

30 Databases in 30 Minutes

**A Professional Development Day
Presentation**

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NetLibrary (eBooks)

Use it for:

- Accessing ebooks 24/7
- Viewing ebooks on campus or at home
- Creating a list of favorite titles
- Adding personal notes about ebooks

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **N**
- Click on **NetLibrary**

Books in Print

Use it for:

- Recommending titles for Library Purchase
- Creating Bibliographies
- Searching for In-print and Out-of-print titles
- Locating Award-winning and Best-selling titles

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **B**
- Click on **Books in Print**

Ulrich's Periodicals Directory

Use it for:

- Searching for information on journals
- Reading reviews for journals
- Locating Peer-reviewed journals
- Recommending journals for library purchase

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **U**
- Click on **Ulrich's Periodicals Directory**

WorldCat (from OCLC)

Use it for:

- Locating materials in libraries from around the world
- Finding Internet resources
- Searching for thesis/dissertations
- Creating and saving search strategies for later use
- Finding information to request titles through InterLibrary Loan

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **W**
- Click on **WorldCat**

WilsonWeb OmniFile (our second largest general database, after *Academic Search Premier*, providing full-text and citations from magazines and scholarly journals)

What it covers:

- Education
- General Science
- Business
- Humanities
- Readers Guide
- Social Sciences
- Applied Science & Technology
- Art
- Biological & Agricultural
- Legal

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Quick Research Links**

Click on **WilsonWeb**



eLibrary Curriculum

What it includes:

- Articles from News, Magazines, Scholarly Journals
- Encyclopedia and Reference Books
- Spanish-language news, encyclopedias and magazines
- Maps, Pictures, Audio/Video Clips
- Transcripts from Radio and TV news

Additional Modules:

- **Literature** (Author biographies, full-text works, criticism, and author readings & interviews in audio/video.)
- **History** (Primary documents, information by historical period, articles, timelines and historical overviews.)

Benefits:

- Easier interface to use for students who are new to searching
- Provides good “natural language/free text” search
- Many types of resources in one interface
- Reference centers for Literature and History

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Quick Research Links**

Click on **eLibrary**

Finding online periodicals

Use it for:

- Finding out if our databases include the full-text of a title or subject area of interest (e.g. *Saturday Evening Post*)
- Access to trustworthy publications freely available on the Internet (open access)
- Direct links to periodicals that can be posted in an online course or elsewhere

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Online Periodicals**

Article Linker:

- Appears in many databases (Ebsco, WilsonWeb, FirstSearch, Gale)
- Part of **Online Periodicals** service
- Links you from citation (no full-text) in one database to source of full-text in another library database

Campus Research (from Westlaw)

What it offers:

- Newspapers and Newswires
- Business Information from Hoover's
- SEC Filings
- State and Federal Law & Cases
- Law Reviews
- European Law

Use it for:

- News in many subject areas
- Business and Industry research
- Government and Political Science Research
- Access to Case, Federal and State Law

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **C**
- Click on **Campus Research**



Business Source Complete

What it offers:

- Full-text and citations for articles from business news, magazines, journals, and books.
- Financial data, conference proceedings, DataMonitor industry reports and company profiles, and company reports
- Two interface choices: traditional Ebscohost and Enhanced

Use it for:

- International and national business research
- Company and Industry information
- Scholarly business journals
- Access to one of the largest full-text business databases

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **B**
- Click on **Business Source Complete**

Learning Express Library

What it offers:

- Writing, Reading, and Math Skills Improvement
- Resume and Interviewing Skills Development
- Job & Career Test Preparation
- GED, ACT, TOEFL and SAT Preparation

Encourage students to use it for:

- Preparing for many Workforce entrance and certification tests
- Preparing for GED, ACT, SAT or TOEFL
- Practice or improvement in Math, Reading and Writing

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **L**
- Click on **Learning Express Library**



EBSCOHOST Visual Search

What it offers:

- An efficient search across broad subjects
- Visual map of results – great for visual learners
- Results organized by topic – great for subject mapping
- Help in concept building

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **E**
- Click on **EBSCOHOST**
- Choose appropriate databases and click on **Continue**
- At the top of the search screen, click on the **Visual Search** tab



My EBSCOHOST

Lets you:

- Save your search history
- Print your search history
- Be alerted when new articles are available
- Retrieve searches and alerts

Use it for:

- Organization and retention of your own research
- Keeping up with the very latest in your field
- Impressing your friends and colleagues

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **E**
- Click on **EBSCOHOST** and choose individual database(s)
- Click on **My EbscoHost** in the upper left corner



EBSCOHOST Español

What it offers:

- Spanish language interface to Ebscohost databases (articles in English)
- Two full-text databases with articles in Spanish from Latin American magazines and journals
 - La Fuente Academica
 - MedicLatina
- One Spanish language database with citations only (Economia y Negocios)

Use it for:

- Access to Spanish language full text articles
- Spanish language access to Ebscohost databases
- Comfortable database access for native Spanish speakers
- Extra challenge and practice for advanced Spanish students

CQ Researcher

What it offers:

- Huge reports on current topics
- Historical timelines for topics
- Pro/Con articles for each topic
- Background & outlook for future
- Extensive bibliographies
- “Browse by Topic”

Use it for:

- Help in finding great topics for research papers
- In-depth information on current hot topics
- Authoritative pro/con articles on hot topics
- Visuals: photos, graphs, charts on current events

To get there:

- From the MCC Library’s home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A-Z**, click on **C**
- Click on **CQ Researcher**

Naxos Music

What it offers:

- Music by genre (classical, pop & rock, jazz, and more)
- Music by category (ballet, chamber, film, TV, and more)
- Music by composer, artist, title, or keyword
- Music for kids

Use it for:

- Sound enhancements to your teaching
- Interdisciplinary themes
- Your own pleasure

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **N**
- Click on **Naxos Music**

Naxos Spoken Word

Offers audiobooks in the following areas:

- Literature
- Plays
- Speeches
- Children's classics
- Poetry
- History
- Philosophy
- Religion

Use it for:

- Students with learning disabilities or vision impairments
- Audio enhancement to literary studies
- Audio enhancement to primary documents in history and government
- Your own pleasure

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **N**
- Click on **Naxos Spoken Word Library**

GPO (Government Printing Office) Monthly Catalog

What it is: GPO is the Federal Government's primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published information in all its forms.

What it offers:

- Free access to all types of U.S. government documents
 - Executive
 - Legislative
 - Judiciary
- The largest source of scientific and technical information in the world
- The largest source for statistics
- Databases available online include:
 - Budget of the United States Government
 - Code of Federal Regulations
 - Congressional Record
 - Congressional Hearings
 - Congressional Reports
 - Economic indicators
 - History of Bills
 - The United States Code
 - Federal Register
 - GAO Reports
 - United States Government Manual
 - U.S. Supreme Court Decisions

Why use GPO?

- Resources are peer reviewed by the subject specialists.
- Can be included with traditional research materials like books journal articles newspapers etc
- No copyright restrictions, unless specifically noted
- Freely accessible

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **G**
- Click on **GPO Monthly Catalog**



World History Collection

What it offers:

- a global look at history.
- Cover-to-cover full text for more than 130 titles
- Many peer-reviewed journals
- Full text dates as far back as 1964

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **W**
- Click on World History Collection



Natural and Alternative Treatment

Includes:

- Information on natural and alternative treatments for many common conditions
- Scientific information, dosage, and safety issues for many herbs and supplements
- Possible interactions with conventional drugs
- Evidence-based information on the effectiveness of alternative treatments
- Scientific information on the effectiveness of “functional foods.”

To get there:

- From MCC Library’s home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **N**
- Click on **Natural and Alternative Treatment**



Health & Wellness Resource Center with Alternative Health Information

Includes:

- Basic medical reference information with the medical dictionary and encyclopedias
- Information on medicines and herbal / alternative substances
- Locators for health organizations, hospitals and associations
- Health news and other health information sources

To get there:

- From MCC Library’s home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **H**
- Click on **Health & Wellness Resource Center**



CINAHL full text

Offers:

- Access to the most important single database of nursing literature
- Full-text PDF or HTML versions of articles from the major nursing journals

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **C**
- Click on **CINAHL full text**

STAT! Ref

Use for:

- Searching 35 different medical reference works at the same time
- Summaries, descriptions, treatment practices for many diseases and conditions
- Patient information resources
- Medical calculation tools
- Drug information & ICD-9 codes

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **S**
- Click on **STAT! Ref**



Bibliography of Native North Americans

Use it to find:

- Bibliographic citations on all aspects of Native North American culture, history and life
- More than 80,000 citations for books, essays, journal articles, and government documents of the United States and Canada
- Some full-text HTML and PDF files

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **B**
- Click on **Bibliography of Native North Americans**

Chronicle of Higher Education

Use it to:

- Keep up-to-date on the most important news affecting higher education around the world
- Read in-depth information on important trends and events in higher education
- Search for information on higher education back to 1989
- Find the latest jobs in higher education

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Quick Research Links**
- Click on **Chronicle of Higher Education**

NewsBank Texas (from NewsBank)

What it offers:

- **NewsBank Full Text Texas Newspapers** with articles from major Texas Newspapers and Newswires
- **America's News Magazines** with articles in popular American news magazines

Use it for:

- News and general research on any topic related to Texas
- Government and Political Science Research
- Articles about "local" issues in 18 newspapers from all over Texas
- Articles in national news magazines on a variety of topics

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **N**
- Click on **NewsBank Full Text Texas Newspapers**



Texas Reference Center (from EBSCO)

What it offers:

- Over 80 full text journals and books
- All aspects of Texas history, literature, business, sports. . . .
- Biographies of famous historical and contemporary Texans
- El Sol de Texas, a Spanish language newspaper

Use it for:

- Researching Texas related topics, including biographies
- Finding articles or chapters in books
- Locating obscure information in local publications, e.g., Whitney's newspaper (*Lakelander*)

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **T**
- Click on **Texas Reference Center**

Texas Digital Sanborn Maps (from ProQuest)

What it offers:

- Historical maps of Texas towns and cities going back to the 1800s
- Street by street locations of original houses, building structures, and street names in Texas
- Ability to zoom in and out and to move around within the map
- Other features such as pipelines, railroads, wells, and dumps

Use it for:

- Texas history projects and research papers
- Waco area history exploration
- Study of old businesses or homes in Texas
- Family history research (genealogy)
- Growth pattern analysis in cities and towns
- Urban/anthropological study

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **T**
- Click on **Texas Digital Sanborn Maps**

RAND Texas (from RAND)

What it offers:

- Texas and U.S. statistics available from 80 databases
- Searches by state, county, city, and zip code
- Subject categories: business and economics, health and socioeconomic data, population and demographics, government finance, education, census

Use it for:

- Statistical support in research papers
- Support in speeches and debates
- Justification for grants, budget requests, etc.
- Trend identification

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **R**
- Click on **RAND Texas**

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center (from Facts on File)

What it offers:

- Job description, salary, education/training, job outlook for almost 3,000 jobs
- Scholarship information
- Resume advice
- A section on "Four Steps to a New Job"
- Web sites on career planning

Use it for:

- Researching careers
- Preparing a resume
- Applying for a job
- Finding a scholarship

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **F**
- Click on **Ferguson's Career Guidance Center**



Vocational and Career Collection (from EBSCO)

What it offers:

- Articles about careers and the issues relevant to those careers
- Full text articles in 350 trade- and industry-related periodicals
- Information particularly helpful for community college students researching career areas

Use it for:

- Research about careers
- Discussions of issues relevant to various jobs
- Tips on management/employee relations
- Skills development

To get there:

- From MCC Library's home page, click on **Article Databases**
- Under **Article Databases A - Z**, click on **V**
- Click on **Vocational & Career Collection**