Great News! Cranston Public School Libraries provide a subscription to CultureGrams in your child’s school. CultureGrams is an online learning resource that provides reliable and up-to-date cultural information on hundreds of countries, as well as the United States and the Canadian Provinces.

CultureGrams reports are written and reviewed by natives and updated every year to ensure the most accurate information. Each report covers 25 categories with a focus on the culture of the people and includes interviews and recipes.

The growing diversity of our K-12 student population requires the use of information that promotes better understanding of the similarities and differences of immigrants’ native countries and culture.

**Your student can use CultureGrams to …**

- Learn about each country’s famous people, history, geography, recipes, flags, etc.
- Access the Kids Edition which is appropriate for upper-elementary students.
- Use a data table tool to build data sets to compare countries in dozens of ways.
- Share CultureGrams country information with parents and relatives from home.

**Your student’s teachers are using CultureGrams to…**

- Promote multicultural understanding
- Integrate technology and 21st Century Skills into the curriculum.
- Ensure that content is correlated to state teaching and learning standards.
- Promote global awareness for students who may travel extensively in future education and careers.

To access CultureGrams visit [www.ricat.net](http://www.ricat.net) and choose your child’s school. Look for the Reference heading on the school’s library web page and click on the CultureGrams database that fits your child’s needs. The username and password are listed below.

Username: rilinkcgrams  
Password: cgrams

Have fun exploring!

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