Online Databases A-Z

Accessing databases:

► <u>On site at libraries:</u> Databases are available through public access computers. A SmartCard^{TM} is required for computer use. ***Note:*** *Downloadable audiobooks, eBooks and video currently are not available on library computers.*

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Auto Repair Reference Center
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Comprehensive database of biographical information on over 320,000 people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas. Also includes full-text articles from hundreds of periodicals. Search for people based on one or more personal facts such as birth and death year, nationality, ethnicity, occupation or gender, or combine criteria to create a highly-targeted custom search. With the Complete Marquis Who's Who(R), find quick reference information on an additional 900,000 people.

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Business and Company Resource Center
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Encyclopedias Online
This resource provides access Encyclopedia Americana, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre en línea, a dictionary, and an atlas.

Expanded Academic ASAP
From arts and the humanities to social sciences, science and technology, this database meets research needs across all academic disciplines. Access scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers - many with full text and images.

First Search
Offers access to 18 databases with indexing and citations for more than 10 million articles.

Gale Ready Reference Shelf
Provides integrated access to 335,000 entries found in directories of organizations and publications.

Gale Virtual Reference Shelf
Features encyclopedias, almanacs, and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. This database includes: Encyclopedia of Small Business, Beacham's Guide to the Endangered Species of North America, Gale Encyclopedia of U.S. Economic History, St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture, Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America, Biology, and World of Earth Science.

General Business File ASAP
Coverage: 1980 – current. Analyze company performance and activity, industry events and trends as well as the latest in management, economics and politics. Access to a combination of broker research reports, trade publications, newspapers, journals and company directory listings with full text and images available.

General Reference Center Gold
A general interest database that integrates a variety of sources in one easy-to-use interface. Use General Reference Center to find articles from magazines, reference books, and newspapers, many with full-text and images. Find the latest current events, popular culture, the arts and sciences, sports, hobbies, and more.

GrantSelect
This extensive online grants database contains more than 12,000 funding opportunities provided by more than 5,100 unique sponsoring organizations.

GreenFile
Includes scholarly, government and general-interest titles on global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more. The database provides indexing and abstracts for approximately 295,000 records, as well as Open Access full text for more than 4,600 records.

Health Reference Center Academic
A multi-source database integrates the full text and images of respected nursing, allied health and medical journals; consumer health magazines; newsletters; pamphlets; newspaper articles; topical overviews; and reference books. Also included is a wide variety of personal health information sources from InfoTrac's award-winning *Health Reference Center™*.

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General Science	OneFile	Vocation, Careers & Technical Education
Garden, Landscape & Horticulture	Pop Culture Collection	War & Terrorism
GLTB Life Issues	Professional Collection	World History
Home Improvement	Psychology Collection	

Kids InfoBits
Grades K-5. Covers geography, current events, the arts, science, health, people, government, history, sports and more from the best elementary reference sources and magazines.

LearningExpress Library
Provides a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help students and adult learners succeed on the academic or licensing tests they must pass. Users get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of your results. Includes online exams for GED, GRE, Civil Service, Military, and professional licensing and certification.

Legal Forms
New Mexico and multi-state legal forms including real estate contracts, wills, pre-marital agreements, bankruptcy, divorce, landlord tenant, name change, power of attorney and many others. Also includes an attorney directory by state, plus a dictionary of legal definitions.

Literature Resource Center
Access biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline. Combining Gale Group's core literary databases in a single online service, the Literature Resource Center covers more than 120,000 novelists, poets, essayists, journalists, and other writers, with in-depth coverage of 2,500 of the most-studied authors.

Live Homework Help®
An innovative after-school program that connects 4th-12th graders and college intro students to expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English. Features are available also en Español, and for adult learners.

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This service enables users to research more than 20,000 stocks and mutual funds, to build and analyze an investment portfolio, and to learn about stocks, mutual funds, and portfolios.

Naxos Music Library
Listen to classical music plus genres including Jazz, Blues, World and Chinese music. New releases are added monthly.

NewsBank®
Full-text content of local and regional newspapers. Each newspaper has its own distinctive focus offering a variety of viewpoints on local and world issues. Paid advertisements are excluded.

Novelist
Find new authors and titles, plus books that read just like your favorites. Including picture books, children's chapter books, young adult titles and books for adult readers.

Novelist K-8
Need help finding good books to read? Use your favorite books and authors to find new adventures! If you can't think of a book, simply choose a topic of interest and explore lists of recommended books. Teachers will find thematic units and other resources for incorporating fiction into the classroom.

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center
This database draws on the acclaimed social issues series published by Greenhaven Press, as well as core reference content from other Gale and Macmillan Reference USA sources to provide a complete one-stop source for information on social issues. Access viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

ReferenceUSA
A quick and easy way to find detailed information (including phone numbers and addresses) on over 12 million U.S. businesses and 102 million U.S. residents.

Science Resource Center
Researching science topics has never been easier -- with Science Resource Center, thousands of topic overviews, experiments, biographies, pictures and illustrations are just a few clicks away and the latest scientific developments are covered in articles from over 200 magazines and academic journals and links to quality web sites. The database covers curriculum-related science topics and offers teachers an easy-to-use tool to identify content directly correlated to state and national standards.

Small Engine Repair Reference Center
Repair information for ATVs, Generators and other small engines, Marine/Boat motors, Motorcycles, Outdoor Power Equipment, Personal Water Craft, Snow Machines/Snow Mobiles, and Tractors.

Value Line® Research Center
A comprehensive source of information and advice on approximately 1,700 stocks in 97 industries, the stock market, and the economy.
WorldCat
Link to other library catalogs worldwide to find books, eBooks, videos, DVDs and more.

 # SEARCHING TIPS

With a wide variety of databases from which to choose, a little bit of planning can go a long way in making the most of your information search. The following tips are especially useful when working with *periodical, encyclopedia* or *reference databases*.

►Starting out: Determine what category of information your search fits into.
Are you researching current events? Auto repair? Business and finance? Looking for an address? Select databases that cover the pertinent subject area. In addition to the "A-Z" list of databases, the library's "24/7 Guide" can also help you decide on a database that meets your needs.

►Think about what the information you want to find will look like.
This will help you identify the database features that can best support your information search. Questions to consider are:
- What time period should it cover?
- Do you need a full text article?
- Are you looking for a legal form?
- Do you want to find address or phone number?

►Making the most of your database choice.
When you've selected and have accessed the database, take a minute to read through any "about this database" information that's provided. This will give you a quick overview of the database's scope and coverage.

►Be simple and direct.
Especially when searching for articles (in newspaper, magazine or reference databases), simplicity is the way to go. Make a list of important words that describe your search topic. Databases often provide a keyword searching option. Just type in the important search words. No need to include common words and connectors such as the, and, a…

►Revising your search.
Sometimes your search results may seem too broad, too narrow – or otherwise off the mark. Adjusting your search words or limits can help. Consider these options:
- Change search words – to make your search more general or precise
- Use advanced search options when available
- Limit or expand the time frame for information
- Limit or expand use of search fields (full-text, headlines, abstracts/summaries)