



## CCBC LIBRARY Research Databases

### **Overview/Reference Sources**

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The databases listed below consist of “tertiary sources”, which **summarize, abstract, digest, or review available information on a topic**. Tertiary sources should be the first tools to use at the start of your research, because they provide **historical background, definitions of important concepts and the most prominent names in the field**. This initial information will help focus your topic, develop a good research question or thesis statement and an outline, and select keywords to use when searching for more material.

#### **CREDO REFERENCE**

Full-text, aggregated content from more than 260 reference titles (handbooks, dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc.) from 55 publishers, with nearly three million entries covering every major subject.

#### **FACTS.COM: Issues and Controversies**

Explores more than 800 current topics in business, politics, government, education, and popular culture. Updated weekly, with links to a 12-year back-file.

#### **FACTS.COM: Today’s Science**

Bridges the gap between the science learned in the classroom and the discoveries pushing the boundaries of science today. Updated weekly and containing thousands of links to a 15-year back-file, Today’s Science explains important developments in biology, chemistry, the environment, space, physics, and technology.

#### **BRITANNICA ONLINE**

Comprehensive reference work containing articles on all disciplines that summarize human knowledge to date. Full-text of the current edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, plus image galleries and multimedia clips. Includes access to the *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary* and *Thesaurus*.

#### **RECOMMENDED WEB SITES**

There are quality web sites that can be used to obtain background information. On the CCBC library home page, under “LINKS”, click “Best of the Web”. All of those sites are preselected by experts and contain information that can be used as academic sources.

### **Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed) Sources**

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Scholarly or peer-reviewed journals are published by educational or professional organizations and are written for an academic audience. Articles reporting on original research are classified as primary sources; articles that offer review and critique are considered secondary sources.

#### **EBSCOHOST: Academic Search Elite**

Full-text for more than 2,100 journals, including more than 1,700 peer-reviewed titles, covering virtually every area of academic study including: computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, ethnic studies and more.

**EBSCOHOST: Business Source Elite**

Full-text articles from general business magazines, trade publications, business journals and business publications with an international scope. Some titles start as far back as 1985 and more than 200 journals have PDF full-text materials back to 1965 or first issue published. Over 10,000 company profiles are included. Topics include accounting, management, marketing, economics, finance, international business and more.

**EBSCOHOST: Regional Business News**

Comprehensive full-text coverage of regional business publications: 75 business journals, newspapers and newswires from all metropolitan and rural areas within the United States. This database is updated on a daily basis.

**EBSCOHOST: GREEN FILE**

GreenFILE offers well-researched information covering all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles includes content on global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more. The database provides indexing and abstracts for more than 384,000 records, as well as Open Access full-text for more than 4,700 records.

**EBSCOHOST: Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**

Provides more than 550 scholarly full-text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition also features abstracts and indexing for nearly 850 journals.

**EBSCOHOST: CINAHL Plus with Full-text**

The most comprehensive source of full-text for nursing & allied health journals, providing full-text for more than 770 journals indexed in CINAHL.

**PROQUEST: Criminal Justice Periodicals Index**

Provides full-text access to information on virtually any criminal justice topic, including corrections administration, law enforcement, social work, industrial security, drug rehabilitation, and criminal and family law.

**MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, NEWSWIRES**

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**EBSCOHOST: MasterFile Premier**

Provides full-text for nearly 1,700 periodicals covering a broad range of disciplines including general reference, business, education, health, general science, multi-cultural issues and much more. MasterFILE Premier also contains full-text for nearly 500 reference books and over 164,400 primary source documents, as well as an Image Collection of over 592,000 photos, maps & flags. This database is updated daily. Titles include Business Week, Chronicle of Higher Education, College Student Journal, College Teaching, Community College Review, Community College Week, Consumer Reports, The Economist, Education Week, Education Leadership, Forbes, Fortune, Newsweek, Pittsburgh Magazine, Time Magazine and many more.

**EBSCOHOST: MAS Ultra**

Contains full-text for nearly 500 popular, high school magazines. MAS Ultra – School Edition also provides more than 360 full-text reference books, 85,670 biographies, over 107,000 primary source documents, and an Image Collection of over 510,000 photos, maps & flags, color PDFs and expanded full-text backfiles (back to 1975) for key magazines. Titles include America's Civil War, American Heritage, American History, Archaeology, Astronomy, Bioscience, Careers & Colleges, Civil War Times, Congressional Digest, Discover, History

Today, Nation, National Review, New Republic, New Scientist, Popular Science, Science News, Scientific American, Smithsonian, World War II.

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**EBSCOHOST: Newspaper Source**

Cover-to-cover full-text for more than 40 U.S. & international newspapers. The database also contains selective full-text for 389 regional (U.S.) newspapers. In addition, full-text television & radio news transcripts are also provided. Indexing and abstracts available for national newspapers. Includes some issues of the Beaver County Times (January 2005 on) and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (1997-on).

**PROQUEST: Newspapers**

Includes the full-text of the New York Times (1995 on) and the Wall Street Journal (1984 on).

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**LEXISNEXIS ACADEMIC UNIVERSE**

Focuses on news (US and international, and transcripts from television broadcasts), business/company information (including financial statements), and legal information (law reviews, federal and state cases, tax law, US, Canada and European Union).

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