also have an online platform where e-books that have been purchased by your librarian, can be easily accessed.

In light of the current at-home learning situation, publishers working with Mackin have allowed free access to thousands of e-books, as well as some database resources. Most will be available to our students until the end of September 2020 and some until the end of December 2020. These are all resources we would have to pay for normally out of our library budgets.

There are non-fiction books on a wide variety of subjects, as well as classic fiction and other new fiction titles. I was not able to select individual books, but I did download packages for elementary, middle school and high school. We now have access to over 10,000 e-book titles.

ACCESS

You can access Mackinvia.com online or download their app for your device. I tried the app on my iPhone but I found it hard to read on that small device. A tablet might work better. Web based on a computer also works well.

LOG IN FIRST TO OUR SCHOOL SITE

To log in to the school site, the user ID is “flo” and the password is “owls”

CREATE A BACKPACK SO YOU CAN CHECK OUT BOOKS

Students can create a “backpack” so they can check out books and save titles, notes, and other information.

They should log into the school site first.

Then they will have to register for their backpack account. They can do this by clicking on LOG IN on the top right (once they are in the school site).

After clicking log in they will click on register to set up the backpack.

I highly recommend they use their user names and passwords that they already know and can remember. This is a secure site and company so there should be no issues with security.

I hope that this will be helpful for students in encouraging continued recreational reading.

More information and links will be found at:

[Olmsted 156 library page](#)

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