



Online Databases

online articles from magazines, journals and newspapers

What are the online databases?

Saskatchewan libraries subscribe to online databases like you might subscribe to a newspaper or magazine. Online databases store both current and back issues of magazines, newspapers and journals for easy searching.

In a database, you may browse for a title of a magazine or newspaper that interests you, or you could search for a topic of interest. The search may include both full text articles and citations. You can print or email both articles and citations from most databases. If the full text is not available online, you will get a list of citations, which provide details on where you can find the complete version of the article. If you need help locating the article from a citation, ask at your library.

What databases do I have access to?

You have access to more than 7000 full-text journals, magazines, newspapers and encyclopedias. The databases include topics such as agriculture, business, news, consumer information, career information, health, law, travel information, science and technology and more.

Get a hands-on look at using the online databases!

This video segment, produced by Dotto Tech demonstrates some of the features and benefits of licensed database usage. Host Steve Dotto walks viewers through the process of logging in, selecting a database, conducting a basic search, and then refining the search parameters.

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How do I use an online database?

You can access the online databases either on one of the computers in the library, where library staff will help you. Or, you can access them from any computer with internet access. All you need to log on to these licensed databases is your valid library card. Once you have your library card, ask at your library about setting up access to the databases as you will also need a pin number, your last name or some other form of secret password.

To begin your search, you will need to:

- Click on the “e-library services” link on your library’s web site to find an alphabetical and a subject listing of the databases available to you.
- Select the database you would like to search. You will be asked to log in, using your username and password that you set up at your library.
- Once you have logged on, you will be taken to the database that you selected.
- The search screen for each database may have a different look. However, you will be able to search for your topic in each of these databases. If you are unable to perform your search or are not getting the results you expected, help is available. Click on the database’s search tips or help, contact your local library for personal service or send a question to our Ask Us! service (<http://www.lib.sk.ca/askus/>).



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Why would I want to use the online databases?

The online databases provide you access to thousands of magazines, journals and newspapers ranging in topics from science and computing to health, art and music to business, consumer information to history and more. Some databases will have a mix of many of these subjects while others will be more specific and concentrate on one subject area. Check out the subject or alphabetical list on your library's web site for more information about the databases.