



policy

CLP Databases

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POLICY:

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) provides electronic databases for use by customers in CLP locations; most are available for remote use through the Internet. These databases are in addition to those databases funded through Commonwealth Libraries of PA using Access PA, County Coordination Aid, and District Library Center funds. CLP-provided databases require authentication with a CLP library card number for remote access.

DATABASE SELECTION:

CLP's Database Selection Committee reviews, evaluates and selects electronic information resources. The Committee analyzes electronic databases based on the following criteria:

- Customer needs
- Collection balance
- Usage statistics
- Cost
- Print vs. electronic considerations
- Department/Branch requests
- Availability through other sources.

A complete list of databases available currently to CLP customers may be found at <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/research/databases/>. For many of the databases customers may use their valid Allegheny County library cards for remote access. Some databases marked "CLP Card" under Remote Access are available only to customers with CLP library cards. A few specialized databases are only available at specific sites and have no remote access.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact the Assistant Director, Main Library Services, Assistant Director, Neighborhood Libraries, or Coordinator, Collection Services.