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Library Offers Wide Variety of Electronic Databases for the Public *More Than 80 Databases Include Reference Materials in English and Spanish*

SAN DIEGO – Dr. Richard Lederer, San Diego best-selling author and linguist, has extensive knowledge of the English language. But, he also knows there is a great resource available to research English language words, origins, and more – all for free, right from his home computer. It's the Oxford English Dictionary, which is available through the San Diego Public Library's website.

The Oxford English Dictionary is one of over 80 free online databases on the Library's website. All that is necessary to access these databases is a free San Diego Public Library card – available at the 35 locations of the City's public library system. Most databases are easily accessible through a library user's home Internet connection, while some specialized databases are freely accessible only via public computers at the City's Central and branch libraries.

“The Library's electronic databases are treasure troves of quality, authoritative information from reliable sources – and available free to all citizens with their Library cards,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “We see users accessing our popular databases from libraries, schools, at work or at home, and we know it's helping people in their research and learning.”

The online databases provide a wealth of information that meets the needs of users from students to retirees to professionals. The online resources include:

- more -

- Full-text magazines and newspapers, many updated daily – including the *San Diego Union-Tribune*
- Every issue of *The New York Times* from Sept 18, 1851 to the present
- Thousands of photos of people, places, news events, and more from the Associated Press
- Grolier (Scholastic) Encyclopedias for young people and students, including the Spanish language “Nueva Enciclopedia Cumbre”
- Financial information and reports from Standard & Poor’s
- Reader’s advice for great book reads from NoveList (adults) and NoveList K-8 (younger readers)
- “Ancestry Library” with genealogy information and census records
- Spanish-language databases covering general news and research articles
- Homework help databases for students of all ages

For more information about the databases, visit the Library website at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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