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INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

MAGNOLIA (Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities Through Library Information Access) is a statewide consortium funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the Mississippi Department of Education, and libraries across the state of Mississippi. MAGNOLIA provides online databases for publicly funded K-12 schools, public libraries, community college libraries, and university libraries in Mississippi.

MAGNOLIA was established during the May 1997 legislative sessions and implemented in August 1997, under the auspices of the Council on Educational Technology, and the leadership of the late Senator Grey Ferris. The mission of the digital consortium is to provide all citizens of Mississippi with free, online access to thousands of full text articles and research that can assist them with their educational, professional and lifelong learning endeavors.

Without this statewide project, libraries would not have access to more than 47,000 full text journals. MAGNOLIA represents a unique situation across the nation in that this was the first type of cooperative project/consortium that represented all types of libraries at the time the consortium was established.



**In 2018, there were
19,224,000 sessions
resulting in 41,484,000
searches and 1,695,000
full-text downloads.**

"How doe MAGNOLIA help individuals in MS?"
MAGNOLIA brochure

HOW TO READ THE GUIDE

The *MAGNOLIA: Guide and Resources for K12 Librarians and Classroom Teachers* gives a detailed explanation of the different resources available for students, school librarians, and classroom teachers. The guide includes curriculum and library skills connection, Lexile information, search tips, and a sample lesson plan.

The guide can be used as a professional development tool to help teachers and librarians understand the importance of using databases included on MAGNOLIA or as a teaching tool when working with students. Additional lesson plans can be found on the MAGNOLIA website. Each lesson plan has seven elements: Grade Level, Objective, College- and Career-Readiness Standards, Library Learning Standards, Activity, Resources, and Literature Connection.



Connection to MS College-and Career-Readiness Standards

- Provides additional text for CCR.R.1 - CCR.R.10
- Provides informational text for CCR.W.1 and CCR.W.2
- Provides research information for CCR.W.7 - CCR.W.9

Connection to MS School Library Monitoring Rubric

- **1.3 REFERENCE MATERIALS:** Collection shall include print and/or digital Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, Almanacs, Thesauruses, and Atlases. Print and/or online periodicals such as newspapers and magazines shall be included in this collection.
- **1.4 NON-PRINT RESOURCES:** Collection shall include internet resources, MAGNOLIA, audio/visual, technology, and/or digital and ebook subscriptions.
- **1.5 PROFESSIONAL PERIODICALS:** Resources shall support the Mississippi Department of Education Professional Development Accountability Standard 15 as well as the professional growth of teachers, administrators, and school librarians.

Connection to MS School Librarian Professional Growth Rubric

- **STANDARD 2:** Plans instruction and provides print and digital resources that meet the diversity of students' backgrounds, cultures, skills, learning levels, language proficiencies, interests, and special needs by working with teachers, administrators, and the school library advocacy committee.
- **STANDARD 3:** Encourages reading of various forms of literature by developing and maintaining a balanced, comprehensive, diverse, and up-to-date collection of print and digital resources that support the school's instructional program while maintaining an awareness of students' reading interests and providing guidance in the selection grade-appropriate materials.
- **STANDARD 5:** Collaboratively plans and teaches engaging inquiry-based informational and digital literacy lessons that incorporate multiple literacies and foster critical thinking as an integral part of the *Mississippi Library Learning Standards* and the *Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards*.
- **STANDARD 6:** Provides training and assistance to students and teachers in the use of print and digital library resources, equipment, copyright and fair use, and emerging technologies to support teaching and learning.

Connection to MS CCR School Library Learning Standards

- **STANDARD 2: Print and Digital Resources** Students will apply a research process to decide what information is needed, find sources, use information, and check sources.
- **RES.PR.2.5** Identify and use MAGNOLIA, selected Internet sites, or other databases for credible research resources.

Connection to AASL National School Library Standards

- **I.B.1 The school library enables the generation of new knowledge by:** Providing experience with and access to resources, information, ideas, and technology for all learners in the school community.
- **II.D.1 The school library builds empathy and equity within the global learning community by:** Ensuring that all learning needs are through access to information and ideas located in a diverse collection of sufficient size for the learner population and supported by reliable hardware and software.
- **III.A.2 The school library facilitates opportunities to integrate collaborative and shared learning by: Leading** inquiry-based learning opportunities that enhance the information, media, visual, and technical literacies of all members of the school community.
- **III.C.2 The school library provides opportunities for school librarians to connect and work with the learning community by:** Designing and leading professional-development opportunities that reinforce the impact of the school library's resources, services, and programming on learners' academic learning and educators' effectiveness.
- **IV.A.1 The school library provides problem-based learning experiences and environments by:** Using resources and technology to foster inquiry and scaffold mastery of skills necessary for learning to progress.
- **IV.A.3 The school library provides problem-based learning experiences and environments by:** Focusing on the effective use of a wide range of resources to foster information skills appropriate to content areas.
- **IV.B.1 The school library promotes selection of appropriate materials and tools for information use by:** Demonstrating and documenting how resources and technology are used to address information needs.
- **IV.D.1-2 The school library engages the learning community in exploring resources by:** Describing, organizing, and promoting the collection for maximum and effective uses for multiple learning applications. Maintaining a collection of sufficient breadth and currency to be pertinent to the school's program of studies.
- **IV.D.4 The school library engages the learning community in exploring resources by:** Using local and external data to inform ongoing adjustments to the scope of the resource collection, and its audiences, formats, and applications.
- **V.A.1-2 The school library supports learners' personal curiosity by:** Providing resources and strategies for inquiry-based processes. Fostering opportunities for learners to demonstrate personal curiosity and creation of knowledge through engaging with a wide variety of resources and technology.



SCHOOL AND HOME ACCESS

- Each school library is required to have a link to the MAGNOLIA Databases on the school's library webpage according to the *Mississippi Public School Library Monitoring Rubric*.
- School libraries use the standard MAGNOLIA username to access databases from school or home. For technical assistance, call 662.325.8542.

PLEASE SIGN IN

Enter the access code provided by your library. It will be the letters **"magn"** followed by **four numbers**. If you don't have an access code, contact your school or public library.

Access Code

Sign In

- All available databases will be listed on the K-12 homepage. To access a database, click on the database name.
 - K-5th grade students - Elementary School Students
 - 6-8th grade students - Middle School Students
 - 9-12th grade students - High School Students

CHOOSE GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY

Grades K-5

Explore Databases

MIDDLE

Grades 6-8

Explore Databases

HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12

Explore Databases



Elementary School Resources (K-5)



Explora Primary is a full-text database providing popular children’s magazines, easy-to-read encyclopedia entries and a vast image collection. EBSCO is the leading provider of research databases, e-journals, magazine subscriptions, e-books and discovery service to libraries of all kinds. Explora supports both student research and classroom instruction with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality.



Using **AR BookFinder**, students, teachers, parents, and librarians can search in English or Spanish to find book level or a Lexile measure, interest level, title, award-winners, state lists, & CCRS Exemplars.



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Great Websites is compilation of exemplary websites geared to children from birth to age 14 which are evaluated by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association.



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Middle School Resources (6-8)



Explora Middle full-text database providing popular middle school magazines, reference books, biographies, primary source documents, and maps. EBSCO is the leading provider of research databases, e-journals, magazine subscriptions, e-books and discovery service to libraries of all kinds.



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High School Resources (9-12)



Explora Secondary supports both student research and classroom instruction with features including a simple search, easily browse categories, topic overviews, Lexile measures, text-to-speech, and a Curriculum Standards Module. EBSCO is the leading provider of research databases, e-journals, magazine subscriptions, e-books and discovery service to libraries of all kinds. Explora supports both student research and classroom instruction with rich, reliable content and easy-to-use functionality.



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Business Source Complete offers full text journals, books, reference works, conference proceedings, company profiles, and more, in all disciplines of business, including marketing, management, accounting, finance and economics.



The program is designed to help aspiring as well as more experienced drivers. With the motto of "everyone can be a safe driver," **Driving-Tests** provides users with unlimited access to official state driver's manuals, online practice tests for car, motorcycle and commercial driver's license (CDL), an exam simulator, and a DMV-related FAQ.



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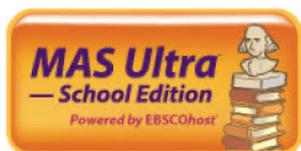
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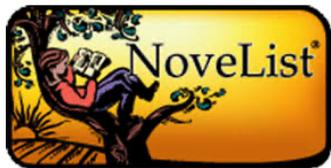
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TopicSearch offers full text for over 102,000 articles on social, political and economic issues, scientific discoveries, and other popular topics discussed in today's classrooms, including controversial opinions and viewpoints.



Vocational & Career Collection provides full text coverage for nearly 350 trade and industry-related periodicals, including American Machinist, Pediatric Nursing, Hotel and Motel management, Advertising Age, and many more.

Poetry Resources (K-12)

- **American Verse Project:** The American Verse Project is a collaborative project between the University of Michigan Humanities Text Initiative (HTI) and the University of Michigan Press. The project is assembling an electronic archive of volumes of American poetry prior to 1920. The full text of each volume of poetry is being converted into digital form . . . with various forms of access provided through the WWW.
 - **Bartleby.com Verse Collection:** With thousands of poems by hundreds of authors, Bartleby.com offers one of the largest free collections of verse on the web.
 - **British Women Romantic Poetry Archive:** The goal of this project is the design and development of highly accurate and reliable electronic editions of works published by British women poets between 1789 and 1832.
 - **Contemporary American Poetry Archive:** CAPA is an electronic archive designed to make out-of-print volumes of poetry available to readers, scholars, and researchers. The books are stored as individual text-only files accessible via the World Wide Web on the Internet.
 - **Internet Poetry Archive:** The University of North Carolina Press joins the UNC Office of Information Technology in publishing the Internet Poetry Archive. The archive will make available over a worldwide computer network selected poem from a number of contemporary poets. The goal of the project is to make poetry accessible to new audiences (at little or no cost) and to give teachers and students of poetry new ways of presenting and studying these poets and their texts. The archive includes the work of living poets from around the world.
 - **Internet Public Library:** Full texts of poems are available in the Literature section.
 - **John Milton Reading Room:** From its beginnings in the spring of 1997, The Milton Reading Room has been a project of collaboration between me, Thomas Luxon (Associate Professor of English at Dartmouth College), and my students.
 - **Modern American Poetry:** This web site grew out of the experience of editing Anthology of Modern American Poetry for Oxford University Press. The site is designed to help all readers of modern poetry, not just readers of the Oxford anthology.
 - **On-Line Books Page:** The On-Line Books Page is a website that facilitates access to books that are freely readable over the Internet. It also aims to encourage the development of such on-line books, for the benefit and edification of all.
 - **Poet's Corner:** Our goal is to create the largest, most diverse, and most user-friendly public library of poetic works ever assembled. The materials on display are selected from an inventory of thousands of works by hundreds of authors, transcribed and gathered here by the Editors and by many volunteer contributors from around the world.
 - **Representative Poetry On-Line:** Representative Poetry On-line . . . includes 2,200 English poems by over 340 poets from Caedmon, in the Old English period, to the verge of copyright in the twentieth century.
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ACADEMIC RESOURCES

| Resource Name | Photos/Videos | Digital Pubs | Citations | Read-aloud |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Academic Search Premier | X | X | X | X |
| BioInteractive | X | X | | |
| Book Collection | X | X | X | |
| DOGO News | X | | X | PRO Version |
| Explora | X | X | X | X |
| Fact Monster | X | | X | |
| Funk & Wagnalls | X | | X | X |
| History Reference Center | X | X | X | X |
| iCivics | X | X | | |
| Library of Congress | X | X | X | |
| Literary Reference Center | X | X | X | X |
| MAS Ultra-School Edition | X | X | X | X |
| MS Encyclopedia | X | | X | |
| MyShakespeare | X | X | | X |
| NASA Kids' Club | X | X | | |
| National Gallery of Art | X | X | | |
| Native North Americans | X | X | X | X |
| NewseumED | X | X | | |
| Newspaper Source | | X | X | X |
| Science News | X | | X | |
| Topic Search | X | X | X | X |
| Vocational & Career | X | | X | X |

LESSON PLANS

| Resource Name | Lesson Plans | Activities | Standards | Resources |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Ben's Guide | X | X | | Games, Glossary |
| BioInteractive | X | X | X | |
| DOGO News | | | X | Lexile, Vocabulary |
| Explora | X | X | X | |
| Fact Monster | | X | | Reference Resources |
| Funk & Wagnalls | EBSCO Support | EBSCO Support | | |
| Great Websites for Kids | | X | | |
| Have Fun with History | | X | | Outside Links |

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| History Reference Center | EBSCO Support | EBSCO Support | X | Research Guide |
| iCivics | X | X | X | |
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| NewseumED | X | X | X | Primary Sources |
| Newspaper Source | EBSCO Support | EBSCO Support | | |
| Novelist | | | X | Book Clubs, Displays, Lists |
| PBS Newshour Extra | X | | X | Corresponding Materials |
| ReadKiddoRead | X | | | |
| Science News for Students | | | X | Questions, Vocabulary, Lexile |
| Teen/Tween Tribune | X | X | | Lexile, Smithsonian Resource |
| The Learning Network | X | X | | |
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BOOK LISTS

| Resources Name | Description | Reviews | Reading Levels | Read-alikes |
|----------------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------------|
| AR BookFinder | X | | X | |
| Find a Book | X | | X | |
| KidsReads | X | X | | |
| NoveList | X | X | X | X |
| ReadKiddoRead | X | | | X |

Novelist

Library usage is critical component in literacy and educational success, and *Novelist* provides valuable support. By identifying the right books for every reader, it helps students achieve reading success. Students, teachers, and librarians can search by age range, reading level, and grade.

Novelist connects students to books by making recommendations based on readers' likes and can help librarians and teachers find books and articles for a unit or lesson. *Novelist* has extra content like reviews, book discussion guides, and curriculum guides.

The screenshot shows the Novelist website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: Home, Browse By, Especially For, Quick Links, and How Do I?. Below this is a search bar with a placeholder text "Describe a book. Ex. Japan 1930 women" and a "Search" button. To the right of the search bar is a link "Search Other Databases". Below the search bar are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History".

The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, "Recommended Reads Lists" features a sidebar with categories: Adult, Teen, Ages 9-12 (selected), and Ages 0-8. Below these are various genre and topic lists with right-pointing arrows, such as "Adventure Stories", "All Kinds of Lives", "Animal Stories", "Australian Fiction", "Best of 2018", "Canadian Fiction", "Classics", "Family", "Fantasy and Science Fiction", and "For Fans Of...".

The right section, "I'm in the mood for books that are...", has a similar navigation bar with "Ages 9-12" selected. Below it are four mood categories: "Angst-filled and Character-driven" (selected), "World-building and Fast-paced", "Offbeat and Silly", and "Thoughtful and Issue-oriented". Under the selected category, it says "Oh the drama!" and displays five book covers: "The Magnificent Nya Tibbs" by Crystal Allen, "Soof" by Sarah Weeks, "The Reckless Club" by Beth Yrabel, "Tight" by Torrey Maldonado, and "Academy of Dance Ballet Breakdown". Below the covers is a link: "Want to make your own combo? Try our appeal mixer".

Features

- Award Lists covering a range of genres, subject areas, and reading levels
- Grab and Go Book lists arranged by genre or topic for a range of reading levels
- Read-alikes list similar genres, plot descriptions, and similar authors
- Book Discussion Guides which include author biography, summary, questions, and reading suggestions
- Book Talks on children's and young adult titles to promote reading
- Advanced Searching to limit results by AR levels, Lexile levels, age, and grade of reader

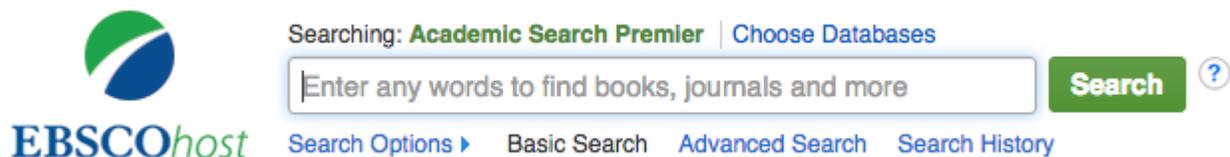


BASIC AND ADVANCED SEARCHING

With the exceptions of *Explora*, *History Reference Center*, *Literary Reference Center*, and *NoveList*, all of the EBSCO databases have the same search screen. Most of the EBSCO databases can be searched simultaneously. Students can choose different databases to search at one time by using *Academic Search Premier*.

There are 2 available searches:

- Basic Search allows users to create a search with limiters, expanders, and Boolean operators
- Advanced Search allows users to create a search with advanced settings like Lexile levels, publication type, and material type (e.g., periodicals, reference books)



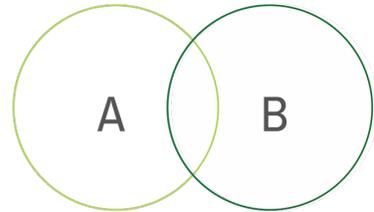
SEARCHING TIPS FOR STUDENTS

- Use quotation marks or Boolean operators to keep phrases or search strings together. If the search does not use quotation marks or Boolean operators, then those words will not be searched as a single phrase.
- “Find all my search terms” searches the databases by automatically adding **AND** in between each of the terms entered into the **FIND** field.
- “Find any of my search terms” searched by automatically adding **OR** in between each of the terms entered into the **FIND** field.
- Use “limiters” to narrow the focus of the search to retrieve with more relevance to search terms or keywords.

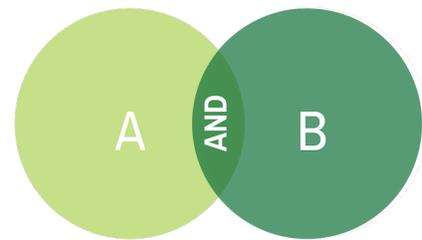


Boolean searching allows you to create very specific or very broad searches by using the Boolean operators (**AND**, **OR**, and **NOT**) to combine search terms. The diagrams below will explain how each operator works.

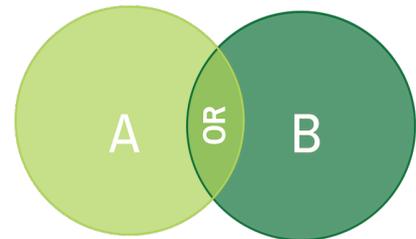
The circles below represent two sets of documents. Those in circle **A** contain the search term “A” and those in **B** contain the search term “B”.



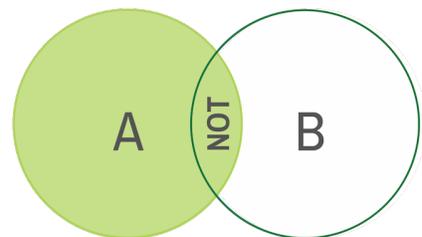
AND: If you wanted to find documents containing both terms **A** and **B** you would use the term “**AND**”. Only those documents that have both terms will be retrieved. **AND** decreases the number of documents retrieved.



OR: If you wanted to find documents that contain either **A** or **B** you would use the term “**OR**”. Any document with one of the terms will be retrieved; in this case all documents would be retrieved. **OR** increases the number of documents retrieved.



NOT: If you want to find documents with one search term but not those containing another term you use the term “**NOT**.” Only those documents containing the desired term and not containing the undesired term will be retrieved. **NOT** decreases the number of documents to be retrieved.



ADDITIONAL SEARCH TECHNIQUES

Wildcard

- A wildcard is used to replace characters in a search term that you do not know.
- The wildcard replaces only a single character therefore documents with the word “net” would not be found with this search.
- For example: the search ne?t will find documents containing “neat,” “nest,” or “next.”

Truncation

- Truncation is a way to search various terms without having to use the “OR” operator to combine several forms of a word.
- Truncation is represented by an asterisk (*).
- For example: search the term “comput*” to retrieve documents containing the following words: computer, computing, computerized, etc.

Proximity Operators

- Proximity operators (Near and Within) are used to find search terms that appear in the document a specific number of words apart.
- The operators are composed of a letter (N or W) and a number that designates how many words may be between the two terms.
 - **NEAR:** The Near operator is used to search for terms regardless of the order of the words. Example: “tax N5 reform” will retrieve documents that have the terms “tax” and “reform” within 5 words of each other. It would retrieve both “tax reform” and “reform of income tax”.
 - **WITHIN:** The Within operator is used to search for terms in a specific order. Example: “tax W8 reform” will only retrieve documents where “tax” appears before “reform” with 8 or less words between. It would retrieve “tax reform” but not “reform of income tax”.



Some EBSCO databases include Lexiles, or reading levels, in citation information. The Lexile rankings assigned to a result provides educators with an estimate of the reading difficulty of the result, and the approximate grade level reading ability required for comprehension.

HOW DO I LIMIT MY SEARCHES BY LEXILE READING LEVEL?

To limit searches by Lexile Reading Level:

1. Click the **ADVANCED SEARCH** link to access all available limiters
2. Select a reading level from the **LEXILE READING LEVEL** limiter

Lexile Reading Level

All
Up to 500 / Grades K-2
300-800 / Grades 3-4
550-1000 / Grades 5-6

Publication

Published Date

Month Year: - Month Year:

Additionally, you can search by Lexile using the **LX** search tag. For example, in a database such as *Explora*, you could enter **hurricanes AND LX 500 - 750** to find articles about hurricanes within that Lexile range.

The screenshot shows the Explora search interface. At the top, the search query "hurricanes AND LX 500-750" is entered in the search bar. Below the search bar, there are three rows of "AND" limiters, each with a dropdown menu labeled "Select a Field (option...)". To the right of the search bar are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below the search bar, there are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History".

On the left side, there is a "Refine Results" panel. It shows the "Current Search" as "hurricanes AND LX 500-750". Under "Limiters", "Full Text" is selected. Under "Limit To", "Full Text" is checked, and "Peer Reviewed" is unchecked. There are also date range selectors for "1992" and "2018".

The main search results area shows "Search Results: 1 - 30 of 161". The first result is titled "1. 'A Hurricane Destroyed My Town': Last August, Hurricane Harvey tore through Ashley Villarreal's small but Ashley, 16, and her neighbors didn't give up. They came back stronger than ever." It is by PRESS, JESSICA, from Scholastic Action, Apr 2018, Vol. 41 Issue 7, p14-17. 4p. Reading Level (Lexile): 600. The subjects are HURRICANE Harvey, 2017; BUILDING. There are links for HTML Full Text and PDF Full Text (2.3MB).

The second result is titled "2. Watching Old Rivals Become Close Friends." It is by Walker, Diana, from Time, 12/17/2018, Vol. 192 Issue 25/26, p38-39. 2p. 1 Color Photograph. Reading Level (Lexile): 730. The article discusses a photograph of former U.S. Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton during efforts to fund relief after Hurricane Kat. The subjects are BUSH, George, 1924-2018; CLINTON, Bill, 1946-; HURRICANE Katrina, 2005 -- Reconstruction. There are links for HTML Full Text and PDF Full Text (440KB).

HOW DOES EBSCO ANALYZE THE LEXILE SCORE OF ARTICLES?

EBSCO and MetaMetrics have formed a partnership that allows EBSCO to use the MetaMetrics Lexile Analysis tool to measure and score the text difficulty of articles in which EBSCO has secured rights from publishers. As part of this joint project, MetaMetrics and EBSCO drafted the following technical rules for the pre-processor:

- processing of prose content within paragraphs
- elimination of backmatter, such as references, bibliographies, resources, Web site URLs, etc.
- elimination of bulleted lists
- elimination of captions
- elimination of insets

The MetaMetrics Lexile Analyzer uses a proprietary algorithm to determine the Lexile measure of the prose within an article. To assure the highest relevance in assigning a measure, the EBSCO - MetaMetrics team created additional rules in the analyzer logic:

- no score is applied if the article is less than 125 words
- no score is applied if the Lexile measure is 200L or less

With the technology in place, there is an acceptable variation that will allow students to select and read content that is in the correct level of comprehension.

WHICH EBSCO DATABASES SUPPORT SEARCHING BY LEXILE?

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Book Collection: Nonfiction | MAS Ultra-School Edition | TOPICSearch |
| Explora | Newspaper Source | Vocational & Career Collection |
| History Reference Center | Novelist | |



H. W. Wilson Core Collection provides impartial, authoritative guides to help librarians build and maintain well-rounded collections reference, nonfiction and fiction books. MAGNOLIA offers Middle and Junior High Core Collection and Senior High Core Collection for School Librarians.

MIDDLE AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CORE COLLECTION

For libraries and educators serving readers in grades five through nine, this resource provides indispensable help with collection development and maintenance, curriculum support, readers' advisory and general reference. With more than 28,000 recommended titles, Middle & Junior High Core Collection covers fiction and nonfiction works for children and adolescents.

SENIOR HIGH CORE COLLECTION

This selective list of books recommended for young people in grades 9 through 12 is invaluable for collection development and maintenance, readers' advisory and curriculum support in the high school library and the young adult section of the public library. With more than 28,000 recommended titles, Senior High Core Collection covers fiction and nonfiction works for high school readers.



STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

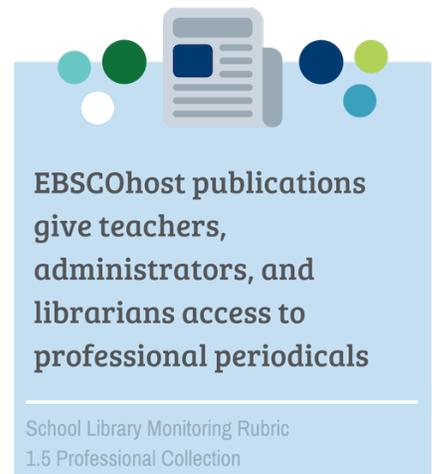
- Click **MIDDLE** or **HIGH SCHOOL** and search for **H.W. Wilson** in the **Database Search Bar**
- Search by topic, title, author or theme to find reference, nonfiction, and fiction books
- Search results will appear and can be limited source type (book or reviews); subject; and publication, and full text
- Each detailed book record lists author, publisher, publication year, Dewey Decimal Classification, reading level, abstract, price, similar books, and other books by the author
- The detailed records links school librarians to reviews of each book



Journal Alerts save valuable research time and can be set up to provide automatic email notification whenever a new issue of a particular journal becomes available in the EBSCO interface you are using.

STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

- Select **ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER** from the **HIGH SCHOOL** Database collection
- Create an EBSCOhost account by clicking **SIGN IN** with school email or Google account
- Click **PUBLICATIONS** at the top left of the search screen
- Search journals alphabetically or by subject
- Click on **JOURNAL TITLE** to open **PUBLICATION DETAILS** page
- Click **SHARE** on the right and click **EMAIL ALERT**
- Type your email in the **EMAIL TO** box



VIEWING A JOURNAL ALERT

EBSCO alerts are set to display the first 100 results. If your alert produces more than 100 results, and you want to view the remaining results, there are two ways to view all results from your alerts. Click on the persistent link in the alert email to view all available results.

DELETING A JOURNAL ALERT

You can delete your Alert by logging into your **MY EBSCOhost** personal folder.

- Click the **SIGN IN** link in the upper left corner of the screen
- Click the **FOLDER** link and your folder contents display, with a menu located on the left-hand column
- Click **JOURNAL ALERTS** and mark the checkbox for each alert you would like to delete
- Click the **DELETE ITEMS** button and the selected items are removed from the folder

ABSTRACTS VS FULL TEXT

EBSCO provides both bibliographic records (abstracts) and full text periodicals and journals for librarians, administrators, teachers, and other school community members to use to promote professional development. *Educational Administration Abstracts* and *Teacher Reference Center* provide only indexing and abstracts of educational journals and periodicals. These databases do not provide full text articles.

Professional Development Collection provides a high-quality collection of educational journals and periodicals on everything from children's health and development to pedagogical theory and practice. The following titles are current and discuss educational topics from the United States. The bold titles are resources that would benefit school librarians and can be selected to create a professional journal alert.

AVAILABLE PD RESOURCES

| Publication Name | Start Date | PDF |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| America | 01/01/1992 | Y |
| American Libraries | 01/01/1975 | Y |
| American Secondary Education | 03/01/2001 | Y |
| Arts & Activities | 05/01/1990 | Y |
| Book Links | 01/01/2002 | Y |
| Booklist | 01/01/2002 | Y |
| Career Outlook | 09/01/2014 | |
| Child Welfare | 01/01/1990 | Y |
| Children & Libraries | 07/01/2003 | Y |
| Children's Technology & Engineering | 06/01/2010 | Y |
| Computers in Libraries | 07/01/1993 | Y |
| Curriculum & Teaching Dialogue | 01/01/2002 | Y |
| Curriculum Review | 09/01/2011 | Y |
| District Administration | 10/01/2001 | Y |
| Education | 09/01/1969 | Y |
| Education & Treatment of Children | 01/01/1990 | Y |
| Education Digest | 05/01/1990 | Y |
| Education Week | 01/01/1995 | |
| Educational Leadership | 10/01/1974 | Y |
| Educational Research Quarterly | 01/01/2001 | Y |
| Exceptional Children | 01/01/2001 | Y |
| General Music Today | 07/01/2003 | |
| Gifted Child Today | 01/01/2000 | Y |
| High School Journal | 10/01/1996 | Y |
| History Teacher | 01/01/2001 | Y |
| Horn Book Magazine | 07/01/1990 | Y |

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| Information & Culture | 02/01/2012 | Y |
| Information Management Journal | 01/01/1999 | Y |
| Information Technology & Libraries | 01/01/2004 | Y |
| Information Today | 07/01/1996 | Y |
| Issues in Science & Technology | 09/01/1990 | Y |
| Journal of Alcohol & Drug Education | 09/01/1993 | Y |
| Journal of Developmental Education | 07/01/1996 | Y |
| Journal of Experiential Education | 01/01/2001 | Y |
| Journal of Instructional Psychology | 01/01/1990 | Y |
| Journal of Invitational Theory & Practice | 01/01/2003 | Y |
| Journal of Mental Health Counseling | 01/01/1994 | Y |
| Journal of Research & Practice for Adult Literacy, Secondary & Basic Education | 01/01/2012 | Y |
| Journal of Research in Music Education | 03/01/2001 | |
| Journal of Technology Studies | 01/01/2002 | Y |
| Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness | 09/01/1993 | Y |
| Junior Scholastic (Teacher's Edition) | 05/10/1999 | Y |
| Knowledge Quest | 07/01/2003 | Y |
| Leadership | 09/01/2000 | Y |
| Learning Disability Quarterly | 01/01/2001 | Y |
| Library Journal | 05/01/1976 | Y |
| Library Resources & Technical Services | 01/01/2004 | Y |
| Library Technology Reports | 05/01/2002 | Y |
| Literacy Today (2411-7862) | 07/01/2015 | Y |
| Modern Age | 07/01/1996 | Y |
| Music Educators Journal | 01/01/1990 | |
| New Directions for Child & Adolescent Development | 12/01/1998 | Y |
| New Directions for Student Leadership | 01/01/2015 | Y |
| New Directions for Student Services | 01/01/1997 | Y |
| New Directions for Teaching & Learning | 01/01/1997 | Y |
| Online Searcher | 01/01/2013 | Y |
| PCWorld | 01/01/1996 | Y |
| Phi Delta Kappan | 01/01/1994 | Y |
| Physical Educator | 01/01/1990 | Y |
| Professional Educator | 01/01/2004 | Y |
| Psychology in the Schools | 01/01/1997 | Y |
| Reading Improvement | 03/01/2004 | Y |
| Reclaiming Children & Youth | 02/01/2003 | Y |
| Reference & User Services Quarterly | 05/01/2002 | Y |
| Scholastic Action (Teacher's Edition) | 05/01/1999 | Y |
| Scholastic Choices (Teacher's Edition) | 10/01/1999 | Y |

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| Scholastic DynaMath (Teacher's Edition) | 09/01/2003 | Y |
| Scholastic Math (Teacher's Edition) | 10/04/1999 | Y |
| Scholastic News -- Edition 1 (Teacher's Edition) | 10/01/1999 | Y |
| Scholastic News -- Edition 2 (Teacher's Edition) | 09/01/1999 | Y |
| Scholastic News -- Edition 3 (Teacher's Edition) | 09/06/1999 | Y |
| Scholastic News -- Edition 4 (Teacher's Edition) | 09/06/1999 | Y |
| Scholastic News -- Edition 5/6 (Teacher's Edition) | 01/01/2005 | Y |
| Scholastic Scope (Teacher's Edition) | 09/06/1999 | Y |
| Scholastic SuperScience (Teacher's Edition) | 05/01/1999 | Y |
| Scholastic Teacher | 09/01/2015 | Y |
| School Administrator | 01/01/2002 | |
| School Library Journal | 09/01/1974 | Y |
| School Psychology Review | 03/01/1990 | Y |
| Science World (Teacher's Edition) | 05/01/1999 | Y |
| State Legislatures | 01/01/2000 | Y |
| Teacher Librarian | 09/01/1998 | Y |
| Teaching Exceptional Children | 01/01/2001 | Y |
| Tech Directions | 01/01/1995 | Y |
| Techniques: Connecting Education & Careers | 11/01/1999 | Y |
| Technology & Engineering Teacher | 09/01/2010 | Y |
| Time for Kids (Grades 5-6) (Teacher's Guide) | 07/01/2012 | |
| Young Adult Library Services | 01/01/2004 | Y |



Integrating technology into school curricula has been a chief objective of librarians and teachers with the growth of internet and online databases. It has become vital for schools and school libraries to embrace these technologies. Using databases and online resources bring together the American Association of School Librarian's *National School Library Standards*, *Mississippi School Library Learning Standards*, and *Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards*.

DIFFERENTIATED LEARNING

Many EBSCO databases located on MAGNOLIA include searching options by Lexile levels as well as have the ability for the students to listen to a text being read to them. Using HTML Full Text option, students can listen to the entire article in three different accents while being guided through the text by highlighted words and phrases. Audio files can be downloaded to computers and the different text, highlighting, and reading options. HTML Full Text options can be translated into various languages and readers can switch between the languages with an easy-to-use toggle switch.



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CURRICULUM STANDARD SEARCH

EBSCO's Curriculum Standards Module allows teachers and librarians to locate curriculum standards based on several criteria. Within the Curriculum Standards Module, teachers and librarians have access to a number of recommended search strings to help find relevant, professional content. The curriculum search module can be accessed either through Explora, History Reference Center, and Literary Reference Center or through <http://absite.ebscohost.com/>.

Standards:

- Domestic Affairs**
 - Understand how geography, history, and politics have influenced the development of Mississippi.
 - Identify the major (Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Natchez) and minor (Biloxi, Tunica) Native American groups found living in Mississippi by the first European explorers in the region and discuss their governmental, economic and ecological systems.
Search String: ((("Mississippi") and ("description" or "geography" or "economic conditions" or "politics" or "government" or "social conditions" or "history"))
 - Describe the social, economic and political context of Mississippi when it was held by France, England and Spain and describe the process by which the Mississippi territory was admitted to the United States.
Search String: ((("Mississippi") and ("description" or "geography" or "economic conditions" or "politics" or "government" or "social conditions" or "history"))
Search String: ((("United States" and "statehood"))
Search String: ((("United States" and "state exploration"))
 - Analyze the development of slavery in Mississippi including the various factors (economic, geographic, and social) that contributed to its development and explain the opposition to slavery in Mississippi.
Search String: ((("Mississippi") and ("description" or "geography" or "economic conditions" or

Step-by-Step Directions

- Select **MISSISSIPPI** from drop-down list
- Select **STANDARD, SUBJECT, YEAR, GRADE** to access the state's curriculum standards, which will display in a column on the right side of the screen
- Click the **PLUS SIGN (+)** icon to view standards for your chosen topic
- Click the **PLUS SIGN (+)** of individual benchmark to reveal **SEARCH STRING**
- Enter the recommended search terms in the **FIND** fields for a results list
- **PRINT, EMAIL, or SAVE** information as a .txt file



Aa

Academic Search Premier

Indexing for more than 8,200 journals, and unmatched full text coverage in biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, psychology, religion & theology, and more, for over 4,500 of those titles.

Academy of American Poets



Visitors to the award-winning website of *The Academy of American Poets* can find essays on poetry, biographies of more than 200 poets, text of nearly 600 poems, and RealAudio of eighty poems read by their authors; learn all about the Academy and its programs; discuss poetry and share their own work with fellow web travelers; find out what poetry events are happening in their towns; and much more.

AGRICOLA

Bibliographic records from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Library, covering all aspects of agriculture and allied disciplines, including animal and veterinary science, plant sciences, forestry, farming, and more.

Alt-HealthWatch

Full text articles for 180 international journals, reports, pamphlets, booklets, and more, covering the full spectrum of topics in complementary, holistic and integrated approaches to healthcare and wellness.

American Verse Project



The American Verse Project is a collaborative project between the University of Michigan Humanities Text Initiative (HTI) and the University of Michigan Press. The project is assembling an electronic archive of volumes of American poetry prior to 1920. The full text of each volume of poetry is being converted into digital form with various forms of access provided through the WWW.

AR BookFinder



Students, teachers, parents, and librarians can search in English or Spanish to find book level or a Lexile measure, interest level, title, award-winners, state lists, & CCRS Exemplars.

Bb

Bartleby.com Verse Collection



With thousands of poems by hundreds of authors, Bartleby.com offers one of the largest free collections of verse on the web.

Ben's Guide to the US Government



Ben's Guide to the U.S. Government is designed to inform students, parents, and educators about the Federal Government, which issues the publications and information products disseminated by the GPO's Federal Depository Library Program.

Bibliography of Native North Americans

Covers all aspects of native North American culture, history, and life. Topics include archaeology, multicultural relations, gaming, governance, legend, and literacy.

BioInteractive



From data-rich activities and case studies to high-quality videos and interactive media, our resources are designed to connect students to big ideas in biology, promote engagement with science practices, and instill awe and wonder about the living world. In addition, the *BioInteractive* website provides educators with planning tools to build resource playlists and storylines, and professional learning materials and opportunities to deepen their scientific and pedagogical expertise.

Book Collection: Nonfiction

Fully searchable full text and abstracts for nearly 4,000 popular nonfiction books on topics such as careers, ethnicity, disabilities, adventure, technology, history, and civics.

British Women Romantic Poetry Archive



The goal of this project is the design and development of highly accurate and reliable electronic editions of works published by British women poets between 1789 and 1832.

Business Source Complete

Full text journals, books, reference works, conference proceedings, company profiles, and more, in all disciplines of business, including marketing, management, accounting, finance and economics.

Cc

Computer Source

Indexing and abstracts for nearly 450 publications, and full text for nearly 300 publications, covering topics including computer science, programming, artificial intelligence, cybernetics, robotics, and software.

Consumer Health Complete

Full text content covering all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated medicine. Topics include aging, cancer, diabetes, drugs and alcohol, fitness, and more.

Contemporary American Poetry Archive



CAPA is an electronic archive designed to make out-of-print volumes of poetry available to readers, scholars, and researchers. The books are stored as individual text-only files accessible via the World Wide Web on the Internet.

Dd

DK Findout!



Visit *DK Find Out!* to learn about dinosaurs, space, animals, nature & more. Fun learning activities for kids with videos, quizzes & galleries.

DMV Tests



The program is designed to help aspiring as well as more experienced drivers. With the motto of "everyone can be a safe driver," *Driving-Tests* provides users with unlimited access to official state driver's manuals, online practice tests for car, motorcycle and commercial driver's license (CDL), an exam simulator, and a DMV-related FAQ.

DOGO News



A source for current events, news and non-fictional content for ELA, Science and Social Studies. With thousands of news articles and new original content added daily, *DOGO News* is an online source of current events for students, teachers and schools.

Ee

Educational Administration Abstracts

This research database includes bibliographic records covering areas related to educational administration, including educational leadership, educational management, educational research and other areas of key relevance to the discipline.

Environment Complete

Deep coverage in applicable areas of agriculture, ecosystem ecology, energy, renewable energy resources, natural resources, marine and freshwater science, geography, pollution and waste management, environmental technology, environmental law, public policy, social impacts, urban planning, and more.

ERIC

Full text of more than 2,200 digests along with references for additional information and citations and abstracts from over 1,000 educational and education-related journals.

Explora

EBSCO's interface for Schools and Public Libraries. Designed to meet the unique needs of its users, Explora supports both student research and classroom instruction with features including a simple search, easily browse categories, topic overviews, Lexile measures, text-to-speech, and a Curriculum Standards Module.

Ff

Fact Monster



Fact Monster combines essential reference materials, fun facts and features, and homework help for kids. From the solar system to the world economy to educational games, *Fact Monster* has the info kids are seeking.

Find a Book



Students, teachers, and librarians can easily build custom reading lists using the free “*Find a Book*” tool. Books can be chosen based on subject and reading ability, then the title searched using the school library’s automated system.

Funk and Wagnalls New Encyclopedia

More than 25,000 records, including images, biographies, and information in a variety of subject areas.

Gg

Garden, Landscape, and Horticulture Literature Index

Indexes and abstracts for more than 300 core titles on topics including botany, ecology, garden management, landscape design, and more.

Gender Studies Database

This database covers the full spectrum of gender-engaged scholarship inside and outside academia. Essential subjects covered in this resource include gender inequality, masculinity, post feminism, gender identity and more.

Great Websites for Kids



Great Websites is compilation of exemplary websites geared to children from birth to age 14 which are evaluated by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association.

GreenFILE

Well-researched information on all aspects of human impact to the environment, including content on global warming, green building, recycling, and more.

Hh

Have Fun with History



Have Fun with History contains free videos that range from early silent films, to educational films from the 1950s. Other entries include classic, history-themed television dramas, modern well-made documentaries. *Have Fun with History* links to a number of well-crafted, history-based games to engage minds of all ages.

Health Source:
Nursing/Academic Edition

Full text, abstracts and indexing for nearly 2,000 medical journals, especially in the fields of nursing and allied health.

History Reference Center

Reference books, encyclopedias, history periodicals, historical documents, biographies of historical figures, photographs, maps, and videos.

Hospitality and Tourism
Complete

Research and news relating to all areas of hospitality and tourism, including hotel management, leisure and business travel, food and beverage management, and more.

Humanities International
Complete

Full text of hundreds of journals, books and other published sources on literary, scholarly and creative thought.

Ii

iCivics



iCivics provides quality, non-partisan, and truly engaging civic education to more than 5 million students in all 50 states. The games transform abstract concepts into real-life problems. Students learn how government works by experiencing it. They step into the role of a judge, a member of Congress, a community activist, even the President of the United States - and do the job they do. Students gain civic knowledge and skills because the learning experience is fun and challenging. They learn without even realizing it.

Information Science and
Technology Abstracts

Information on classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, and more, from more than 450 publications.

International Bibliography of
Theatre and Dance with Full
Text

The definitive research tool for the study of theatre and the performing arts, containing full text for more than 100 publications.

Internet Poetry Archive



The University of North Carolina Press joins the UNC Office of Information Technology in publishing the *Internet Poetry Archive*. The archive will make available over a worldwide computer network selected poem from a number of contemporary poets. The goal of the project is to make poetry accessible to new audiences (at little or no cost) and to give teachers and students of poetry new ways of presenting and studying these poets and their texts.

Internet Public Library



Full texts of poems are available in the Literature section.

Jj

John Milton Reading Room



From its beginnings in the spring of 1997, *The Milton Reading Room* has been a project of collaboration between me, Thomas Luxon (Associate Professor of English at Dartmouth College), and my students.

Kk

Kids Reads



Kids Reads includes thoughtful book reviews, compelling features, in-depth author profiles and interviews, and excerpts of new releases.

LI

Legal Collection

An authoritative source for information on criminal justice, international law, organized crime, ethics, and more.

LexiPals

A database of Patient Advisory Leaflets from Lexi-Comp that provides vital education on medications for patients. The approach for each pamphlet is to present each medication in an easy to follow and understand question-and-answer format.

Library, Information Science and Technology Abstracts

Indexes more than 600 publications on librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, information management, and more.

Library of Congress



The *Library of Congress* offers classroom materials and professional development to help teachers effectively use primary sources from the Library's vast digital collections in their teaching. Librarians and classroom teachers can search the Library of Congress using the current Mississippi College- and Career-Readiness Standards for English Language Arts and Social Studies.

LIFE Photo Archive



Search millions of photographs from the *LIFE photo archive*, stretching from the 1750s to today. Most were never published and are now available for the first time through the joint work of LIFE and Google.

Literary Reference Center

Help for high school and undergraduate English and Humanities students in a highly graphical interface.

Mm

MAS Ultra-School Edition

Full text for hundreds of popular high school magazines, biographies, primary source documents, and reference books, along with a large collection of images, maps and flags.

MasterFILE Premier

Full text for thousands of periodicals, reference books, and primary source documents, covering a broad range of disciplines, including general reference and science, business, education, health, multicultural issues and more.

Middle and Junior High School Core Collection

For libraries and educators serving readers in grades five through nine, this resource provides indispensable help with collection development and maintenance, curriculum support, readers' advisory and general reference. With more than 28,000 recommended titles, *Middle & Junior High Core Collection* covers fiction and nonfiction works for children and adolescents.

Mississippi Digital Library



The cooperative digital library program for the state. Its ultimate aim is to provide access to primary source materials covering a wide range of subject areas from Mississippi museums, archives, libraries, and historical societies.

Mississippi Encyclopedia



The *Mississippi Encyclopedia* includes solid, clear information on every county, every governor, and numerous musicians, writers, artists, and activists. It is the first encyclopedic treatment of the state since 1907.

Modern American Poetry



This web site grew out of the experience of editing *Anthology of Modern American Poetry* for Oxford University Press. The site is designed to help all readers of modern poetry, not just readers of the Oxford anthology.

MyShakespeare



Dive into the rich world of Shakespeare with our full-text, interactive editions of his plays. *myShakespeare* replaces traditional footnotes with multimedia resources for the 21st-century student.

Nn

NASA Kids' Club



On this site, students will find games of various skill levels for children pre-K through grade 4. These games support national education standards in STEM - science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

National Archives



Teach with documents using the *National Archives* online tool. Locate teachable primary sources. Find new and favorite lessons and create your own activities for your students.

National Gallery of Art



NGAkids interactives offer an entertaining and informative introduction to art and art history. Featuring a variety of art-making tools that encourage exploration and creativity, these computer-based activities are suitable for all ages.

Natural and Alternative Treatments

Current information on complementary and alternative medicine and natural health, including medical conditions, alternative therapies, drug interactions, and homeopathy.

NewseumED



NewseumED online tools make history, civics and media literacy relevant to students' lives by leveraging the Newseum's collection to provide surprising and enlightening approaches to today's pressing issues. Using the First Amendment as a springboard to illuminate the challenges of democracy and the importance of making informed decisions in a diverse and demanding world.

Newspaper Source

Full text for 28 U.S. and international newspapers and more than 260 regional newspapers. In addition, full text television and radio news transcripts are provided from ABC, CBS News, CNN, Fox News, NPR, and more.

NoveList

A complete suite of book-finding tools for librarians and readers.

Oo

OER Commons



Open Educational Resources are teaching and learning materials that you may freely use and reuse at no cost, and without needing to ask permission. Unlike copyrighted resources, OER have been authored or created by an individual or organization that chooses to retain few, if any, ownership rights. From a single point of access in OER Commons, you can search, browse, and evaluate resources in OER Commons' growing collection of over 50,000 high-quality OER.

On-Line Books Page



The *On-Line Books Page* is a website that facilitates access to books that are freely readable over the Internet. It also aims to encourage the development of such on-line books, for the benefit and edification of all.

Pp

PBS Newshour Extra



Using the standards and resources of *PBS NewsHour*, *PBS NewsHour Extra* provides middle and high school students and teachers with quality educational resources based on current issues and events. Extra's mission is to help middle and high school students understand world events and national issues and answer the question, "Why should I care about the news?"

PhET



Founded by Carl Wieman, the *PhET Interactive Simulations* project at the University of Colorado Boulder creates free interactive math and science simulations. *PhET* sims are based on extensive education research and engage students through an intuitive, game-like environment where students learn through exploration and discovery.

Poet's Corner



Our goal is to create the largest, most diverse, and most user-friendly public library of poetic works ever assembled. The materials on display are selected from an inventory of thousands of works by hundreds of authors, transcribed and gathered here by the Editors and by many volunteer contributors from around the world.

Professional Development Collection

A highly specialized collection of electronic information especially for professional educators, librarians and education researchers, on everything from children's health and development to cutting-edge pedagogical theory and practice.

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection is a comprehensive database covering topics in emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry and psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational and experimental methods. The collection can also be accessed from citations within PsycINFO.

Purdue Online Writing Lab



The *Online Writing Lab* at Purdue University houses writing resources and instructional material, and we provide these as a free service of the Writing Lab at Purdue. Students, members of the community, and users worldwide will find information to assist with many writing projects.

Rr

Race Relations Abstracts

With a singular focus on the relationship between and among races, this resource includes abstracting for the top academic journals, books, periodicals and newspapers in the field.

Read Kiddo Read



Created by James Patterson to help parents and educators connect their children with the books that will turn them into lifelong readers.

Regional Business News

Regional Business News provides full text for more than 50 regional business publications.

Religion and Philosophy Collection

More than 300 full text journals and unparalleled coverage of topics such as world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, and the history of philosophy.

Representative Poetry Online



Representative Poetry Online includes 2,200 English poems by over 340 poets from Caedmon, in the Old English period, to the verge of copyright in the twentieth century.

Ss

Salud in Espanol

Topic specific reports covering all aspects of health and wellness overviews on diseases, conditions, procedures and various treatments. *Salud en Español* is the one stop resource for evidence-based reports and fact sheets that are all in the Spanish Language.

Science New for Students



Science News for Students is an award-winning online publication dedicated to providing age-appropriate, topical science news to learners, parents and educators. Published daily, SNS posts both shorter news stories and longer features, all written with a vocabulary and sentence structure aimed at readers 9 to 14 years old.

Senior High Core Collection

This selective list of books recommended for young people in grades 9 through 12 is invaluable for collection development and maintenance, readers' advisory and curriculum support in the high school library and the young adult section of the public library. With more than 28,000 recommended titles, *Senior High Core Collection* covers fiction and nonfiction works for high school readers.

Serials Directory

Access to the most up-to-date and accurate bibliographic information as well as current pricing structures for popular serials.

Tt

Teacher Reference Center

Indexing and abstracts for nearly 300 peer-reviewed journals that covers include Best Practices, Curriculum Development, Literacy Standards, Pedagogical Research, Instructional Media, Language Arts, Science & Mathematics, School Administration, and more.

Tween Tribune by Smithsonian



TweenTribune is a new, free K-12 resource from the Smithsonian. Teachers and students have access to Daily AP news articles, Lexile® leveled resources for K-12, Self-scoring quizzes customized by Lexile® level, Weekly lesson plans, and so much more.

The Learning Network @ the New York Times



New York Times Learning Network's mission is to offer rich and imaginative materials for teaching and learning using New York Times content. Every weekday *NYT Learning Network* offers new educational resources based on the articles, photographs, videos, illustrations, podcasts and graphics published in The New York Times – all for free.

TOPICsearch

Full text for more than 102,000 articles on social, political and economic issues, scientific discoveries, and other popular topics discussed in today's classrooms, including controversial opinions and viewpoints.

Vv

Vocational and Career Collection

Vocational and Career Collection provides full text coverage for nearly 350 trade and industry-related periodicals, including American Machinist, Pediatric Nursing, Hotel and Motel management, Advertising Age, and many more.

Ww

Worldcat Discovery Service

WorldCat Discovery enables library staff and users to discover more than 1.9 billion electronic, digital and physical resources in your library and libraries around the world through a single search of *WorldCat* and a central index that represents more than 2,200 e-content collections. It also makes your collections visible on the websites where people often begin their information searches.



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