

Digital Human Library

Delivering authentic experiential learning opportunities across Canada

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A Kids' Guide to Canada Overview

PART 1:

Students create artifacts that will be shared on an interactive map hosted by ESRI to create Canada's first ever multilingual guide to Canada created by kids, for kids.

PART 2:

Students learn about cross-cultural communication, digital safety and citizenship.

PART 3:

Classes will use the Digital Human Library to connect with other classes across Canada and pursue deeper conversations and collaborative learning activities to learn more about each other.

A Kids' Guide to Canada

All K-8 teachers and classes are invited to investigate, honour, and introduce the land and people of their neighbourhood community to the children of Canada to help create a new culture of "understanding, empathy, respect, and hope".

(Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Call to Action 63.3)

This national teacher-led initiative offers an opportunity for *every K-8 student in your province or territory* to mark Canada's 150th birthday by helping create a lasting legacy for the *next* 150: the very first *multilingual, multicultural and interactive* guide to Canada made *by kids* and *for kids*: one single national school project!

Through this innovative project teachers will now be able to connect with other classes across the country and provide rich authentic learning experiences for your students never before possible. **Learn more: akgtcanada.com**

[REGISTER: akgtcanada.com](http://akgtcanada.com)

LEARN MORE:

A Kids' Guide to Canada (AKGTC)

web: akgtcanada.com
tweeps: @akgtCanada

The project is * 100% FREE, 100% inclusive
* Canadian-based

* cross-curricular and open-ended

* 1 day minimum time commitment

* ensures mandatory student safety and security components

* extra support for schools without access to reliable internet service

Connect with Royal Botanical Gardens and WIN an Interactive Virtual Field Trip!

What's your nature connection?

Exploring wetland ecosystems?
What are some of the impacts?
What are we doing at RBG?
How can you help your wetlands?

Canadian teachers!
Win a live, interactive
virtual field trip (\$130 value)!
One each in April, May and June.
Contact: Karin Davidson-Taylor
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Promo code: RBGdHL032017



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Who's NEW!

In 2016 the **Digital Human Library** has welcomed:

Karishma Bhagani, *Founder of Matone de Chiwit*

Marklevitz Architects

Joe King, *Boeing Designer*

Tanya Harrison, *Planetary Scientist*

Jason EagleSpeaker, *Indigenous Author and Graphic Novelist ... to name a few!*

Our newest experts join hundreds of dHL Experts in all curriculum subject areas that are waiting to connect with your students!

Get Inspired!

Visit with a **Planetary Scientist** and travel to space to learn about Mars. Explore coding and robotics with **D&D Automation's TechKnow Crew**. Want to take a class trip to the **North Carolina Zoo**? Or chat with an award-winning **Children's Author**? How about visiting the **Art Gallery of Ontario** or **Old Jail Art Centre** for an art history lesson? Or brush up on your photography skills with a lesson from **Professional Photographer Nicole Kaufman**. Why not build Scribblebots with the **Forth Worth Museum of Science and History** to learn the scientific concepts of electricity, force and motion with a wildly creative outcome? Are you a high school science or math teacher? Connect with **Virtual Researchers on Call (VROC)** and study with STEM experts from Canadian universities. Or be inspired to make a difference in the world by collaborating with the **Centre for Global Education** and work with students and experts around the world on projects that explore global issues and the potential youth have to shape a better common future. All of these exciting new opportunities for learning and more are just an email away!

NEW!!! Badges for Teachers and Experts

Digital Human Library Expert
Badge



Digital Human Library Teacher
Badge



Download your new badge to display on your website, blog or social media profiles!

We hope you will share the Digital Human Library with your colleagues and friends to create even more connections-based learning opportunities for kids!

The Digital Human Library Needs Volunteers!

Volunteering to improve the kinds of educational experiences offered in schools is one of the most fulfilling ways to be part of your community. At the Digital Human Library, we know that caring members of a community are essential to our success, providing invaluable contributions to children in our schools.

As the dHL continues to grow, so does our need for volunteers. If you are looking for opportunities to make a long-lasting, positive difference in the lives of students in your community, across Canada, and around the world, then we need you!

We offer excellent opportunities, training, and support, and we work with you to ensure your time spent with us is productive, and fun!

Join the dedicated team of Digital Human Library volunteers and you will see how your time and contributions will make a difference in the lives of students across Canada!

Contact us to learn more about how you can get involved!



Virtual Tours and Virtual Reality

Tour places of business, theme parks, sports venues, aquifers, deserts, mines, or the Great Barrier Reef. With hundreds of multi-media virtual tours to choose from, you and your students can learn more about the world by immersing yourselves in it!

Did you know that the Digital Human Library hosts the largest collection of educational multi-media virtual tours on the web? Take your learners on a trip to cities around the world through live cameras. Watch eagles nesting or take a virtual boat ride down the Panama Canal. Visit famous exhibits and museums like the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Centre, Andy Warhol Museum, Museum of Glass, Museum of Science and History, Lake Superior Marine Museum, Museum for Insects, or the Museum to Unnatural Mystery (Did you even know these existed???)



<p>Tips for Teachers</p> <p>Free resources including checklists & information to help you get the most from your dHL experience!</p>	<p>Video Conferencing Platforms</p> <p>Learn more about the variety of free platforms available for you and your students to connect with experts!</p>	<p>Global Connections for Teachers and Students</p> <p>Connect your students with classes around the world to learn about each other and collaborate on projects.</p>
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