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# MAGNOLIA

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## MAGNOLIA 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 other public and academic libraries across the state. MAGNOLIA provides online databases for publicly funded K-12 schools, public libraries, community college libraries, and university libraries in Mississippi. Without this statewide project, students and teachers would not have free access to thousands of online resources that can assist with educational, professional and lifelong learning endeavors. MAGNOLIA represents a unique situation as it was the first type of cooperative consortium that represented all types of libraries in the nation at the time of establishment.

## STUDENT RESOURCES

The following are examples of the different types of resources available on MAGNOLIA:

- **DOGO News** contains news and non-fictional content for ELA, Science, and Social Studies.
- **EBSCOHost Explora** gives students access to journals, magazines, and e-books.
- **Find a Book** helps students find books on their Lexile and interest levels.
- **iCivics** teaches students about the inner workings of the US Government.
- **Library of Congress** offers online primary and secondary sources for student and teacher use.
- **Mississippi Digital Library** provides primary sources regarding the history of Mississippi.
- **Science News** contains daily news articles that concentrate on different science topics.
- **Tween Tribune by Smithsonian** offers daily Lexile-leveled student articles and other resources.

## DATABASE ACCESS

- Students and teachers can access MAGNOLIA by visiting [magnolia.msstate.edu](http://magnolia.msstate.edu).
- After clicking **SIGN IN**, users will input [magn0897](#) as the Access Code.
- Users can select one of the **GRADE LEVELS** (e.g., elementary, middle, or high school) by clicking **EXPLORE DATABASES**.

## PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

Many of the databases do include lesson plans, quizzes, and writing prompts that connect to the *Mississippi College-and Career-Readiness Standards*. *EBSCOHost Professional Development Collection* provides a high-quality collection of educational journals on everything from children's health and development to pedagogical theory and practice. Teachers and administrators can set up journal alerts to receive an email with the latest educational news article.

## DATABASE FEATURES

- **Curriculum Standards Search** allows teachers to search current MS CCR standards that connect to EBSCOHost databases.
- Many EBSCOHost databases allow users to search articles by Lexile levels.
- Students can listen to entire articles while being guided through the text by highlighted words and phrases.

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

There are additional documents available by visiting the MDE School Library website: [mdek12.org/LLE](http://mdek12.org/LLE).

- *MAGNOLIA Database Resources for K12 Librarians and Teachers*
- *MAGNOLIA K12 Activities and Lesson Plans*
- Resource Training for Teachers and Students