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### EBSCOhost

MasterFILE Elite provides full text from over 1,180 general reference, business, consumer health, general science, and multi-cultural periodicals. Also offers indexing and abstracts for over 2,315 periodicals. Full text backfiles go as far back as January 1990; indexing and abstract backfiles go as far back as January 1984. Updated daily.

Primary Search provides full text from nearly 60 children's magazines, plus indexing and abstracts for over 80 magazines. Other full text sources include The World Almanac of the U.S.A. and The World Almanac for Kids; The Encyclopedia of Animals; Funk & Wagnall's New Encyclopedia; and over 100 pamphlets. Updated weekly.

NoveList, a guide to fiction, helps users locate books to read and learn more about books and authors. Covers picture books, children's "chapter" books, young adult titles, and books for adult readers. Contains full-text reviews from several journals including *Booklist*, *School Library Journal*, *Library Journal* and *Publishers Weekly*, as well as annotations and summaries, theme-oriented book lists, awards lists, feature articles, and book discussion guides. Updated monthly. Approximately 10,000 new fiction records are added annually.

TOPICsearch is a full text resource for students covering social, political, and economic issues; current events; scientific discoveries; and other popular topics. Contains articles from over 1,100 magazines, 150 newspapers, 400 pamphlets, 1,500 popular biographies, 800 book reviews, and 15,000 public opinion polls.

Searchasaurus has reference materials from magazines, encyclopedias, newspapers, books, and more, including some full text articles, for elementary to middle school aged users.

Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia provides over 25,000 encyclopedic entries. Searchable by subject or keywords within the entry.

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### Facts on File

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### Gale Databases

Health Reference Center Academic offers articles on topics such as fitness, pregnancy, medicine, nutrition, diseases, public health, occupational health and safety, alcohol and drug abuse, HMOs, and prescription drugs.

Business & Company Resource Center offers detailed company and industry news and information, including company profiles, brand information, rankings, investment reports, company histories, chronologies, and periodicals.

Junior Edition – K12 is designed for students in junior high and middle school, contains 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.

### OCLC First Search

ArticleFirst: OCLC index of articles from the contents pages of journals.

ECO: An OCLC collection of scholarly journals.

WorldCat: OCLC catalog of books, Web resources, and other material worldwide

## Grolier Online

Encyclopedia Americana, long a standard in school, academic, and public library collections, blends the depth and accuracy of the print edition with the currency expected of an online reference work. Its 45,000 articles have been contributed by over 6,500 specialists in their respective disciplines and cover all academic fields and curriculum topics. Can be used as a stand-alone source of current information on almost any topic or as a guide to the resources of the World Wide Web. Updated quarterly.

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, based on the text of the *Academic American Encyclopedia*, contains thousands of new and expanded articles, extensive hyperlinking, bibliographies and links to other sources of information on the Web. Updated monthly.

Grolier Online also offers an Atlas (including geopolitical, thematic, and explorers maps), dictionaries, and a thesaurus.

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