



## Online Research Databases



This guide lists the online database resources available to users of the San Diego Public Library. ✓ Our **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** databases are noted on the list with a checkmark (✓). To use these resources, visit our SDPL Web site for the catalog and databases, at

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org/catalog-databases/> and select the database link you wish to use. There are lists online, by subject/type and alphabetically. **The most current lists are online.**

The databases are available at Central, Branches, and Remote (home); some are only available at our libraries; and, some just at Central Library. Locations available are listed on the Web site links. Remote use requires your Library Card and PIN. See the Web site or any library staff member to request a Library Card application.

### A

✓ **Academic OneFile** (Gale) - Academic OneFile is an excellent source for millions of peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the world's leading journals and reference sources, with extensive coverage of the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature, and other subjects.

✓ **AccessScience** (McGraw-Hill) – Full-text of the 10th edition of the **McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology**, 110,000+ definitions from **The McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Scientific & Technical Terms**, biographies, news, links to related Web sites, illustrations, images, and more.

**Ancestry Library** (ProQuest) - Resources for genealogical and historical research, with more than 1.5 billion names in over 4,000 databases, including U.S. Census; military records; court, land and probate records; vital and church records; directories; passenger lists, more. Updated daily. (at **SDPL Locations only**)

**AP Photo Archive** (AccuWeather) - Newspaper photos and graphics. Most items are from 1995 to present, some are historical.

**ATLA Religion Database** (EBSCOhost) - 1,500+ theology and religion journals and book content, from 1949-present. (at Central Library and from Home)

### B

**Biography and Genealogy Master Index** (Gale) - Indexes biographical information on multiple persons from print source, also acts as an index to other indexes. More than 13.6 million biographical entries.

✓ **Biography Resource Center** (Gale) - Over 300,000 full and over 900,000 capsule biographies, plus related articles.

**Books & Authors** (Gale) - A reader's advisory database offering new ways to explore combinations of books, authors, genres and topics. Contains all of the content previously held in "What Do I Read Next," and more.

**Books in Print - Patrons/Library Users** (Bowker) - Publication information on 5 million book, audio book, and video titles.

**Books In Print - Professional/Staff** (Bowker) - Professional bibliographic database with 5 million book, audio book, and video titles, including reviews.

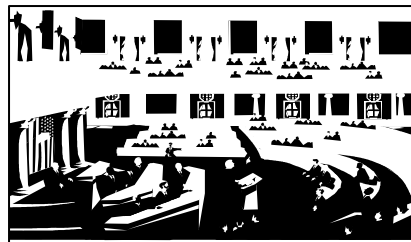
✓ **Business & Company Resource Center** (Gale) - Access a wide variety of global business information; research business case studies, find competitive intelligence, and search for career and investment opportunities. Provides job seekers with information on prospective employers.

### C

**Chilton's Automotive Collection** (Gale) - Designed for do-it-yourself car buffs and mechanics of any experience, Chilton's offers quick online access to repair, maintenance and service information on over 50 years of cars, trucks, vans, and SUVs.

**Communications and Mass Media Collection** (Gale) - Database with current, accurate information from more than 100 journals focused on all aspects of the communications field.

**Computer Database** (Gale) - Includes computer related product introductions, news, articles, and reviews in areas such as hardware, software, electronics, engineering, communications and the application of technology.



### Congressional - U.S. Congress

(Lexis/Nexis) - Index and abstracts for Congress and congressional committee documents, prints, reports and published

hearings, 1970-present. Includes many full-text reports, laws, U.S. Code, Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Register, votes, news, rosters and schedules.

**Culinary Arts Collection** (Gale) - Articles from 150 of the major cooking and nutrition magazines. Includes thousands of searchable recipes, restaurant reviews, and industry information.

✓ **Curriculum Resource Center** (Facts on File) - For middle school, high school, and junior college teachers and students. Homework support handouts for history, civics, geography, sports, science, and more.

✓ **Curriculum Resource Center - Junior Edition** (Facts on File) - For elementary teachers and students. Homework support handouts for history, civics, geography, sports, science, and more.



**Custom Newspapers Collection** (Gale) - Searchable collection of 150 national and international newspapers, including local and California newspapers.

**D**  
**Daily Life through History** (Greenwood)

- From the **Daily Life through History** and other series, full-text articles from over 50 volumes, over 10,000 book pages and 4 million words. Includes Tours through Time, primary documents, illustrations, and maps.

**Diversity Studies Collection** (Gale) - Use to explore cultural differences, contributions and influences in our global community. Includes 150 full-text journals and articles.

**E**  
**Educator's Collection** (Gale) - Resources for future or current teachers and administrators. Includes over 250 titles covering the latest technologies, developments, instruction, and coaching breakthroughs.

✓ **Encyclopedia Britannica - Kids** (Encyclopedia Britannica) - Four complete encyclopedias: **Encyclopedia Britannica, Compton's, Britannica Elementary, and Britannica Concise**. Plus Collegiate Dictionary, Thesaurus, Dictionary of Quotations, timelines, atlas, and links to Web sites chosen by EB editors. **(at Central Library only)**

**Encyclopedia Britannica, Public Library Edition** (Encyclopedia Britannica) - Four complete encyclopedias: **Encyclopedia Britannica, Compton's, Britannica Elementary, and Britannica Concise**. Plus Collegiate Dictionary, Thesaurus, Dictionary of Quotations, timelines, atlas, and links to Web sites chosen by EB editors. **(at Central Library only)**

**Encyclopaedia Judaica - 2nd Edition** (Gale) - eBook version of 22 volume print encyclopedia, covering all

aspects of the Jewish world and Judaism. Articles and multimedia on religion, history, politics, culture, the Holocaust, Jewish arts and literature, Jews in America, and more.

**Environmental Issues & Policy Collection** (Gale) - Covers the field of environmental issues and policy, including 200+ journals and full-text articles on the environment.

**Essay and General Literature Index** (Wilson) - A convenient digital guide to some 65,000 essays in anthologies and collections. **(at Central Library only)**

**F**  
**Fine Arts & Music Collection** (Gale) - 100+ full-text magazines and journals, providing access to resources in areas such as drama, music, art history, and filmmaking.

**G**  
**Gale Directory Library** (Gale) - Cross-searchable online directories. Includes **Encyclopedia of Associations (U.S.)** and **Gale Directory of Publications**. New titles will be added periodically.

**Gale Virtual Reference Library** (Gale) - Includes encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. Titles are cross-searchable.

**Gazetteer of the World** (Columbia University Press) - A directory of places, landmarks, natural features, and more.

**Gardening, Landscape, & Horticulture Collection** (Gale) - Provides 50+ journals and articles, covers the practical aspects as well as the scientific theory and research in horticulture.



✓ **General OneFile** (Gale) - Contains academic journal articles, magazine articles, and reference texts on a wide range of general and special topics, covering generally 1980 to the present. Formerly called *InfoTrac*.

✓ **General Science Collection** (Gale) - Provides coverage of all types of scientific inquiry, including particle physics, quantum theory, advanced mathematics, and biotechnology.

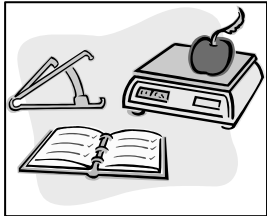
**Government Documents Catalog** (MARCIVE) - Catalog of U.S. Government Documents, covers period July 1976 - present. **(at SDPL Locations only)**

**Grove Art** has been renamed, see **Oxford Art Online**

**Grove Music** has been renamed, see **Oxford Music Online**

## H

✓ **Health and Wellness Resource Center** (Gale) - Health and medical information for lay research from periodicals, reference books, and pamphlet sources. Includes Alternative Health information.



**Health Reference Center Academic** (Gale) - General academic health-related database, full-text access to nursing and allied health journals and articles, plus coverage of personal health information.

✓ **History Reference Center** (EBSCOhost) - Features full-text for 2,300+ reference books, encyclopedias, and non-fiction books from leading history publishers. Has 61,100+ historical documents, 66,000+ biographies of historical figures, 110,200+ historical photos and maps, and, 80+ hours of historical videos.

**History Study Center** (ProQuest) - Access to primary and secondary sources for the study of history, with 40,000+ documents and articles, 50+ reference works, 3,000 images, and links to 2,000 Web sites.

**Home Improvement Collection** (Gale) - Provides access to home improvement related journals and articles, covering architectural techniques, tool and material selection, zoning requirements, and more.

**Hoover's Company Capsules & Profiles** (ProQuest) - Company descriptions, financials, key officers, and news for more than 17,000 public and private enterprises worldwide.

**Hospitality, Tourism & Leisure Collection** (Gale) - Access 500+ industry journals and articles. Provides coverage of both the historical and current state of affairs in the hospitality and tourism fields.

**Humanities Index** (Wilson) - Full text plus abstracts and bibliographic indexing of the most noted scholarly sources in the humanities. **(at Central Library only)**

## I

**Information Science and Technology Collection** (Gale) - Searchable collection of journals and articles on information science and libraries.

✓ **¡Informe!** (Gale) - Periódicos y revistas hispánas.

✓ **¡Informe!** (English Interface) (Gale) Periódicos y revistas hispánas.

**InfoTrac Junior** (Gale) - For students in junior high and middle school, with magazines, newspapers and reference books (most are full-text) for information on current events, the arts, science, popular culture, health, people, government, history, sports and more. Graphical.

**InfoTrac Student** (Gale) - Access to a variety of full-text sources, including leading magazines, newspapers, and reference books that librarians prefer and students enjoy. Graphical.

## J

**Junior Reference Collection** (Gale) - Information and images on people, places, history, and books.

## K

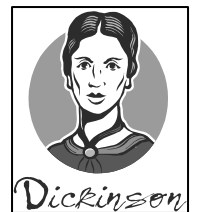
**Kids InfoBits** (Gale) - Easy to use database for students in Kindergarten through Grade 5, covering current events, the arts, science, health, people, government, history, sports, and more.

## L

**Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA)** (EBSCOhost) - Mid '60s-present. Subjects covered include librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, information management, and the information industry. LISTA indexes more than 600 periodicals, plus books, research reports, and proceedings.

**Library Literature and Information Science Index** (Wilson) - This database indexes English and foreign-language periodicals, selected state journals, conference proceedings, pamphlets, books, and library school theses, plus over 300 books per year.

✓ **Literature Resource Center** (Gale) - Biographies, articles, criticism, overviews, glossary, and more on writers and literature.



**Literature Resources from Gale** (Gale) - Biographies, articles, criticism, overviews, glossary, and more on writers and literature. Includes *LitFinder*, with full-text poems, stories, essays, plays, and speeches.

**LitFinder** (Gale) - Over 135,000 full-text poems, thousands of full-text stories, full-text essays, full-text plays, and best known speeches of the past 2,500 years. Searchable by genre, subject, timeline, and more.

**M**

✓ **Magazines and Journals List** (Serials Solutions) - Easy one-stop access to our magazine, journal, and serial collections. Use the List to search, browse, or explore magazine, journal, newspaper, periodical, or serial titles available from San Diego Public Library, either in print (in our libraries) or electronic format (in our databases).

**Military & Intelligence Database** (Gale) - Designed for libraries serving military personnel, including basic reference materials that are updated annually, such as **Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia** and **The World Almanac and Book of Facts**.

**Mitchell OnDemand Vehicle Database** (Mitchell1) - Service, diagnostics and estimating for vehicles online, 1983-current. Domestic and Import Models, diagrams, tech bulletins, more. **(at Central Library only)**

**N**

**NetLibrary eBooks** (OCLC) - Collection of books viewable online.



**New York Times Historical** (ProQuest) - Complete run of The New York Times, from Sep. 18, 1851 to Dec. 31, 2005.

**New York Times Historical - Graphical** (ProQuest) - A graphical version, aimed at students and teachers, of The New York Times, from Sep. 18, 1851 to Dec. 31, 2005. Includes Topic and Timeline Browse, This Day In History, Famous Dead People, and What Happened On.

✓ **Newspapers - National and Regional** (ProQuest) - National and regional newspapers. Includes *San Diego Union-Tribune*, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

✓ **NoveList** (EBSCOhost) - Guide to suggested reading for all ages with reviews and other features.

✓ **NoveList K-8** (EBSCOhost) - Find fiction titles for classroom use or reading including picture books, children's chapter books, and young adult titles. Full-text book reviews, teacher resources, thematic units, and book talks are available. Search by theme, setting, instructional unit, and culture. For younger readers and teachers, updated monthly.

**Nursing & Allied Health Collection** (Gale) - Provides the full-text of over 300 journals, magazines, and newsletters related to nursing and allied health fields.

**O**

✓ **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** (Gale) - A complete one-stop source for information on social issues. Includes *Critical Thinking*.

✓ **OverDrive eAudiobooks** (SDPL Digital Media Library) - Online eAudiobooks, downloadable to PCs or portable devices. Includes fiction, non-fiction, travel, biography, classics, young adult, Spanish and children's titles. Some titles in MP3 format for iPods, iPhones, etc.

**Oxford Art Online** (Oxford University Press) - Formerly **Grove Art**, it includes full-text reference works on art, and images from ARTstor, the British Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Art Images for College Teaching, Art Resource, Artists Rights Society and numerous international art galleries and artists.

✓ **Oxford English Dictionary** (Oxford University Press) - Authoritative guide to English language meaning, history, usage, and pronunciation.

✓ **Oxford Music Online** (Oxford University Press) - Formerly **Grove Music**, it includes the full text of several major music dictionaries, 50,000+ articles, 20,000+ biographies, links to music sites, and audible musical examples and sound files.

**P**

**Play Index** (Wilson) - This index database covers 30,000+ plays, 1949-present. Search keywords, monologues, casting, sets, etc. Includes one-act and radio/tv plays. Some online play texts are linked via the Internet.

**Pop Culture Collection** (Gale) - Provides journal articles and more for topics in the social sciences, history, art, or the liberal arts.

**Psychology Collection** (Gale) - Provides journal and article access for topics in the social sciences, history, art or the liberal arts, covering 100+ full-text journals including APA titles.

**R**

**RAND California** (Rand Corporation) Detailed social and educational statistics for California.

**Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature** (Wilson) - Current events coverage, curriculum support, and quality periodicals research for students, educators, and library patrons. **(at Central Library only)**

✓ **ReferenceUSA** (InfoUSA) - U.S. business, residential, and healthcare telephone directories and more.

**Religion & Philosophy Collection** (Gale) - Provides coverage for 250+ subject appropriate full-text journals and articles on faith, religious topics, and philosophy.

## S

**Salud para todos - en español** (EBSCOhost) - Información para temas médicos y relativos de la salud. Disponible en inglés, pero los textos están en su mayoría en español.



**Salud para todos - English interface** (EBSCOhost) Provides full text Spanish-language information for a wide variety of medical and health related topics. This product is designed to make useful health information more readily accessible for Spanish-speaking consumers and

patients. Searchable in English, majority content Spanish only.

**Sams Photofacts** (Sams) - Schematics for small consumer electronics including radios, TVs, stereos, and VCRs from 1946 to present. Includes diagrams, instructions and data for the repair technician. **(at Central Library only)**

**San Diego Tribune, 1983-92** (ProQuest) - Covers San Diego Tribune, 1983-92.

**San Diego Union, 1983-92** (ProQuest) - Covers San Diego Union, 1983-92.

✓ **San Diego Union-Tribune, 1992-Present** (ProQuest) - San Diego Union-Tribune, as combined newspaper, full-text coverage from Feb 2, 1992 - present.

**Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps** (ProQuest) - Historic maps from 1867-1970. Provides access to 2,448 large-scale maps of 573 California towns and cities, including San Diego. Users can manipulate, magnify, zoom, and layer maps from different years.

**Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage** (S&P) Financial reporting on investment devices, companies, industries, and the economy.

✓ **Science Online** (Facts on File) - For students and teachers. Printable diagrams, definitions, biographies, experiments, timelines, and essays in specific subject areas such as earth science, biology, chemistry, weather, and more.

**Science Fulltext Select** (Wilson) - A broad range of important science literature in a single 100% full text database. **(at Central Library only)**

**Short Story Index** (Wilson) - Find 70K+ short stories that have been published in anthologies, collections, and periodicals from 1984 to the present, many with links to the story's full-text. Updated monthly.

**Small Business Collection** (Gale) - Designed by business school students and entrepreneurs, it includes 250+ journals with full-text articles that provide business insights, tips, strategies and success stories.

**Social Studies Fact Cards - California** (Toucan Valley) - A series of research resources for quick reference for students in grades 4 through 8. The Fact Card topics are those California topics included in the social studies curriculum in California, such as California missions, tribes, etc.

**Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage** (S&P) - Financial reporting on investment devices, companies, industries, and the economy.

## T

**Tax Forms - All States** (Federation of Tax Administrators) - State tax forms.

**Tax Forms - California** (Franchise Tax Board) - California state tax forms.

**Tax Forms - Federal** (IRS) - Federal tax forms.

## Teacher Reference

**Center** (EBSCOhost) - Indexes over 260 titles from the most popular teacher and administrator trade journals, periodicals, and books. Providing coverage on key education topics such as Assessment, Continuing Education, Current Pedagogical Research, Curriculum Development, Instructional Media, Language Arts, and more.



**Today's Science** (Facts on File) - Explains key developments in biology, chemistry, the environment, space, physics, and technology. Includes science news, weekly updates, science fair guide, glossary, biographies, images, cartoons, and more.

## U

**Ulrichsweb** (ProQuest/CSA) - A bibliographic database providing detailed information on serials published throughout the world, covering all subjects. Updated daily. **(at Central Library only)**



**V**  
**Vocations, Careers & Technical Education**  
**Collection** (Gale) - Access 400+ journals, find articles from general career guides to highly specialized industry journals on jobs, careers, and technical education.

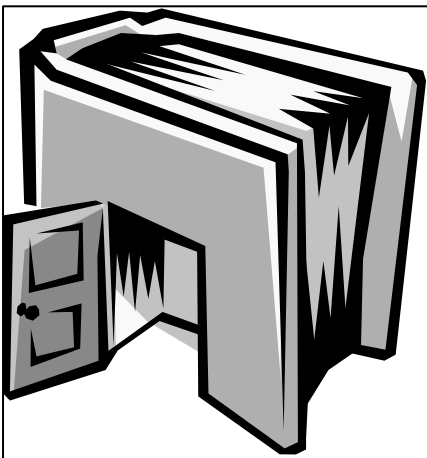
**W - Z**

✓ **World Book Encyclopedia** (World Book) - Online equivalent to the print encyclopedia, including a general encyclopedia, a Spanish encyclopedia, a Kids version of the encyclopedia, and an Advanced version with additional content.

✓ **World Book Encyclopedia - Advanced** (World Book) - Advanced version, with over 1 million pages of primary source documents integrated with the encyclopedia content. Include timelines, citation builder, and saved research.

✓ **World Book Encyclopedia - Discover** (World Book) - "Discover" resource for students who read below level of their peers. Includes tools and content to bridge the achievement gap, with text-to-speech reading aloud. With a visual dictionary and sections on life skills such as buying a car, applying for a job, etc.

✓ **World Book Encyclopedia - Kids** (World Book) - Kids version, with simpler navigation, thousands of colorful illustrations, diagrams, and maps, and dozens of activities tied to national curriculum standards.



✓ **World Book Encyclopedia - Spanish** (World Book) - Spanish online equivalent to the print encyclopedia World Book.

**WorldCat First Search** (OCLC) - Find locations and information about millions of books, magazines, and other materials in libraries worldwide.

**World Who's Who** (Taylor & Francis) - Outlines current information about the lives and achievements of over 22,000 distinguished individuals from around the globe. Formerly known as **International Who's Who**.

## **How to Get a Library Card and Access Databases**



To obtain a Library Card to use the databases from home or any Internet computer, please see

<http://www.sandiegolibrary.org/services/library.card.shtml>

on our Web site, or visit any branch or the Central Library for an application.



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