

PRO Website Provides Online Education Resources

Pacific Resources Online (PRO), a website that provides free resources for Pacific Islanders, was launched at the Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) on July 22.

Developed by the Pacific Regional Technology in Education Consortium (PR*TEC) at PREL, it is available at www.pacificresources.info.

PRO offers a wide variety of online services for Pacific educators. These include a list of grants and scholarships, annotated links to education websites, a calendar of education conferences – and most importantly, free access to the EBSCO databases.



Through PRO, not only Pacific teachers, but also parents and community members are

able to use EBSCO Information Services. EBSCO provides access to 6,000 full-text journals and magazines on education, health, business, computing, and current affairs. This powerful research tool enables users to email, view, or print out full-text journal articles directly from their desktops at home, work, or school.

To log on to EBSCO, go to the PRO home page, click on “EBSCO Database,” and enter the password. Each Pacific island state or territory has its own password, which is now available through the local PREL Service Center.

By the end of July, EBSCO had received a total of 797 logins and 2,296 searches. This research tool is of great benefit to the Pacific, and its use will certainly grow. Training courses were provided at PEC, and will be offered again at the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives (PIALA) conference November 3-8 in Pohnpei.

For more information, contact askprel@prel.org or the PREL Service Center in your entity. PREL staff will be happy to provide you with further information about this new educational service.

