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Filmmakers Library Online: Contains over 1,000 full documentaries and adding over 100 titles per year. Gathering films from American independents as well as filmmakers from all over the world, this multidisciplinary collection includes documentaries on a variety of topics from race and gender studies, human rights, international relations, criminal justice, the environment, health, current events, literature, and more. Because this is a resource with videos, it may run slowly in areas with low bandwidth.



Literature Resource Center: Literature Resource Center is a comprehensive database on literary topics, authors, and their works. Includes full-text scholarly articles from more than 360 academic journals and literary magazines, full text of thousands of poems and short stories published in contemporary journals and magazines, and book reviews and biographical essays.



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Business News & Information



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Gale Directory Library: The Gale Directory Library hosts a variety of directory products. Use it to search, sort and export information from both current directory editions as well as prior editions that are maintained as searchable backfiles. Multiple directories can be cross-searched or users can mine individual directories for the particular kinds of data they contain, such as financial information for companies, circulation figures for publications, and much more.



Regional Business News: This database provides comprehensive full text coverage for regional business publications.

Current Events



Academic OneFile: Provides access to over 42 million journal articles going back to 1980. It focuses on the subjects of physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, and literature



CQ Researcher Online: Reports covering current and controversial issues in the United States, from 1923 to the present.



General OneFile: Contains full text of over 7,800 titles going back to 1980. GeneralOneFile includes an archive of New York Times going back to 1985, as well as over 500 travel guides from Fodor's and other publishers.



Global Issues in Context: offers international viewpoints on a broad spectrum of global issues, topics, and current events. Featured are hundreds of continuously updated issue and country portals that bring together a variety of specially selected, highly relevant sources for analysis of social, political, military, economic, environmental, health, and cultural issues. Each of these gateway pages includes an overview, unique "perspectives" articles written by local experts, reference, periodical, primary source and statistical information. Rich multimedia - including podcasts, video, and interactive graphs - enhance each portal. Use Browse Issues and Topics, Country Finder, Basic Search or Advanced Search to explore the database.

Educational Resources



BookFlix: An interactive literacy resource geared for early readers, reluctant readers, and English Language Learners. A collection of 95 fictional video storybooks

from Weston Woods with nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic, including 25 Spanish language versions. Interactive reading features include read-along option, definitions and narrated text, author biographies, web links, and resources for educators.



College Navigator: Website from the U.S. Department of Education providing information about U.S. colleges and universities, such as tuition, financial aid statistics, graduation rates, and accreditation. Schools can be searched by location and by degrees offered, and can be compared side by side with other schools.



Teacher Reference Center: An indexing resource for educators and librarians, a collection of over 260 titles from the most popular teacher and administrator trade journals, periodicals, and books. Records include topics such as Assessment, Continuing Education, Curriculum Development, Instructional Media, and more.



TrueFlix: An electronic version of the True Books line of nonfiction research books from Scholastic. Targeted to students who are moving from learning-to-read to reading-to-learn, and their educators. Students can watch an introductory video on a topic then explore the topic further by reading through the flipbook and working through activities, quizzes and web links. Subject areas included are people, places, history, science and nature. For educators, there are project ideas and lesson plans.

English Language Learning



English Language Learner Reference Center: This multi-purpose information resource is designed for middle/high school students and those that are new to the English language. The ELL Reference Center provides English language learners with guidance on

conducting research, building their background knowledge, and developing their study skills.

Health Resources

HIV RAP Interactive

HIV RAP Interactive: Offers a multimedia guide to HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.



Teen Health and Wellness: Provides teenagers and preteens with straightforward information about such topics as diseases, drugs and alcohol, nutrition, mental health, personal finances and more.

Non-English Language Resources



Fuente Académica: offers more than 450 scholarly journals from Latin America, Portugal and Spain. All major subject areas are covered with particular emphasis on agriculture, biological sciences, economics, history, law, literature, philosophy, psychology, public administration, religion and sociology.

Reference Resources



Ebrary: Online, full-text collection of over 20,000 books in English, and 35,000 books in Spanish and Portuguese. Covers a wide range of topics, including sociology, psychology, history, political science, medicine, language and literature, philosophy and religion, education, business, the hard sciences and more.



Encyclopedia Britannica: Basic introduction to over 75,000 different topics, including encyclopedia articles, maps, news, definitions, and statistics.



Encyclopedia Britannica for Kids: Perfect for students 8 years and above, this resource includes thousands of images, videos, and animated time lines and of course, encyclopedia articles. It also has learning activities for English and language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.



Gale Virtual Reference Library: Gale Virtual Reference Library is a database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. These reference materials once were accessible only in the library, but now you can access them online from the library or remotely 24/7.



Grolier Online: A collection of nonfiction content targeted for ages 7 and up. The collection includes over 120,000 articles from general reference encyclopedias like New Book of Knowledge, science intensive encyclopedias like New Book of Popular Science, social studies encyclopedias like Lands and Peoples, and La Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre, a comprehensive encyclopedia for Spanish speakers. Additional content includes GoTube Videos, over 340,000 editor vetted web links, over 1,100 newspapers from around the world and over 1200 interactive maps which provide history, topography, political climate, current events, and more.

Resources for Kids



Middle Search Plus: Provides full-text content to more than 140 popular middle school magazines such as National Geographic Kids, Ahora!, Chez Nouz and many more. Also provides access to primary source documents, biographies, reference books, country fact sheets and thousands of relevant photos, maps and flags. This resource is designed for middle school students and their educators.



PowerKnowledge Earth and Space Science: Provides information on earth and space science geared to science learners in grades 3 to 6 and their teachers. Additional content includes videos, interactive games and quizzes, hands-on science experiments and lesson plans. Topics include ecosystems and biomes, energy and matter, maps, natural disasters, environmental issues, space, weather and climate, and more.



PowerKnowledge Life Science: Provides information on life sciences geared to science learners in grades 3 to 6 and their teachers. Additional content includes videos, interactive games and quizzes, hands-on science experiments and lesson plans. Topics include animals, plants, the human body, food chains and food webs and more.



PowerKnowledge Physical Science: Provides information on physical science geared to science learners in grades 3 to 6 and their teachers. Additional content includes videos, interactive games and quizzes, hands-on science experiments and lesson plans. Topics include atoms and molecules, elements and the periodic table, energy and matter, and more.

Science & Technology



Gale Science in Context: Gale Science in Context is an engaging online experience for those seeking contextual information on hundreds of today's most significant science topics. Gale's authoritative reference content is merged with full-text magazines, academic journals, news articles, experiments, images, videos, audio files and links to vetted websites organized into a user-friendly portal experience.



GreenFILE: Information covering all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles includes content on the environmental effects of individuals, corporations and local/national governments, and what can be done at each level to minimize these effects. Draws on the connections between the environment and a variety of disciplines such as agriculture, education, law, health and technology. Topics covered include global climate change, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more. The database provides indexing and abstracts for more than 612,000 records, as well as Open Access full text for more than 9,100 records.



GreenR: The Global Reference on the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources focuses on the physical, social, and economic aspects of environmental issues. Topic, organization, and country portals form research centers around issues covering energy systems, health care, agriculture, climate change, population, and economic development. Portals include authoritative analysis, academic journals, news, case studies, legislation, conference proceedings, primary source documents, statistics, and rich multimedia. Use Browse Issues and Topics, World Map, Basic Search or Advanced Search to explore the database.



Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts with Full Text: This database also contains full text for more than 330 journals and nearly 30 full-text monographs. It also indexes more than 560 core journals, nearly 50 priority journals, plus books, research reports and proceedings. Subject coverage includes librarianship, classification, cataloging, online information retrieval, information management and more. Coverage in the database extends back as far as the mid-1960s.