



80 Washington Street, Winchester, MA 01890  
781-721-7171 ~ [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org)

## Online Databases for Students

Go to [www.winpublib.org](http://www.winpublib.org)

On left-hand menu, click on **Databases**

Click on **Databases available at the Library and from home**

Scroll down and select your first database.

Enter your complete library card number with no spaces.

You need to enter your card number only once. Use the browser back arrow to return to the full list of databases.

Reference librarians can help you determine the best databases for your project and assist you with using them. All of these resources can be accessed from home with a Minuteman Library card. Starred (\*) titles are paid for by the Winchester Library; you must be a Winchester resident to use them from home.

### **Academic OneFile**

Millions of peer-reviewed, full-text articles from leading journals and reference sources in many fields.

### **Amazing Animals of the World\***

Articles, pictures and multimedia content on over 1,200 animals.

### **Biography Resource Center**

Biographies from reference books as well as full-text articles from hundreds of periodicals.

### **Bloom's Literary Reference Online\***

Information on thousands of authors and their works as well as an extensive glossary.

### **Contemporary Literary Criticism**

Critical essays on contemporary authors.

### **Daily Life America\***

Reference works, maps, primary documents, and more for American history and literature courses.

### **Daily Life Through History\***

Primary documents, reference works, images, maps, and timelines depicting essential activities of daily life across the globe and throughout history.

### **Facts on File History Online\***

Three databases cover Modern World History, American History, and Ancient & Medieval History.

### **Gale Virtual Reference Library**

Encyclopedias, almanacs, and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research.

### **General OneFile**

A one-stop source for millions of articles on a wide range of topics: business, environmental issues, current events, health care, literature and art, social sciences, sports, technology, and more.

### **HelpNow\* -- NEW!**

Instant access to expert tutors who can help you tackle a homework problem, learn an academic skill, or write a term-paper.

### **Historical New York Times\***

Every page of every issue from 1851-2005 is reproduced as it was in print. Search by keyword or browse by date.

### **Junior Edition and Student Edition**

Designed for middle and high school students respectively, with full-text articles from magazines, newspapers and reference books. Covers current events, science, health, history, sports and more.

### **Kids InfoBits**

Geared towards K-5 students, with a graphic interface, a subject-based topic tree search, and full-text magazine and reference content.

### **Lands and Peoples\* -- NEW!**

An encyclopedia of countries, cultures, and current events. Describes each country's land, people, economy, history, and government, and provides statistics, maps and photographs.

### **Learning Express Library\* -- NEW!**

Tutorial courses as well as practice tests with immediate scoring and complete answer explanations. Tests include AP, TOEFL, ACT, SAT, PSAT, U.S. citizenship and many others.

### **Literary Reference Center**

Plot summaries, literary criticism, book reviews, biographies, journal articles, poems, short stories, author interviews, and much more.

### **LitFinder**

Poems, stories, essays, plays, and speeches, many of them full-text.

### **Massachusetts History Online**

Full-text articles from 50 magazines and local newspapers for coverage of Massachusetts people, places and historical events.

### **Massachusetts Newsstand**

The Boston Globe (1980-Current), The Boston Herald (1991-Current), and select regional newspapers.

### **New York Times**

*The New York Times* (1980-Current), including the Book Review and Magazine.

### **PowerSearch**

Search multiple Gale databases simultaneously.

### **Science Online\***

Topic overviews, experiments, biographies, pictures and illustrations as well as articles magazines and academic journals.

### **Winchester Star\***

Search full-text articles of the *Star* (May 2006-current) by keyword and date or browse articles in an issue.

### **World Book Online**

Includes all of the articles from the print encyclopedia plus periodical articles, pictures, and Web links.

#### **...AND THERE'S MORE!**

On the page with the alphabetical list of databases, if you scroll down, on the right-hand side you will find the box "Access Boston Public Library's databases!" The Boston Public Library offers additional informational databases as well as books, music and videos that can be downloaded. You may apply for a special BPL e-card online to use these resources.

#### **HOW IS A LIBRARY DATABASE DIFFERENT FROM A WEBSITE?**

<b>Databases:</b>	<b>Websites:</b>
Get their information from professionals or experts in the field.	Can be written by anyone regardless of expertise.
Contain published works where facts are checked.	Have content that is not necessarily checked by an expert.
Are easy to cite in a bibliography and may create the citation for you.	Often do not provide the information necessary to create a citation.
Can help you narrow your topic or suggest related subjects.	Often are not organized to support student research needs.
Are updated frequently and include the date of publication.	May not indicate when a page is updated.

*Adapted from the Hennepin County Library website's Reference and Research page.*