

Dive Into Databases

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Academic Search Complete Comprehensive, multidisciplinary resource for scholarly research. *What can it do for me?* Locate journal articles and papers on a wide range of topics. Includes peer-reviewed, full-text resources for subjects such as adult education, higher education, public health, and more. Users can create a free account through Ebsco to save and organize materials.

Access World News – Popular newspaper coverage of topics of current interest including business, science and technology.

What can it do for me? Find feature articles from Newsweek, Foreign Affairs, Popular Science, Daily Herald, Chicago Sun-Times, and over 13,000 additional sources. Users can create a free Newsbank database to save and organize articles.

Ancestry Library Edition -- Provides access to billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more. **In-library use only.**

What can it do for me? Locate genealogical records including birth and death information, marriage records, and yearbook entries for millions of people. It makes a great tool for background research on individuals, too. Remember, Ancestry.com requires in-library usage only.

A to Z Database -- A premier research, marketing, contact listing, and job-search database.

What can it do for me? Search for company executives, parent companies and subsidiaries by region or zip code. It's a great source for pre-interview or investment background information. A to Z also includes a massive, searchable residential directory by name or geographic area with estimated income information, which is useful for targeted advertising. Users can create a free account to save search sets.

Auto Repair Source – Repair and maintenance information for a wide variety of retail cars and trucks. Includes domestic and foreign vehicles.

What can it do for me? Change your own vehicle fuses or fluids and troubleshoot your car without a costly trip to the repair shop.



Britannica Online – Full text of the encyclopedia plus suggested Internet resources.

What can it do for me? Britannica provides extensive, vetted background information on thousands of topics and includes links to further quality materials. Get reliable information here!

Business Source Complete – Full-text coverage of top business, management and economic journals and periodicals.

What can it do for me? This database covers breaking news and background articles on topics such as accounting, banking, finance, international business, marketing, sales and more. Keep track of industry trends by creating a free Ebsco account to store research, data, and articles.

Chicago News Collection – Searchable full text from 256 Chicago regional news outlets, including *Glencoe News* from 1995 – present.

What can it do for me? Read articles from the most recent editions of a variety of area newspapers, including the full-print *Chicago Sun-Times*. Search text from papers like *The Daily Herald*, *Crains Chicago Business*, and *Glencoe News*. This is a great source for local events and regional history, too, with newspapers from towns around northern Illinois. Ditch your private subscriptions to *The Herald*, *Crains*, *Sun Times*, and *Glencoe News* and read them here to save over \$47/month!

Chicago Sun-Times Collection – Full text and full color print copies of the newspaper, 1986 – present.

What can it do for me? Save money -- end your personal *Sun-Times* subscription and read the daily paper here in full color, with all photos and graphics (and save \$7/month). Full papers are available from 2018-present, text articles are available from 1986-present.

Chicago Tribune Digital Edition – Provides full-image access to the daily edition of the Chicago Tribune, including the current paper plus previous months. Users can create a free Tribune account to receive free 72-hour access or access the paper anonymously for 24-hour access.

What can it do for me? Cancel your Tribune subscription and read the daily paper with your GPL card.

ChicagoTribune.com – Access the complete daily Chicago Tribune website, including news, opinion, sports and suburban news (including the Arlington Heights Post) and “Fun & Games.” 72-hour access (requires a free Chicago Tribune account) or 24-hour anonymous access.

What can it do for me? Cancel your Tribune subscription and read the daily paper with your GPL card.

Chicago Tribune (Proquest) – Full text of the newspaper from 1985 – present.

What can it do for me? Read all text articles from the *Tribune*, including today’s paper, back to 1985. For articles before 1985, use the *Chicago Tribune* Historical database with materials back to 1849. If you want news only, without all the fluff, this is the place to find it.

Chicago Tribune (Historical) – Full text of the paper from 1849 – 2000.

What can it do for me? The Chicago Tribune Historical Database is the result of digitizing all the paper’s historical files and clippings. Find PDF copies of actual articles with photos along with full images of Tribune covers (when available). Print the Chicago Tribune cover from special dates or read contemporary articles from significant events like Pearl Harbor and the Great Chicago Fire.

Comics Plus – Unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga.

What can it do for me? If you or someone in your family is a comics or manga enthusiast, Comics Plus can save you a significant amount of money. Access a substantial catalog of comics including popular and award-winning titles for every age range and interest area. Similar services cost roughly \$6/mo, but Comics Plus is free with your GPL card.

Consumer Health Complete – A database of full-text journals, magazines, health reference books, and evidence-based health reports geared toward consumers.

What can it do for me? Find quality, vetted health information in this database, including nearly 500 medical images and diagrams, over 240 animations with audio narration, consumer health pamphlets, and Merriam-Webster's *Medical Desk Dictionary*. Consumer Health Complete gives users the tools to understand their own health status and make informed decisions.

Consumer Reports – Product reviews from the independent, nonprofit Consumers Union.

What can it do for me? Know before you buy to save time and money! *Consumer Reports* product reviews (including electronics and vehicles) are respected as the industry standard. Get digital security advice and service reviews as well. Consumer Reports Online access is sold to individuals for \$39/year, but it is free to you with your GPL library card.

Consumer's Checkbook: Chicago Area – Think of this database as a free “Angie’s List” with verified service reviews from consumers.

What can it do for me? Find reviews of **local** services for home/construction, auto repair, medical services/hospitals and more. Includes consumer guides to help you with the decision-making process.

Creativebug – Access hundreds of on-demand video tutorials and project guides for painting, knitting, crochet, sewing, screen printing, jewelry-making, and more.

What can it do for me? If you or a family member are the creative type, Creativebug will capture your imagination. Build valuable life skills like sewing, knitting, cooking, canning and baking, along with hobby crafts like jewelry design, furniture refinishing, and home décor.

Daily Herald – Full text and full page, 1995 – present; for full text 1901-present, see NewspaperArchive.

What can it do for me? Search the full text of the *Herald* from 1995 onward and read it online in a full-color, searchable online format. Personal subscriptions start at \$4.75/week for digital access, so save yourself over \$18/mo by reading the *Daily Herald* through the library.

Digital Libraries of Illinois: Magazines – Digital editions of some of your favorite magazines delivered to your computer, smartphone or tablet. Requires Libby app for Apple or Android devices, or use Libbyapp.com.

What can it do for me? Get full-color access to popular magazines such as *Time* and *Life*, along with cooking magazines, crossword puzzles, and more.

Explora – Search multiple Ebsco article databases simultaneously.

What can it do for me? Access full-text articles, encyclopedia entries and reference books from over 55 databases using Explora. This is a fantastic resource for background information on virtually any topic and is especially useful for students.

Flipster – Read popular digital magazines on your computer or digital device.

What can it do for me? Cancel your subscription to Sports Illustrated, Bon Appetite, The Atlantic Monthly, and Scientific American, and read them here for free. Flipster includes back issues of most magazines through 2014.

Freegal – Stream and download MP3 format songs from the Sony music catalog of over 400,000 songs of all musical genres.

What can it do for me? Freegal can let you build your own music collection for free! Stream music from the Sony music catalog and get one free, permanent download to keep per month.

Gale E-Books – Search full-text (age level 12 and up) reference sources on a wide range of subjects.

What can it do for me? If you are a teacher, or have children or grandchildren in high school, this resource can give them an edge. Discover detailed background information on current and historical topics from major reference sources including critical essays, and academic journals.

Gale Popular Magazines -- Popular magazines covers a wide range of news and popular culture, including the full collection of National Public Radio programs with transcripts and podcasts.

What can it do for me? Search this immense database of full-text articles from popular and trade magazines like *Advertising Age*. Share or save your materials by email or download.

Glencoe Academy – Watch video tutorials with step-by-step directions for many of our digital services.

What can it do for me? Learn about downloading eBooks, streaming video, locating digital magazines, and more at your own pace. Glencoe Academy includes detailed tutorials on using Microsoft Office tools, too – great for a refresher or for learning a new skill.

Glencoe News – Full text Sept. 1995 – present.

What can it do for me? Follow the history of our town, including major events and obituaries for Glencoe and the surrounding area.

Health Source: Consumer Edition – Subjects include fitness, nutrition, diabetes, aging, women's health, children's health, and more.

What can it do for me? Stay on top of your health with information from magazines, books, Clinical Reference System reports, and pamphlets.

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition -- Provides researchers, allied health professionals, nurses, and medical educators access to scholarly journals on many medical disciplines.

What can it do for me? The Nursing/Academic version of this database provides indexing, abstracts, and full text for hundreds of nursing and allied health journals, many of which are peer reviewed. If you have a background in the health sciences and need more information on a topic, this is the database for you.

Historical Newspapers: US Collection – Search and view 139 full-image historical newspapers from around the country, with coverage starting as early as 1785.

What can it do for me? If you enjoy history or genealogy, you will love this database. Search or browse entire issues of local city and town newspapers, including all notices, ads, articles, and images.

History Reference Center – Covering topics in U.S. and world history from the earliest civilizations through the 21st century.

What can it do for me? This database contains full-text journals, magazines, reference books and thousands of primary source documents. Perfect for students and researchers of any age.

Hobbies and Crafts Source – Guides and instructions for a wide range of hobbies and activities.

What can it do for me? Discover a new hobby or skill with this database geared toward crafting and building. Subject areas include arts and crafts, games, electronics, models, needlework, nature, and paper crafts.

Hoopla Digital – View movies and listen to music or audiobooks on your computer or mobile device.

What can it do for me? Hoopla provides on-demand access to an extensive catalog of movies, e-books, e-audiobooks, and music. This means no waiting for any title in Hoopla. Glencoe cardholders can borrow up to 10 items per month (an album is one item). An app is available for iOS and for Android, or it is accessible at hoopladigital.com.

Illinois Driving Tests – Take practice tests, review study guides, and download materials to help you succeed. Motorcycle and CDL study materials are also available.

What can it do for me? Are you a teen or adult preparing for your driving exam? Gain confidence and learn online from home with our Driving Test training page. All practice materials and sample written exams are available.

Journal and Database Index – Looking for a particular journal or magazine? This tool will tell you where to find full-text across all GPL database holdings. You can also browse by subject for journal and magazine content available online.

JSTOR – Read full-text articles from academic journals, books and primary sources across many different fields, including the arts, humanities and sciences. **In-library use only.**

What can it do for me? JSTOR has an incredibly deep selection of professional and academic periodicals from across hundreds of disciplines. Even though this database requires in-library use, it is one of the most extensive digital academic resources available. Stop by and try it out or call us and we can email articles to you.

Kanopy Movies – An online database of thought-provoking films for all ages. Apps are available for iOS or Android, as well as for many TV-connected streaming devices such as Roku and AppleTV (search your device's built-in apps/channels for "Kanopy"). Generously paid for by The Friends of the Glencoe Public Library.

What can it do for me? If you prefer art films, foreign cinema, or deep documentaries, Kanopy is ideal for you. Available as the Kanopy app on your phone or through other streaming devices (or at kanopy.com). Create an account and watch high-quality entertainment at home.

Learning Express – Contains practice tests, interactive tutorials, e-books, articles, and flashcards for young students through adults. Register for a free account through the library to save your progress.

What can it do for me? Learning Express is an educational resource that can help you improve core academic skills, prepare for high school equivalency tests, prepare for college, explore careers, join the military, study for occupational certification tests, become a U.S. citizen, and much more. There are even practice tests for becoming an air traffic controller or an electrician.

Legal Forms (Gale) – Access and create accurate, reliable legal documents using Gale Legal Form’s fill-in PDFs and Word docs.

What can it do for me? This database contains a large catalog of Illinois-specific “attorney forms” – approved forms and verbiage used by county courts and law firms. Many of the forms and documents are available in Word and Adobe PDF format so users can add and print personalized information.

Legal Information Source – Thousands of legal forms by topic including bankruptcy, divorce, name changes, wills & estate planning, and more. NOLO books provide full-text legal reference books authored by legal experts within a specific practice area.

What can it do for me? Get expert advice from these guides without ever leaving home. This database provides full-text, searchable access to most of NOLO’s current titles, including legal forms.

Literary Reference Source Plus – Full-text literary database covering all genres and time periods. It includes thousands of synopses, critical essays, book reviews, literary journals, and author biographies, plus full-text classic novels, short stories, and poems.

What can it do for me? Get summaries, reviews and criticism of literary works, all in one database. This is an excellent resource for high school and college students.

MasterFILE Complete – A broad collection of popular full-text magazines and reference books.

What can it do for me? MasterFILE is a comprehensive print media database including magazines such as *People*, *TIME*, and *Newsweek*. Sources cover subjects including business, health, education, fitness, sports and leisure, finance, science, multicultural issues, DIY, and fashion. Also includes photos, maps, and flags from around the world.

Morningstar.com – Information about stocks and mutual funds including professional analysts’ reports.

What can it do for me? Track the performance of various markets and funds, including forecasts and in-depth analysis, all from home. Get detailed information on 529 college savings plans for each state, too.

NewspaperArchive – Browse and search more than 200 Illinois newspapers, including the *Daily Herald* from 1901 – current. GPL subscribes to Illinois content only. Beginning this fall, *Glencoe News* is available in full text, with photos, from 1926 - 1977.

Patrons will need to create an account when logging in to access outside the library.

What can it do for me? Search for local history topics in *The Daily Herald* from 1901, *Wilmette Life* from 1924-1940, *Glencoe News* from 1926-1977, and *Highland Park Press* from 1912-1951.

New York Times (Text) – Searchable full text of the newspaper from 1980 to the present and full text of the *Book Review* and *Magazine* 1997-present.

What can it do for me? Locate, read, and share *New York Times* articles from anywhere. This database, with the *New York Times* Historical database, provides searchable full text of the *Times* since 1851.

New York Times (Historical) – Full text of the *New York Times* from 1851 – 2007.

What can it do for me? If you have an interest in history and genealogy, the *New York Times* Historical database is a treasure-trove of material. Find first-hand accounts of events like the U.S. Civil War, the fall of Nicholas II of Russia, the 1918 influenza outbreak, and much more.

New York Times Online – Free 24-hour access to *The New York Times* digital edition, including News, Games, Cooking, Wirecutter, and The Athletic. For help logging in, see our website.

What can it do for me? If you currently pay for the print or digital *New York Times*, cancel your subscription. GPL cardholders get free access to the complete digital edition through the library! The first time you use the online paper through the library, you'll create an account (the account is free). Thereafter, use the library link and your login information to access each day's paper. *The New York Times* is also available in full color in our PressReader database.

Nexis Uni – (formerly Nexis Lexis Library Express) – Over 6,000 news, business, and legal sources, including *The Washington Post*, Standard and Poor's, Hoover's, and decisions from U.S. courts. Some sources are not available from outside the library, but are available in the library building.

What can it do for me? Nexis is a heavily-used research powerhouse within fields that require constant access to up-to-date information. Nexis Uni provides the same level of quality data to Glencoe patrons for free, at home.

Novelist K-8 – Find youth books by subject, age, awards won, books made into movies, and much more. *What can it do for me?* Novelist K-8 provides book reviews for young readers and details about the author. Create your own reading lists for your child before you head to the library, and find new materials directed toward their interests. Includes tools for teachers and parents such as Lexile levels and Common Core standards.

Novelist Plus – Contains information on over 260,000 fiction and highly readable nonfiction titles.

What can it do for me? Novelist features lists of award-winning books, book discussion guides, Read-a-Like recommendations, and complete series information, in addition to reader ratings and reviews. Create your own reading lists before you head to the library and let us connect you with your literary choices.

Points of View Reference Source – Presents multiple sides of over 500 current events and issues. Helps students assess and develop persuasive arguments and essays, better understand controversial issues, and develop analytical thinking skills.

What can it do for me? Teachers, parents, and students can use this database for research projects, background information on current events, and for speech or debate preparation. Create a free Ebsco account and save your materials for access from any location.

PressReader – Access *The New York Times* online print edition, *The Economist*, and hundreds more newspapers from 124 countries in 59 languages.

What can it do for me? Read the complete *New York Times* without the cumbersome NYT sign-in process. PressReader contains the last 3 months of newspapers (including the daily crossword puzzle) and can translate text into 35 different languages.

Pronunciator – Learn new languages with these interactive online courses. Pronunciator also offers an app for iPhones/iPods, iPads, Android Phones, Android Tablets, and Kindle Fire.

What can it do for me? Brush up your language skills or learn an entirely new language with Pronunciator. This service is similar to services like Duolingo, Babel, or Rosetta Stone, but it is completely free with your track your progress as you read, listen, and speak new languages.

Regional Business News – Regional business publications for the United States and Canadian provinces from 1990.

What can it do for me? Focusing on Illinois and midwestern titles, this database includes text of newspapers, radio and television news transcripts, trade publications, magazines, and newswires. Find Crain's Chicago Business articles here and cancel your private membership to save money!

Science Reference Source – Provides full text for hundreds of science magazines, journals, reference books, and high-quality videos.

What can it do for me? With articles, papers, and science news, this database also contains science experiments, curriculum-aligned lesson plans, and a vast image collection. Science Reference Source is an excellent source for K-12 students *and* adults, with accessible materials for all ages.

Small Business Source – Covers all aspects of starting and operating a business.

What can it do for me? Whether you are starting a new small business venture or maintaining your current one, Small Business Source will guide your way. Find information on accounting, human resources, management, marketing, taxes, and more. Includes state-specific guides and regulatory information.

Small Engine Repair Source – Repair guides for small engines and routine maintenance (tune-ups, brake service, etc.).

What can it do for me? Complete many small engine repairs at home with the right instructions. Find brand and model-specific instructions here. Coverage includes lawn mowers, motorcycles, tractors, and snowmobiles.

Udemy (Presented by Gale) – Udemy offers 20,000 on-demand video tutorials on a wide variety of skills and subjects.

What can it do for me? If you need to learn new skills or brush up on existing ones, Udemy offers detailed classes covering technology (e.g., Office, Windows, and Mac OS, coding, etc.), business and management, job and career skills, and personal growth. Many classes and tutorials provide a certificate of completion, making them perfect for continuing education requirements.

USA Today – Includes full text of newspapers from 2006 – current.

What can it do for me? If you subscribe to *USA Today*, or if you're traveling and want to read about top stories within the US, save your money and get the paper through the library. Our *USA Today* database provides full-color access to all *USA Today* Web Edition papers from 2022 to today, and text access to papers from 1987 onward.

US Major Dailies – Search across several major daily U.S. papers at once. Includes Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Washington Post.

What can it do for me? This database is one of our best. GPL cardholders can search for full-text articles from major US papers in one location and via one search interface. US Major Dailies includes current papers from the sources listed above, plus articles from each source going back to the 1980s. This database is a huge time-saver and a great way to compare points of view.



US Major Dailies: Historical Collection – Search across Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Washington Post. Coverage spans 1849 – 2021.

What can it do for me? Old newspapers are an invaluable primary source for genealogy, historical research, and education purposes. Locate items like public notices, contemporary reporting, obituaries, political cartoons, and advertisements from major US cities in one database. This collected database saves time and broadens any person or professional history project.

Value Line Library Research Center – A comprehensive investment tool that enables both new and experienced investors to make timely, better-informed decisions.

What can it do for me? Gain insight and control over your investments with the online version of Value Line. With quarterly analysis of small and mid-cap stocks along with major companies, Value Line provides detailed views of stock performance and predictions for future trends. Includes instructional guides for new investors. This service costs over \$500/year for individual access. Save that money and get the same access through the library.

Wall Street Journal Online – Get a renewable, three-day, paywall-free pass to the *Wall Street Journal*.

What can it do for me? If you currently pay for daily access to the full digital *Wall Street Journal*, cancel your subscription and get the *exact same* access through GPL. Connect to the paper via the library's website and you will never have to pay for the *Journal* again.

Weiss Financial Ratings Series – Rates safety and financial stability of banks, credit unions, insurers, stocks and mutual funds.

What can it do for me? Weiss Ratings provides detailed data (and peace of mind) when choosing where to invest your money. In addition to complete ratings, Weiss Financial Ratings also includes downloadable and searchable ebooks on financial topics. Create a free account to track stocks and build your research.

Weiss Ratings Medigap Report – Generate a Personalized Medicare Supplement Insurance Planner and get step-by-step guidance on how to select a Medigap supplemental insurance plan.

What can it do for me? Retirement is fantastic, but Medicare doesn't always cover all your needs. Weiss Ratings Medigap Report takes your information (including location and age) and generates a detailed report on which plans are right for you and which insurance company has the lowest rates based on your needs. Personal Reports can be downloaded or printed (please note, they are VERY long and detailed, so please review the report before printing it).

WorldCat – Worldwide library catalog with over 62,000,000 items in 400 languages.

What can it do for me? If you have searched for an item at the library and found that it is not available within our library consortium, WorldCat can tell you which libraries in Illinois (and beyond) own it. Glencoe card holders can request any available title in WorldCat at the Reference Desk, including books, specific journal/magazines/newspaper articles, movies, music, and much more. Please note: some items in WorldCat are not loaned by libraries. These include reference books, rare or fragile items, and any item that cannot be shared due to copyright restrictions (such as full magazines or journals).

If you have questions about these resources or need help locating information and materials, please reach out to our Reference Desk at any time.