

Getting Started



Go to CincinnatiLibrary.org and select **eLearning** from the **eBranch** dropdown menu.

OR



Select the **Research Databases** link from the **Research & Homework** dropdown menu.

You can also access selected databases through Kidspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org and Teenspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org,

Frequently Asked Questions

What's the difference between using a database and searching Google?

Information in databases has been reviewed and edited by experts and comes from reliable, authoritative sources. Using a database instead of Google gives you search results that are accurate, objective, and current.

Is there any charge for using them?

No. All you need to use them is your Library card.

Can I email the results to myself?

Yes, most databases will let you email articles to yourself. Many also let you save your search results to a special folder, create bibliographies, and will generate citations for you.

What does it mean when a database offers the "full-text" of an article from a magazine or newspaper?

Full-text means the entire article, not just a summary of it, is available online.

I searched for information in all these places, and I still can't find what I'm looking for. What now?

Look for the My Librarian link on our homepage or call (513) 369-6900; our staff will be happy to help you! Visit the William Hueneke Homework Center at the Main Library. Students can work on homework independently or with the help of a volunteer.

How do I find my Library card number?

Your Library card number is located under the barcode on the back of your Library card. Your PIN is the last four digits of the phone number you gave us when you applied for your card.

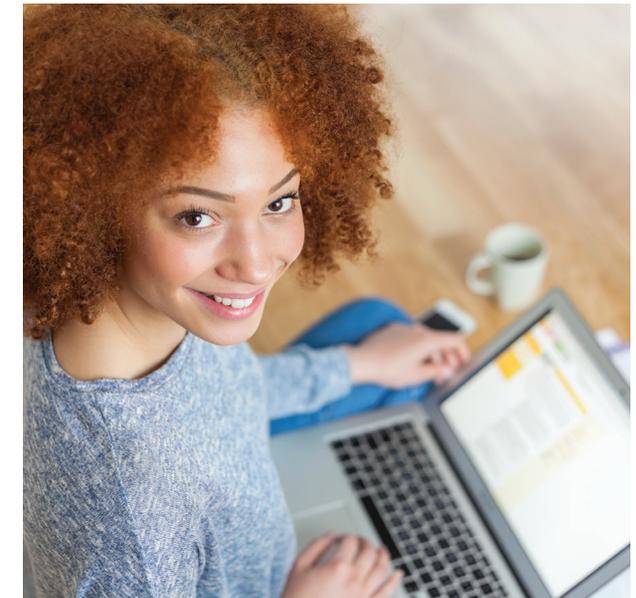
I lost my Library card; what should I do?

Stop by your local branch or call (513) 369-6900; our staff will be happy to help you get a replacement Library card.

Homework Help Online

Struggling with a homework assignment that's due tomorrow? Can't decide on a topic for your research paper? Going crazy trying to find information about a famous historical figure?

The Library's collection of online knowledge centers can be used to help you with these kind of questions. You can use these knowledge centers from home anytime, and all you need is your Library card.



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Homework Help

Homework HelpNow

Use **Homework HelpNow** to chat live with tutors on specific homework problems and questions. Get online writing help in the Writing Lab or live language tutoring. Create and share flashcards, tests, games, and schedule virtual study sessions with friends. **Homework HelpNow** is available everyday from 2 to 11 p.m.

Books & Literary Criticism

Novelist Plus offers fiction and nonfiction book discussion guides, book reviews, curriculum resources, plus features that allow you to search by author, title, series, and readalikes for favorite authors.

Use **Literature Criticism Online** to find commentary on classic and contemporary books, plays, and poems.

Science

Facts on File Science Online and **Science Reference Center** offer detailed coverage of popular subjects, such as biology, chemistry, earth/environmental science, physics, etc. Articles include overviews, experiments, images and videos, biographies, and definitions.

Biographies

From Aristotle to Paul Zindel, **Biography in Context** and **Biography Reference Bank** have information about people in the arts, science, business, politics, sports, government, and history.

Magazines & Newspapers

ProQuest offers access to full-text articles from local, national and international newspapers, some dating as far back as 1841. Use it to write papers or find reputable source articles.

Use **ProQuest: Cincinnati Enquirer (1999-current)** to access full-text articles from *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Turn to **MasterFile Premier** for full-text articles from thousands of well-known magazines.

Current Events

Consult **Opposing Viewpoints in Context** when you need statistics, magazine and newspaper articles, images, and web resources about important social issues, such as euthanasia, censorship, and gun control.

Ebsco Points of View Reference Center includes more than 1,300 essays, leading political magazines from all sides of the political spectrum, newspapers, radio and TV news transcripts, primary source documents, and guides for writing position papers, developing arguments, and debating.

History

U.S. History in Context includes thousands of primary source documents (letters, speeches, legislative acts, etc.), magazine articles, digitized maps, and photographs.

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: New York Times includes the complete backfile (1851-2009) of the *New York Times*. Digital reproductions include news stories, editorials, photographs, graphics, obituaries, legal notices, and advertisements.

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Cincinnati Enquirer (1841-1922) includes full-text articles from the backfile of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Test Prep

The **Testing and Education Reference Center** has interactive online practice tests and tutorials. Tests include the GED, ACT, PSAT, SAT, and a variety of AP exams.

Resources for Younger Students

Explora provides students with a starting point for research; articles, essays, and primary source documents with grade-appropriate content.

FactCite is a collection of ten databases for students including biographies, American History, special topics, and a general purpose encyclopedia.

Novelist K-8 Plus offers lots of ways for young readers to find great fiction titles, with thousands of book reviews, and features that allow you to search by setting, series, and favorite authors and titles.

CultureGrams includes reports about the history, daily life, and customs of world cultures. Reports usually include a regional overview, maps, statistics, flags, biographies of well-known people and a recipe collection. The "Kids" and "State" edition articles are appropriate for grade school students.

Use **World Book Kids** to search for articles, pictures, maps, and definitions. You'll also find lots of hands-on activities, puzzles, and exercises for elementary school students and teachers. A Spanish version of World Book is also available.

More helpful resources available at
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