

# KAN-ED DATABASES HELP SCHOOLS WITH LIMITED FUNDS

Macksville USD 351, located in south central Kansas, is able to use various resources provided through Kan-ed. According to Nelda Satterlee, K-12 Librarian for USD 351, teachers and students have found the Kan-ed Live Tutor/Homework Kansas and the Kan-ed sponsored Educational and Research Databases very useful. She shared about Kan-ed services, "It has something for everyone..."



As a librarian, it is Satterlee's job to find different sources of information for the students and teachers at USD 351. A problem faced by many schools in Kansas is that funding is limited for some programs and completely void for others. Satterlee described the situation at USD 351, "The fact that I am not allocated a budget anymore has starved the library for resources. Since my budget is absolutely zero, these Kan-ed databases are lifesavers. Through the Kan-ed databases, students have access to current information from magazines, newspapers, journals, and references that I no longer can provide in the library."

The databases provided by Kan-ed to its members include Gale/Cengage, ProQuest, HeritageQuest, and WorldBook Online. Students can access the databases for research and find current, accurate, reliable information for their assignments. Teachers also can access these databases, and some use it for ideas for projects and lesson planning. Satterlee shared, "The databases have been a great alternative [to print resources] as well as being a reliable source for information."

USD 351 also is taking advantage of another Kan-ed service called Live Tutor/Homework Kansas. This service provides professional online tutors that are available to assist students with math, science, social studies, spelling, proofreading, and résumé building; Spanish speaking tutors also are available. Students can access this service from any computer, whether at home, school, or the public library. Satterlee added, "Very few of our teaching staff actually live in Macksville, and our student body is pulled from several communities. When a student is having problems with homework, it can be difficult to reach the staff member with the appropriate knowledge. Homework Kansas is a great resource when this happens."



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## Macksville USD 351

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