

## What is a library research database?

- **Library research databases contain information from published works.**
  - Examples: Magazine, professional journal and newspaper articles, encyclopedias and reference books.
- **Library research databases are searchable.**
  - By Keywords, Subject, Author, Magazine Title, Date, etc.
- **Library research databases provide citation information.**
  - Author, if available
  - Title of Article
  - Publication (Title of Magazine, Newspaper, or Reference Book)
  - Publisher
  - Date of Publication
- **Library research databases often contain full-text articles.**
  - You can print, email or save entire articles.
- **There are different kinds of library research databases.**
  - For specific topics. Examples: Biography Resource Center, New Book of Popular Science
  - For general topics. Examples: EBSCO Masterfile, World Book Online
- **Library research databases are paid for by tax payer dollars.**

## How is a library research database different from a website?

Library research databases	Websites
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Library research databases get their information from professionals or experts in the field.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Websites can be written by anyone regardless of expertise.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Library research databases contain published works where facts are checked.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Website content is not necessarily checked by an expert.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Library research databases are easy to cite in a bibliography and most create the citation for you.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Websites often don't provide the information necessary to create a complete citation.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Library research databases can help you narrow your topic or suggest related subjects.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Websites often aren't organized to support student research needs.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Library research databases are updated frequently and include the date of publication.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Websites may not indicate when the information was updated.</li></ul>