The Hunt Is On!

Newburgh Free Library Database Scavenger Hunt

Begin Your Adventure @

http://guides.rcls.org/nfldatabases

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http://guides.rcls.org/nflstudents
Library Databases – Introduction

Library databases are premium online resources that the library licenses for research, test preparation, or homework help. In this scavenger hunt, you will learn how to access our library databases and how to search them for information.

To begin exploring our library databases, you will first need to navigate to the library website using an internet browser. Examples of internet browsers are Microsoft Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, and Google Chrome.

Double-click on a browser icon on the desktop to get started.

If you are completing this activity at one of our library computers, the library website will be the first thing you see when you open the browser. If you are completing this activity at home, you will have to navigate to our website by typing www.newburghlibrary.org into your browser’s address bar.

The blue tabs at the top of the library website allow easy access to different categories of library information and resources. Since our library databases are used primarily for research, we have made them available under the Research & Info tab, and click on Research Databases for a complete list.

TIP: The library’s website provides access to the library catalog and your library account; a complete events calendar of upcoming library programs; links to online research databases, test prep resources, and homework help; downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, special pages for Teens and Kids, and much more!
Library Databases – Scavenger Hunt

This activity is designed to give you experience navigating to and searching library databases for information. We will ask you to find information from the library website and from a variety of databases. Record your answers below. What you have to answer in this booklet will be highlighted in yellow. The first person who completes the hunt in the shortest amount of time, and with the highest accuracy (correct answers) will be crowned, “Master of the Database”!

The scavenger hunt begins at our Research Databases for Students LibGuide: http://guides.rcls.org/nfistudents

You can type in the LibGuide address into the browser’s address bar, OR you can access the site by clicking on the library’s “Youth Services” Tab. The link is the first item listed on the Youth Services Page titled Research Databases for Students.
Part I – Database FAQs


2. Scroll down to the first section on the home/front page that asks, “What are Databases?” & “Where Can You Find Databases?”

3. **What is a Research Database?**

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4. **True or False (circle one): A database is the same as a website.**

5. **How do you access one of our databases from outside the library?**

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6. **If you have any questions about our Research Databases, who should you call? (HINT: it’s not Ghostbusters.)**

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*If you’d like to learn more about what you can do with library databases, please ask a librarian at the Reference Desk. They’re happy to help!*

Part II – Databases by Subject

Now that you've learned a bit more about databases in general, let’s take a look at some of the databases the library offers.

1. Go to the top of the Research Databases for Students LibGuide and click on the Databases for Middle School Students tab. This will take you to a listing of all of our appropriate databases for Middle School students, organized by name, along with descriptions of each database. Databases highlighted in yellow are *library favorites* and have been selected as excellent resources to explore and research according to our staff.

2. Explore the Databases for Middle School Students that the library offers. Click on a few that sound interesting to you and explore what they have to offer. Write the name of 2 databases that you explored that you thought might help you with an assignment:

   • __________________________________________________________
   • __________________________________________________________
3. Scroll to the bottom of the **Databases for Middle School Students** page and click on the **green** tab entitled **Complete List of Databases A-Z at the Newburgh Free Library**. This link brings you to a page which lists all of the databases the library subscribes to, and breaks up databases according to subject area. The page looks like the image below:

![Databases List](image)

4. Near the top of the page, you will see a variety of subjects that appear as blue links (Auto Repair, Biography, Books, Homework Help, etc.)

5. **Read through the subjects and pick one you would like to look at now. Write down the name of the subject you choose to explore:**

6. Click on the subject you’ve chosen. This will take you down the page to the databases under that subject. You’ll see the names of databases listed in bold with in-library and at-home icons to the right.

7. **What are two databases in your subject area?**

![Databases List](image)

8. **Read the description of the first database. What topics does the database cover?**
9. You can always go back “home” by clicking on the first blue tab: DATABASES A-Z to bring you back to the complete list of databases.

Feel free to take this time to explore more than one subject. Our databases cover a wide variety of topics that may interest you.

Part III – Magazine Article Search (EBSCO explora)

Next we are going to navigate to a specific Research Database, take a look around, and search for information. Return to the list of subjects at the top of Databases by Subject page.

Find EBSCO explora or any specific database by clicking on the Databases A-Z at the Newburgh Free Library tab or if you’re logged-into the Research Databases for Students LibGuide, click on Databases for Middle School Students and find and click on EBSCO explora.

Imagine you are writing an essay about the effect of television violence on children. You need at least 5 non-Internet sources by tomorrow. In addition to the books that are currently available in your library, you are going to search the databases for more information.

1. Go to the EBSCO MIDDLE SEARCH database.
2. In the search box on the top of the page, type the words VIOLENCE AND VIDEO GAMES AND CHILD.
3. How many results did you get back? ______________________
4. Check the box next to “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals” on the left.
5. How many results did you get? ______________________
6. What is the name of the first Full-Text Peer Reviewed article that is listed? ____________________________________________

Part IV – Kids InfoBits

Find Kids InfoBits or any specific database by clicking on the Databases A-Z at the Newburgh Free Library tab or if you’re logged-into the Research Databases for Students LibGuide, click on Databases for Elementary Students and find and click on Kids InfoBits.

Kids InfoBits

A sixth grade class is doing a project for Women’s History Month about Anne Frank. The first student who made it to the library checked out all of our books. A student comes to the youth services desk needing biographical information as well as a picture for her poster.

1. Go to the Kids InfoBits database.
2. In the search box, type “Anne Frank”.
3. Find “Magazines.” Click View All.
4. How many magazine articles are listed? ______________________
5. Click on the second result (from Faces: People, Places, and Cultures.). What was the address of the building the Franks went into hiding? ____________________________________________
6. Click on Results on the top of the page to return to your search results.
7. The Pictures are the second item listed on the results page. How many pictures are there?
Part V – Health Reference Center

Find Health Reference Center or any specific database by clicking on the Databases A-Z at the Newburgh Free Library tab or if you’re logged-into the Research Databases for Students LibGuide, click on Databases for High School Students and find and click on Health Reference Center--Academic.

You come to the library after a doctor appointment where you were diagnosed with celiac disease. The doctor gave you a pamphlet and sent you on your way without answering the many questions you have. The librarian suggests you use a database because it has the most up-to-date information and you can browse through it in the privacy of your own home.

- Go to the Health Reference Center.
- In the search box, type “celiac disease.”
- How many results are listed under the Academic Journals? ________________
- Click on Full Text under “Filters” on the right side panel. How many full text articles are available? ________________
- How many results are listed under Books? (Right Panel on Top)

Part VI – NoveList K-8 Plus

Find NoveList K-8 Plus or any specific database by clicking on the Databases A-Z at the Newburgh Free Library tab or if you’re logged-into the Research Databases for Students LibGuide, click on Databases for Middle School Students and find and click on NoveList K-8 Plus.

A student asks for adventure books. He is in fifth grade and really enjoyed the book Hatchet. He wants other fiction books about surviving in the wild.

- Go to the NoveList K-8 database.
- In the menu on the left side of the screen, click on Adventure Stories.
- Click on Survival within the Adventure Stories Pop-up.
- Name the first two book titles from the first page of results. ____________________
- You want to print a list to bring to school. At the top of the results list, click on the dropdown menu that says Grid and choose Title Only.
- Note the “Print” button to the right. This is how you would find a printer-friendly version on your list.

Part VII – Mango Language Learning

Find Mango Language Learning or any specific database by clicking on the Databases A-Z at the Newburgh Free Library tab or if you’re logged-into the Research Databases for Students LibGuide, click on Databases for Middle School Students and find and click on Mango Language Learning.
Congratulations! You’re taking a trip to Paris this Summer and would like to learn some conversational French before you go.

- Go to the Mango Language Learning database.
- Click on Quick Start. (You may set up an account to track which lessons you have already completed and to monitor your progress.)
- Choose French from the list of languages. Note that there is a separate box for English courses. (For those learning English as a second language.)
- Click the Mango Conversations Box on “Get Started” and then click “Start Learning.” (You may also take a placement test if you wish.)
- Click on “Unit 1.”
- **What topics does Chapter 1 cover?**

You may take this time to explore Mango and the many languages it covers.

**Part VIII – Biography in Context**

Find Biography in Context or any specific database by clicking on the **Databases A-Z at the Newburgh Free Library** tab or if you’re logged into the **Research Databases for Students** LibGuide, click on **Databases for Middle School Students** and find and click on **Biography in Context**.

- Click on the Biography in Context database. Take a look around the page. You will see some featured stories and public figures of note.
- Locate the **Search** bar on the top of the page.
- Click on **Advanced Search**, and then **Person Search** on the top of the page
- The Advanced Person Search function will allow you to search for a person by name, occupation, nationality, birth place, or death place.
- Select **Birth Place** as your search type by locating Birth Place in the search box (second box down). Type in
  - “Michigan” (without quotation marks) in the Birth Place Search bar and click **Search**. This will return a list of people in the database who were born in Michigan.
- Scroll down the page to view the search results. Write the name of the **first** person listed born in Michigan:
  - ________________________________

- Click on the link to the person’s name (the link will be dark blue and underlined) to reach a list of articles related to that person. See if you can find the person’s place of birth (city or town). You may have to click into more than one article to find it. The Fact box is also helpful, Write down the birthplace here:
  - ________________________________