

Using Permalinks in TeachingBooks.net

A little about TeachingBooks.net

I often refer to TeachingBooks.net as the "dark horse" of the ORC. Once users see what this resource has to offer - they never go back to searching the web for support resources for their ELA or library programming again. A favorite feature in TeachingBooks.net is the ability to create permalinks to virtually any page on the database.

What is a Permalink you say? Let me tell you...

The term permalink is short for permanent link. As its name suggests, a permalink is a static, unchanging URL that takes the user to a specific article/webpage in an ORC database. Users can copy the permalink into an email or on a website allowing other users (students, parents, colleagues) to open the database page without authenticating (entering a username and password).

How do I create a permalink in TeachingBooks.net?

On any TeachingBooks.net page you will find a gold coloured bar at the bottom of the screen. To create a permalink, click on the "share this page" in the gold bar. You may also notice there are options for emailing this page as well. That is where the database will send a permalink in an email right from the database. Alternately, users can select the "permalink" button in the Sharing Tools on the right hand side of the screen. With both the share this page and permalink options, a URL will pop up that you copy and paste into your webpage, email blast, wiki, blog, etc.

Can users post a permalink from TeachingBooks.net on a public website?

By providing a permalink the publisher is giving permission to post the article on a publicly accessible website/blog/wiki, etc. So please do post these permalinks and thank you for checking this out and being a conscientious digital citizen!

How would a classroom teacher or school librarian use a Permalink in TeachingBooks.net?

There are a number of ways that classroom teachers and school librarians can use permalinks to support programming. I have included just a few examples below.

Classroom Teacher

1. In the case of TeachingBooks.net, permalinks are fantastic for offering students a choice of literature circles/book clubs. For example, students may be allowed to select from four or five different novels. To help students make their selection permalinks to each of the novel pages on TeachingBooks.net can be included on the teacher website/wiki.
2. If Div II, III, & IV teachers want to promote Young Readers Choice Award (YRCA) books in their classroom they can include a permalink to the applicable YRCA TeachingBooks.net webpage on their teacher webpage/wiki.
3. If Div II & II teachers want to promote the Rocky Mountain Book Awards for grades 4-7 they can create a permalink to that TeachingBooks.net page or to each book page.
4. Want to promote the Alberta Education Authorized ELA novel and nonfiction listings for grades 4-12 on your school or teacher website/wiki? TeachingBooks.net has a page for each grade with permalinks available.
5. Use permalinks to support author studies in your classroom. This could work in a very similar way to the book clubs/literature circles idea.

School Librarian

With the introduction of the new Learning Commons policy, school librarians may be thinking about how to create meaningful programming that is linked to classroom learning and the school's short and long-term goals. TeachingBooks.net is a fantastic resource to assist you with this.

1. Use a permalink to create a link to the applicable TeachingBooks.net YRCA page so students can find out more about the selections for the year.
2. Use a permalink to create a link to applicable TeachingBooks.net Rocky Mountain Book Award pages.
3. When teachers ask you to pull a class novel set/literature circles/book clubs or author's books why not also send them applicable permalinks to support the resources from TeachingBooks.net in addition to providing the print materials?
4. Use a permalink from TeachingBooks.net to highlight an "Author of the Month" on your library webpage. Better yet why not use the listing of [Canadian Authors](#) on TeachingBooks.net to highlight a Canadian author each month?
5. Create a library book club that reads a new book every few months. On your library webpage link to each book club selection's TeachingBooks.net page.