Reference Databases

Online reference databases are based on quality reference books and resources. These databases provide information from primary sources such as, encyclopedias, journals and other statistical information. Below are just a few databases:

**Biography In Context**—Integrates biographies from respected Gale Group sources with full-text articles from hundreds of periodicals plus images. Covers historical and current personalities.

**Britannica**—Encyclopedia Britannica provides a variety of reference information. Special features are Biography of the Day, Subject Search, Timeline, and World Atlas.

**Credo Reference**—Searches over 100 subject specialty reference books, from over 50 publishers for desired information in articles and images.

**Encyclopedia of American Government** *(from CQ Press Library)*—Provides information regarding the Presidency, Congress, Supreme Court, and elections.

**Gale Virtual Reference Library**—Specialized encyclopedias and dictionaries on the arts, education, environment, law, criminal justice, medicine, and social sciences.

**IVY-FYI**—A helpful and fun reference list of direct Internet links to common reference tools such as dictionaries, calculators, almanacs, zip code sources, weather, demographics.

**HELPFUL eSources**

You will find links to the three tools below in the HELP section of the Library website.

**IvyTilt**—a six-part interactive tutorial on library research at Ivy Tech, introducing students to research strategies, IvyCat, article databases, and using citation management tools.

**NoodleTools**—is an electronic citation management tool that will help you create bibliographies, etc. for your research papers.

**LibGuides**—these guides, created by IvyTech librarians around the state in all subject areas on a wide variety of topics, direct users to a wide variety of helpful research tools and information resources.

Ebook Databases

Other resources the Online Library has to offer are E-Books, or electronic books, often based on hard copy books. While viewable online, limited download restrictions apply to most.

**Books 24X7**—2,000 full-text books on computer topics.

**Ebrary**—Provides 120,000 e-books, journals, maps and other titles from a variety of publishers. Has easy tutorial for beginning users.

**EBSCO ebooks**—Popular and user-friendly E-Book database that covers a number of books on academic subjects.

Online Video Databases

**Films on Demand**—more than 8,400 streaming videos covering most program areas plus career information.

Spanish Language Database

**Informe (from INSPIRE)**—Searches by subject in any articles from popular Spanish language magazines. Coverage is from 1996 forward. Has a Spanish language thesaurus.

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**Online Information Sources**

You can easily connect to a multitude of electronic books, journal articles, reference resources, and audio-visual materials through the Library website anywhere that you have a computer and Internet access. Just log into Campus Connect, select the LIBRARY tab, and you are on your way! OR go directly there at:  http://library.ivytech.edu/northwest

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**IvyCat**

**IvyCat** is the Ivy Tech online library catalog for all Ivy Tech libraries, providing access to books (both paper and electronic), DVDs, and other materials available in our libraries. Our collection includes over 150,000 electronic books that you can connect to on your computer through IvyCat.

**Accessing IvyCat:** A direct link to IvyCat is available in the right column of the library home page.

**Individual Campuses:** You can limit your search to materials at an individual campus. Click on the LOCATIONS dropdown menu on the IvyCat search screen and select a campus library.

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**Academic Databases**

We provide access to a wide variety of academic databases that cover all academic disciplines so that you can easily find electronic articles (magazine, journal, and newspaper), reference sources, books, and audiovisual materials. This wealth of resources is available to current Ivy Tech community members by logging onto Campus Connect and clicking LIBRARY tab to access the library home page. Then click the Search & Find box to access our databases. Included in this pamphlet are descriptions of just some of the databases. See website for the complete A-Z listing.

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**General Academic Databases**

The databases are accessible to current students, faculty, and staff from any computer in the library, classroom or campus office via your personal Campus Connect login. The article databases provide information for a vast variety of subjects such as diabetes, crime, or global warming. These databases are a good place for doing a research paper, information report or gaining personal knowledge from credible sources. Below are the more popular databases:

**EBSCOhost**—This is a group of 25 databases, including Academic Search Premier, which covers all academic subjects. See Subject section of the brochure for more listings of specialized databases. Multiple-database searching is available.

**LexisNexis Academic**—includes a full-text newspaper article database, as well as business, and legal research.

**Facts on File**—Collections covering current issues and controversies, as well as writing tips, current science, and a career collection with assessment tools.

**Proquest**—Includes two general databases, notably Research Library, and Career and Technical Education.

**CQ Press Electronic Library**—(includes CQ Researcher) Access this for current topics with pro-con views on the topics and other sources of information.

**Opposing Viewpoints In Context**—Provides article essays on over 100 popular topics on various social and medical issues. Each article is written from either a pro or con approach.

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**Subject Databases**

**Business Databases**

**Business Source Premier** (from EBSCO)—Full-text information from over 7,500 publications covering topics such as accounting, economics, and management.

**Small Business Resource Center** (from Gale)—includes sample business plans, articles by types of businesses, and other numerous articles on business topics.

**Corporate ResourceNet** (from EBSCO)—Has full-text articles from 1,200 journals giving company information. Full-text articles from years 1985 to present.

**Humanities Databases**

**ERIC** (from EBSCO)—Contains 2,200 education related digests with references to citations and abstracts to peer reviewed education related journals.

**PsycARTICLES** (from EBSCO) - Peer-reviewed journals with 100,000 articles from 59 psychology journals.

**Facts on File** - Diverse database covering American history, world history, careers, today’s science, etc.

**Literary Reference Center** (from EBSCO) - From journals and books has articles on authors, their lives & works, plot summaries, criticisms, poems & short stories.

**Health/Nursing Databases**

**Health/Wellness Resource Center** (from Gale)—Access to general medical and health information. Includes 400 medical journals & 2,200 general interest publications.

**Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition** (from EBSCO)—550 scholarly full-text nursing and allied health journals covering different medical conditions.

**Nursing & Allied Health Source** (from Gale) - Full-text information from professional and leading allied health, nursing and related publications.

**NetAnatomy**—detailed collection of images—on radiographic, cross-sectional, and gross anatomy.