Online Databases

Multitype Database Licensing Program

The Multitype Database Licensing Program (MDLP) is a province-wide program in which libraries pool funds to purchase access to electronic information resources: magazines, journals, newspapers, directories, reference books, e-books, and other information sources. Through the MDLP, Saskatchewan residents have access to over 7,800 unique journals and 52 e-books.

Goals of the Saskatchewan Multitype Database Licensing Program:

- To increase the amount of authoritative information available to library users;
- To ensure equitable access to information sources;
- To make these resources accessible in every type of library province-wide;
- To pay for access to these resources only once; and
- To maximize the buying capacity of all libraries through cost-sharing.

InfoTrac (Gale Group)

InfoTrac is a collection of databases containing magazines, newspapers, pamphlets, reference books, & e-books. The database suite contains a wide range of comprehensive sources from business, legal, health, and literature, as well as high interest student/teacher data-bases. For example:

Kids InfoBits: Great information for students in grades 2 to 6.

Junior Edition: Suitable for middle years students.

Student Edition: Suitable for middle years & high school students.

Discovering Collection: Extensive collection of online reference books and articles on a wide range of school topics.

CPI.Q.: Contains information pertaining to Canadian as well as international news.

Health & Wellness Resource Center: Contains information on health related topics such as fitness, nutrition, drugs, & diseases. The **Health Reference Center Academic** database contains information at a higher reading level.

General Reference Center Gold: Search for information on events, popular culture, the arts and sciences, sports, and much more!

Literature Resource Center: Access information on authors and literature.

Gale Virtual Reference Library: Contains e-books on a variety of topics!

Check out the database tutorials designed by Donna DesRoches, Computer Resource Consultant, Living Sky School Division

http://learningandtechnology.wikispaces.com/databases

What Are Your Online N.E.E.D.S.?

Before letting your students blindly search the Internet, have them stop and consider their online information needs. They should begin with "N" and work their way through to the final "S".

- N = **N**ewspaper, Magazine, E-book & Reference Book databases
- E = Online **E**ncyclopedias
- E = **E**xperts
- D = **D**irectories
- S = **S**earch Engines

- Do they know the difference between a search engine and a subject directory? A search engine uses a computer program to randomly select websites that may or may not be organized in a meaningful manner. Humans select and categorize websites for a directory. To change Google from a search engine to a directory, select the "more" link and the "directory" link…or select Google under "D".

Accessing the Resources

School Access:
- Schools access the databases through the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education website.
- http://www.education.gov.sk.ca/Databases-for-schools

Home Access:
- Access from home is available 24/7 through the public library. All that is required is a public library card and PIN number

ProQuest Databases

The CBCA ProQuest databases provide access to current magazines and newspapers with a Canadian and world focus.

Database Options:
- **CBCA Business** contains business & finance journals, magazines, and newsletters.
- **CBCA Current Events** contains information with a focus on politics, business, the arts, sports, and any other kind of news, whether happening in Canada or abroad.
- **CBCA Education** contains information with a focus on the field of education in Canada.
- **CBCA Reference** contains academic and general interest information.
- **Canadian Research Index** contains statistical information and reports on Canada. It is an adult database.

- **Canadian Newsstand** contains Canadian daily newspapers for each province. It also includes the Globe and Mail and regional Saskatchewan newspapers including the Leader Post and Star Phoenix,

NoveList

NoveList K-8 and **NoveList** are reading advisory tools that not only help you and your students locate the right books but also provide information, booktalks, and other resources. Author biographies and book discussion guides provide tools for classroom teachers.

Encyclopedias

Today's online encyclopedias contain a wealth of information beyond the print books. You will find links to websites, atlases, dictionaries, timelines, and many other special features.

- **Britannica Online Student Edition:** Search the full 32-volume *Britannica Encyclopedia* (adult level), or *Compton's by Britannica* (middle years students and up), or *Britannica Elementary*. The *Learning Zone* contains information for pre-K to grade 2 students.
- **Canadian Encyclopedia Online:** Produced by the Historica foundation, this bilingual encyclopedia offers extensive information on Canada.
- **Encyclopedia of Saskatchewan Online:** Produced for Saskatchewan's centennial, this online resource provides historical and current information about our province.

The Internet is just one of many tools in your resource toolbox. Ask your teacher-librarian for assistance in selecting and using the correct tool.

French Databases

BiblioBranchee/Newscan.com and **Repere** are two French language databases. Articles come from sources in France and Quebec.

Reliable Information a Click Away

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