WOW Card in Detail

Thanks to a partnership between Gaston County Schools and the Gaston County Public Library students now have access to the WOW Card, their own library WithOutWalls! This virtual card gives GCS students access to many helpful and exciting online resources via the Gaston County Public Library.

All Gaston County teachers are eligible for a regular Gaston County Public Library card.

How do I help a student determine their WOW Card number?

The WOW Card number is based on the student ID. All cards start with "WOW" and will be followed by the appropriate number of zeros, and then the student ID. This will establish a 14 character card number.

For example, a student ID of 123456 would be W O W 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 3 4 5 6. Please note the difference in the letter O in WOW and the 0s.

What can students access with the WOW Card?

Through the Gaston County Public Library, students can access…

- **NC Live** is a collection of database subscriptions offering various resource that can aid students in doing homework, research, and more. The NC Live site will ask for the WOW card to access available resources. NC Live is web-based.

E-books, e-audiobooks, and some video via:

- **Freading** offers access to e-books. Freading will ask for the WOW card for access. Freading has an app but can be accessed via the web. https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/freading/id485015785?mt=8

- **Home Grown eBooks** is accessed within NC Live, which uses the WOW card for access. Can be accessed via the web (via NC Live) but has an app.

  https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/biblioboard-library/id613149061?mt=8

- **The North Carolina Digital Library** and **NC Kids Digital** (both powered by Overdrive) will ask students to choose a library (use Gaston County Public Library) and the WOW card. Can be accessed via the web but has one app to access both services.

  https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/overdrive-library-ebooks-and-audiobooks/id366869252?mt=8

- **Rocket Languages** will require a free account to be created (email address is required). Rocket Languages has an app but can be accessed via the web.

  https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/rocket-languages/id597293943?mt=8

- **TumbleBooks** access will be restored through a partnership subscription between GCS and GCPL. This process has already started. Tumble has a new app (I am still learning it) but can be accessed via the web.

  https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/tumblebooks/id998074198?mt=8

Where can I access these resources?

Go to gastonlibrary.org/wow and click WOW card services for links to the resources.

There is a slight learning curve for some of these resources, especially any those involve apps and mobile devices. If you, as teachers, need assistance with the WOW card in general OR with any of the online services provided by the library, have more specific questions, or would like to set up one on one training to better assist students please email our Digital Services Coordinator, Chad Eller, at chad.eller@gastongov.com OR call 704-868-2164, extension 5537.