

Electronic Resources at YC Library: Databases

Top ten reasons to use a database:

1. Most likely, your instructor will be very impressed that a database was used instead of a web site (most college instructors require database research).
2. Web pages are not always legitimate or reliable, they may be outdated and come and go.
3. Databases are subscriptions and the library purchases them for you as a student benefit at Yavapai College.
4. Because the information in databases is from publishers, they have been checked for accuracy and reliability.
5. There are no paid sponsors, advertisements, or annoying pop ups!
6. You can find reliable background information on topics. Select Encyclopædia Britannica.
7. They contain newspaper, magazine and journal articles available to you free of charge.
8. Some offer access to full text articles from peer reviewed publications, which many instructors require.
9. With “Alt-Press Watch”, important social issues outside the mainstream press are examined.
10. In many databases, you can save time creating MLA and APA citations.

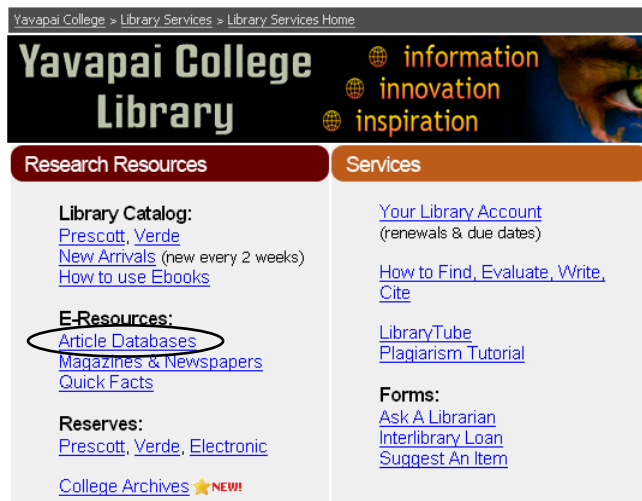
Where do I find these databases?

Go to the YC Library web page at:

www.yc.edu/library

Select Article Databases

(You have the option of viewing the databases grouped by subject or in an A-to-Z list).



The screenshot shows the Yavapai College Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "Yavapai College > Library Services > Library Services Home". Below this is the main header with "Yavapai College Library" in large letters and "information innovation inspiration" in smaller text with globe icons. There are two main columns: "Research Resources" and "Services". Under "Research Resources", there are links for "Library Catalog:", "Prescott, Verde", "New Arrivals (new every 2 weeks)", and "How to use Ebooks". Under "E-Resources:", the link "Article Databases" is circled in red. Other links include "Magazines & Newspapers" and "Quick Facts". Under "Reserves:", there are links for "Prescott, Verde, Electronic" and "College Archives ★ NEW!". Under "Services", there are links for "Your Library Account (renewals & due dates)", "How to Find, Evaluate, Write, Cite", "LibraryTube", and "Plagiarism Tutorial". At the bottom of the Services column, there is a "Forms:" section with links for "Ask A Librarian", "Interlibrary Loan", and "Suggest An Item".

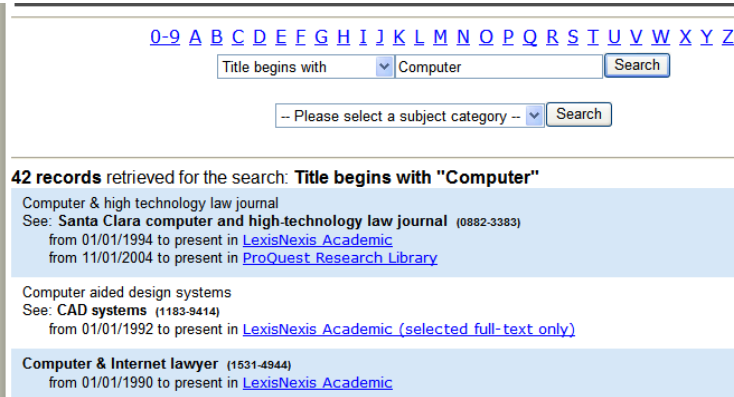
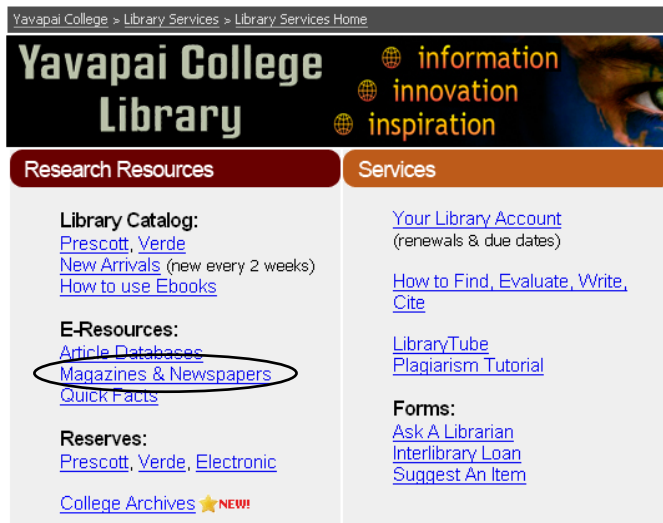
Note: YC students, staff and faculty can access these databases off-campus after logging in with their Yavapai College username and password. Call the ITS helpdesk (928) 776-2168 for help with your username.

How Do I Begin to Search for My Topic?

Review the attached database chart, find your subject area by reading the descriptions, select a database and explore!

What If I Am Looking for a Specific Journal, Magazine or Newspaper?

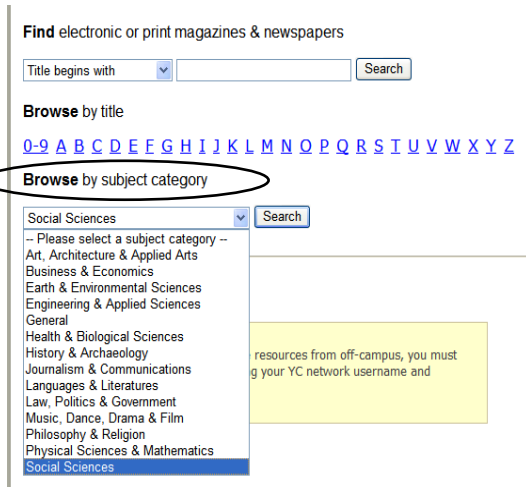
From our [YC Library Web page](#), select **Magazines & Newspapers**



Enter the magazine or newspaper title in the search box.

If the publication is available in our collection, the results indicate whether it is available electronically through the databases or CDs, in print on our shelves or available in microform.

You can also browse by topics by selecting a subject category.



For example, browsing Social Sciences, we find subcategories. (The number in parenthesis represents individual publications containing articles on that subject heading.)

Database Name	Topics Covered	Full Text	Description
AccessScience	Science & technology	✓	Articles from the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology, McGraw-Hill Yearbooks and Science News.
ACS Web Editions	Chemistry	✓	(American Chemical Society) Over 30 peer-reviewed journals and archives back to 1879.
Alt-Press Watch	News	✓	Alternative and independent presses.
Arizona Health Information Network (AZHIN)	Health, Nursing, Medical	✓	Gateway page for nursing program resources. Contains online full-text journals, textbooks, and medical databases: Cochrane Library of evidence-based medicine, Medline, and STAT! Ref.
Article First (access through FirstSearch)	General		Tables of content pages for business, humanities, medicine, popular culture, science, social sciences and technology journals.
Books In Print	Bibliographic		Bibliographic information for books, audios and videos.
Career Cruising	Business, Career	✓	Online Career Exploration including occupational information, vocational biographies, college search information, and a "what's the best career for me?" quiz.
CQ Researcher	Social sciences, General	✓	(Congressional Quarterly) Hot issues in the news including health, education, science, technology and social environmental issues.
ECO (access through FirstSearch)	General		(Electronic Collections Online) Citations and abstracts from scholarly journals, 1995-present.
Encyclopædia Britannica	General	✓	An authoritative information source with articles, images, videos and links to reviewed websites.
ERIC	Education	✓	(Educational Resource Information Center) Literature and resources from The U.S. Dept. of Education.
FirstSearch	Bibliographic	✓	Provides access to several databases: Article First, ECO, GPO, Medline, WorldCat (look for items to request through interlibrary loan), Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia, World Almanac, and WorldCatDissertations.
Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia (access through FirstSearch)	General	✓	Over 25,000 records, covering a variety of subject areas for student research needs.
GeoRef	Geology		American Geological Institute's geosciences database containing citations for journals, books, maps, theses and dissertations.
GPO (access through FirstSearch)	Government publications		(Government Printing Office) Complete monthly catalog of U.S. Government publications.
GreenFILE	Agriculture, Earth Science	✓	Covers the various aspects of human impact on the environment, such as: global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling and more.
Health Source: Consumer Edition	Health, Medical	✓	Topics include: medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, childcare, sports medicine, drug information, and general health.
Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition	Health, Nursing, Medical	✓	Scholarly journals with a very strong focus on nursing, drug information, and allied health.

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Hoover's	Business	✓	Comprehensive company, industry, and market intelligence; updated daily.
Language and Literature (JSTOR)	Literature	✓	Articles covering literary criticism and literary cultures of many different countries.
LexisNexis	Business, Legal, Medical, News	✓	Regional, national & international news including broadcast transcripts, campus newspapers and court cases.
Library, Information Science & Technology Abstract (LISTA)	Library Science		Indexes over 600 periodicals, plus books, research reports and proceedings as far back as the 1960's.
Literature Criticism Online (LCO)	Literature, Biography, Humanities	✓	Extensive resource on literary reviews and criticism on short stories, poetry, Shakespeare, 19 th -20 th Century and contemporary literature, and biographies of authors.
Literature Online (LION)	Literature, Biography, Humanities	✓	Literary criticisms, reference resources plus over 350,000 works of poetry, drama, and prose fiction from the seventh century to the present day.
Magazines & Newspapers	News, General		Electronic, print and microform magazines & newspapers owned by Yavapai College Libraries.
MAS Ultra School	General	✓	Over 500 popular high school magazines. Includes pamphlets, reference books, biographies, primary source documents, and an image collection of more than 200,000 photos, maps, and flags.
Medline (access through FirstSearch)	Medical, Health, Nursing		Citations and indexes to all areas of medicine including nursing and dentistry.
Milestone Documents in American History	History, Government Publications	✓	A collection of primary source documents that have shaped American history from 1763-2003. Full-text as well as an explanation and analysis of the documents are included.
NetAdvantage	Business	✓	Industry surveys, stock reports, company descriptions & financial information, mutual funds data provided by Standard & Poor's.
New York Times Historical Newspaper	News	✓	Articles from the New York Times from 1851 to 2006.
Professional Development Collection	Education	✓	Designed for professional educators, the PDC consists of more than 550 journal titles (over 350 peer-reviewed) as well as 200 educational reports.
ProQuest Research Library	General	✓	Humanities, social sciences and sciences. Peer-reviewed articles, constructs bibliography in MLA or APA style.
SIRS Researcher	Social Sciences, Business, General	✓	Pro and con viewpoints on leading issues such as abortion, capital punishment, cloning, gay rights, and assisted suicide.
ReferenceUSA	Business, Career	✓	Find corporate information on US businesses, as well as detailed information on physicians and dentists. A separate phone directory for US residents is also provided.
Ulrichsweb	Bibliographic		Bibliographic, subscription and circulating information for magazines, journals and newspapers.
World Almanac (access through FirstSearch)	General	✓	Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia, World Almanac and Book of Facts, World Almanac of the USA, World Almanac of US Politics and World Almanac for Kids.
WorldCat (access through FirstSearch)	Bibliographic		Describes over 60 million items, including books, magazines, a/v titles, maps, musical scores. Displays which libraries own items.