The Library & Information Resources Network Virtual Library Collection

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This report provides an overview of the LIRN® virtual library, administrative tools, research tools, technical services and training. This information may be useful in apprising your staff, faculty and students of the resources that can be incorporated in your curriculum and accessed for research. A copy of this report is also being sent to all accreditation bodies that accredit our member institutions.

LIRN® technical services include password authentication, statistical analysis of library resource usage and technical custom support. The technical team also supports LIRNSearch®, a proprietary federated search engine LIRN Students may use LIRNSearch to query all LIRN databases in total or by subject matter with a single search. Members may purchase LIRNSearch+® that adds third party resources to a custom search engine for an additional charge.

The LIRN library Core Collection

CREDO Reference Unlimited

InfoTrac databases: New! Business Insights Global


ProQuest databases:

ProQuest Psychology Journals and eLibrary.

Bowker databases:

Books in Print, Books in Print for Patrons, and Resources for College Libraries (RCLweb). RCLweb includes recommended titles and library resources for specific academic programs on multiple degree levels. Members may purchase RCLanalysis, with a LIRN discount, to compare their collection with the recommended titles in RCLweb.

The Core Collection contains millions of articles, television and radio transcripts, photographs, video and audio clips, encyclopedias, books and reference titles.
Three additional modules are available to add to a member’s library at an additional cost. These include: ProQuest’s Academic and ABI Global module, a ProQuest medical module, and a Career and Technical module that includes ProQuest and InfoTrac journals and Chilton’s Online.

LIRN provides free training free for its members. A series of seminars and webinars are held throughout the year. Attendees receive documentation of participation from the LIRN office.

For information concerning membership and subscription information contact the LIRN office.

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New: Business Insights: Global

*Gale Business Insights: Global* combines an international perspective and sophisticated research tools with convenient access to a range of comprehensive learning materials. Designed to move researchers quickly to higher levels of understanding and application, *Gale Business Insights: Global* uses over 1,000 case studies, statistical data sources, news articles, academic journals and topical reference materials organized by country, company and industry to quickly engage users in the global business environment.

**Academic OneFile:** The premier resource for peer-reviewed, full-text journals and reference sources, *Academic OneFile* is a 2009 and 2008 CODiE Award Finalist for Best Online General Reference Service. Perfect for research libraries, graduate schools, universities and community colleges, *Academic OneFile* is a sophisticated, current and easy-to-use resource for extensive research. With millions of articles available in both PDF and HTML full text, researchers are able to find accurate information quickly.

**Academic OneFile includes:**

- More than 14,000 titles, including more than 9,000 peer-reviewed journals and more than 6,000 in full text
- Full text of The New York Times from 1985 to present
- Links with JSTOR for archival access to periodicals and Open URL compliances for access to e-journal and subscription materials
- Thousands of podcasts and transcripts from NPR, CNN and CBC
- Links to hundreds of medical videos from OR-Live
- Full linking to and from Thomson's ISI Web of Science.

**Academic OneFile offers:**

- Strong coverage of hard sciences, medicine, engineering and business
- Full collection of Elsevier abstracts for every Elsevier journal from 1996 to present
- Full text of the London Times and Financial Times
- Full text for periodicals covered in major bibliographic resources such as CINAHL, BIOSIS, MLS, PsycInfo, ERIC, EconLit, RILM and others
- Key, peer-reviewed journals published in Spanish, French and other languages n Ability to translate all content to 11 different languages
- 24/7 access
- Access to a range of additional collections created to fill subject-specific curricular needs
**Business & Company Resource Center:** Business & Company Resource Center brings together a wide variety of global business information, enabling users to efficiently research business case studies, competitive intelligence, and career and investment opportunities. Business & Company Resource Center is the ideal resource for researchers who want to know more than just the basic information on any given company. Business & Company Resource Center covers nearly 450,000 companies with approximately 90% of those being privately held. This innovative resource includes millions of records covering:

- Company profiles, including corporate parent/sibling relationships
- Industry rankings
- Products and brands
- Company performance ratings
- Investment reports
- Industry statistics
- Current investment ratings
- Comprehensive financial overviews
- Pricing momentum and key ratio measures
- Financial ratios
- Coverage of major business events and trends from 1980 to the present
- Industry newsletter news and analysis

**General OneFile:** Gale's largest general interest periodical resource, General OneFile, provides periodical and news information through an intuitive, user-friendly search interface for researchers at all levels. Content includes more than 12,000 titles in all with nearly 30 years of coverage. Based on the award-winning Gale PowerSearch platform, General OneFile puts approximately 80 million (updated daily) records at users' fingertips with a single search query.

**General OneFile includes:**

- More than 7,800 full-text titles and 3,600 refereed journals, and hundreds of newspapers
- More than 500 travel guides, including hundreds of Fodor's titles
- The full collection of National Public Radio programs from 1990 to the present, including searchable transcripts
- Full-text of the New York Times from 1985 to the present, updated daily
- The ability to translate articles into 11 different languages, helping ESL researchers
- More than 4,000 full-text titles recommended by Bowker's "Magazines for Libraries"
- Access to a range of additional new collections created to fill subject-specific curricular needs
- And much more

**Health & Wellness Resource Center:** Newly updated and expanded, this revolutionary resource meets your library's needs for a fully integrated, ever-growing reference center for all levels of health research. This comprehensive consumer health resource provides accurate, authoritative information on a full range of health-related issues, from current disease and disorder information to in-depth coverage of alternative and complementary medical practices. It features:
• An updated, easy-to-navigate interface featuring quick links to hot topics and top-searched conditions as well as diseases and overviews
• More than 1,000 top medical journals and periodicals as well as articles from more than 2,200 general-interest publications — more than 75% in full-text
• Medical newspapers, newsletters and news feeds
• Streaming video with transcripts from Healthology, Illumistream, NBC and live links to ORLive
• Links to trusted health-related Web sites
• An improved Directory Search for accessing contact information for clinics, medical centers and foundations
• Reputable sources including *Medical and Health Information Directory* and various Thomson Healthcare drug guides
• And much more

*Health & Wellness Resource Center*'s intuitive interface provides multiple pathways to key information for both novice and experienced searchers. Users can quickly retrieve the latest news; review a set of subject lists; and find concise results in seconds. And new periodical and newspapers articles are added daily so researchers are never more than a click away from the latest information.

*Health Reference Center Academic:* This multi-source database provides access to the full text of nursing and allied health journals, plus the wide variety of personal health information sources in InfoTrac's award-winning *Health Reference Center™* plus 40 full-text nursing and allied health journals. All in a single, easy-to-use database, *Health Reference Center -- Academic* integrates the full text and images of respected nursing, allied health and medical journals; consumer health magazines; newsletters; pamphlets; newspaper articles; topical overviews; and reference books. By subscribing through InfoTrac Web, your library gains 24-hour access to all these full text and image sources, through your preferred interface, with the right technical configuration for your needs.

*Informe:* The first electronic resource in Spanish, *¡Informe!* is specifically designed to meet the research needs of Spanish-speaking users. With full-text articles from the most popular Spanish-language and bilingual periodicals, it provides quality Hispanic reference material—not simply Spanish translations of English-language materials. *¡Informe!* also features a powerful, easy-to-use interface configured for Spanish speaking users, allowing researchers to analyze topics and conduct research in Spanish.

*Infotrac Newsstand:* This innovative full-text newspaper resource allows users to search articles instantly by title, headline, date, author, newspaper section or other fields, eliminating random searching through newspaper archives. *Infotrac Newsstand* provides access to more than 1,000 major U.S. regional, national and local newspapers as well as leading titles from around the world. With the purchase of *Infotrac Newsstand* you can elect to create a collection of custom newspapers which will give you the freedom to select the newspapers that fit the research needs of your users and the communities you support.
- More than 1,000 titles
- More than 33.5 million full-text articles from more than 1,100 newspapers, including Atlanta Journal Constitution, ChristianScience Monitor, The Financial Times (London), The New York Times, The Times (London), USA Today and many others
- Ability to search by specific newspaper section to deliver more precise results
- Comprehensive coverage of current events, including national, global and regional perspectives, as well as first-hand accounts of historical events
- Cross-product searchable via Gale PowerSearch with eBooks operating on the Gale Virtual Reference Library platform

**Literature Resource Center:** Literature Resource Center is the world's most current, comprehensive and reliable online literature database. Uniquely relevant to today's curriculum, the resource's rich critical, biographical and contextual materials support interdisciplinary approaches, information literacy, and the development of critical thinking skills. Researchers will find the information they need on authors and their works, from all time periods and from around the world.

**Find quick access to:**

- Biographical entries on more than 135,000 authors, from Contemporary Authors, Contemporary Authors New Revisions, Dictionary of Literary Biography, Contemporary Literary Criticism and other Gale sources, providing detailed biographical, bibliographical and contextual information about authors' lives and works
- More than 850,000 full-text articles, critical essays and reviews from over 390 scholarly journals and literary magazines
- More than 75,000 selected full-text critical essays and reviews from Contemporary Literary Criticism, Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism, Literature Criticism from 1400-1800, Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism, Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism, as well as Drama Criticism, Poetry Criticism, Shakespearean Criticism, Short Story Criticism and Children's Literature Review
- More than 11,000 overviews of frequently studied works, from sources including Gale's For Students series, Literature and Its Times and Characters in 20th-Century Fiction
- More than 30,000 full-text poems, short stories and plays
- More than 8,500 interviews
- Nearly 5,000 links to selected Web sites and more than 2800 author portraits
- The ability to identify authors and works that share characteristics such as genre, time period, themes, nationality, ethnicity and gender
- Merriam-Webster's® Encyclopedia of Literature, featuring 10,000 definitions of literary terms
**Features include:**

- Improved usability based on extensive research into end-user needs
- Cross-searchability with resources such as LitFinder, Gale Virtual Reference Library, MLA International Bibliography, Scribner Writers Series and Twayne's Authors Series.
- Browse publications and other search indexes
- "How to Cite" feature with export to citation tools
- Multiple options for sorting and filtering results
- Enhanced Person Search and Works Search options
- ReadSpeaker audio technology
- And much more

**Promt:** PROMT® features abstracts and full text from international trade and business journals, industry newsletters, and newspapers. PROMT® is ideal for precisely locating information about market size and share, industry trends, emerging technologies and competitive opportunities.

**Opposing Viewpoints In Context:** Opposing Viewpoints in Context is the premier online resource covering today’s hottest social issues, from Offshore Drilling to Climate Change, Health Care to Immigration. Opposing Viewpoints in Context helps students research, analyze and organize a broad variety of data for conducting research, completing writing assignments, preparing for debates, creating presentations and more.

In addition to the engaging, streamlined interface and media-rich topic pages, the product’s unprecedented collection of content and curriculum-focused tools that help students explore issues from all perspectives include:

- More than 14,000 pro/con viewpoint essays
- 5,000+ topic overviews
- More than 300 primary source documents
- 300 biographies of social activists and reformers
- More than 775 court-case overviews
- 5 million periodical articles
- Nearly 6,000 statistical tables, charts and graphs
- Nearly 70,000 images and a link to Google Image Search
- Thousands of podcasts, including weekly presidential addresses and premier NPR programs

**Opposing Viewpoints Critical Thinking Module:**
**Quick Summary**
Today’s educators must ensure that students not only master basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematical skills, but that they possess skills such as technology, problem solving and critical thinking. That’s why Gale developed Critical Thinking — an all-new add-on module to the popular Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center online resource. This timely resource leverages key Gale content to provide educators with a simple and effective tool to help students develop the necessary skills they’ll need in the workplace and in life.
Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center: Critical Thinking provides a variety of challenging activities, quizzes and mp3 audio files that promote engaged learning and align with state curriculum standards. Each entry offers thought-provoking features that encourage interaction, problem solving and critical thinking.

Enhancements to existing Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center content include reading and writing prompts, assessments for understanding and extension activities that help reinforce the topic. Different learning modules include searchable text as well as full articles and definitions that are available as audio files, which help engage struggling students. Easy-to-follow lesson plans and differentiated instruction levels help cut drastically teacher preparation time.

Student Resources In Context: This next-generation portal reaches out to today’s learners with a Web-like user experience, which intuitively conveys needed information on all core subjects from Science to Literature to History. From the eye-catching, media-rich homepage to the fast navigation options, Student Resources in Context helps students develop both research and critical-thinking skills while covering the spectrum of student-focused subject matter.

Student Resources in Context provides holistic topic perspectives by integrating a multitude of content, including:

- 79,000 reference articles from acclaimed publications like American Decades
- 15 million periodical and newspaper articles from the New York Times, U.S. News and World Report, and many others
- 4,200 primary sources
- 100,000 multimedia records, including charts, graphs, maps and tables
- Video and audio content from NBC, NPR and many other respected sources


ProQuest databases:

eLibrary

The eLibrary provides access to full-text articles and transcripts from more than 2,492 magazines, newspapers, books, radio/TV program transcripts, along with access to more than 250,000+ photographs and maps and over 20,000 unique educational audio/video resources. It also contains the complete works of Shakespeare, other classic full-text literature resources and a Reference Desk with dictionaries, a thesaurus, encyclopedias and more.

ProQuest Psychology Journals

With complete information from over 750 top psychology publications, this database meets the needs of both students and mental-health professionals. All the source publications are available in the ASCII full-text format. Nearly all of them also offer articles in the full-image and text and
graphics in science & technology formats. The module contains 14,900 dissertations and theses. Current product information and training materials can be found at www.ProQuest.com.

**Bowker databases:**

Books in Print

Books in Print provide librarians with access to information on all books in publication.

Resources for College Libraries (RCLweb)

RCLweb provides core lists for academic libraries in multiple academic subjects areas. The list of recommended titles includes electronic resources and essential web sites as well as books. Audience level markers indicate whether a title is most appropriate for lower-division undergraduate, upper-division undergraduate, faculty or general readership. RCLweb contains a powerful search engine able to search a variety of criteria. Members will be able to create their own lists appropriate to their programs. RCL alerts offers notification e-mails when a new title of interest is added to the database.

RCL offers additional Analytical Tools that are available to members. Contact the LIRN office if you are interested in the product. Pricing will depend on the level of member interest.

**Optional Module 1**

**ProQuest databases:**

**ABI/INFORM Archive**

ABI Archives are runs of 143 popular Business Management Journals that range from Issue 1, Volume 1 to current date. These are full runs of the most popular business publications.

**ABI/INFORM Complete**

ABI Complete is ProQuest's top-of-the-line business offering. The LIRN library includes ABI Global plus ABI Trade & Industry, and ABI Dateline. ProQuest acquisitions of other publishers have added 125 titles from Kluwer Academic Publishing, 40 titles from the John Wiley & Sons Boldideas collection and 11 academic titles from Palgrave MacMillan. ABI Complete contains 5,857 titles.

**ABI/INFORM Global**
This database contains 3,261 leading business and management publications, including over 300 English-language titles from outside the US. It also contains the Wall Street Journal. ABI/INFORM is known as one of the premiere business database around the world.

ABI/INFORM Trade & Industry:

ABI Trade & Industry provides access to detailed information on 60,000 companies. There are 1,282 business publications and journals, most in full text, each one focusing on a particular trade or industry, were carefully selected for inclusion in the database. A small set of core business publications (including Business Week and Forbes) is included in the database.

ABI/INFORM Dateline:

Based on the popular CD-ROM product Business Dateline, ABI Dateline provides business researchers with access to 204 hard to find local and regional business publications. With this product, users can search for information on local companies, marketing trends, business & economic conditions, prominent business people, and more. This versatile database can be searched alone or with its companion business databases ABI Global and ABI Trade & Industry. There is only a four-title overlap with ABI Global, and no overlap with ABI Trade & Industry.

ProQuest Research Library Complete

This is a comprehensive General Reference database. The major subject areas covered are: arts, education, general interest, health, humanities, international, law, military, multicultural, psychology, sciences, social science and women's Issues. The database contains 4,917 titles.

Optional Module 2

ProQuest databases:

ProQuest Health & Medical Complete

ProQuest Health & Medical Complete is designed to serve a wide range of people who need health information—from hospital administrators to medical professionals to consumers. The database covers more than leading health journals and includes thousands of complete articles.

ProQuest Health and Medical Complete™ combines the clinical research titles available in ProQuest Medical Library™ with hundreds of additional consumer and health administration titles. ProQuest Health and Medical Complete provides in-depth coverage from over 1,698 publications and of these, over 1,000 include MEDLINE® indexing.

In addition, the database includes all charts, diagrams, graphs, tables, photos, and other graphical elements essential to medical research.
The journals cover all major clinical and healthcare disciplines, including medical sciences, immunology, pharmacy and pharmacology, nursing, physical fitness and hygiene, surgery, and others.

ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Nursing and Allied Health Sciences

ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health SourceTM provide users with reliable healthcare information covering nursing, allied health, alternative and complementary medicine, and much more. This versatile database is designed to meet the needs of researchers at healthcare facilities as well as nursing and allied health programs at academic institutions. ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source provides abstracting and indexing for more than 800 titles. It also contains more than 12,300 dissertations and theses, 450 training videos and 2,300 evidence based resources.

ProQuest Nursing & Allied Health Source covers over 70 wide-ranging topics including: Cytology, Nursing, Nutrition, Oncology, Pediatric Care, Pharmacology, Public Health and Radiology.

To review the current title lists go to their web site at proquest.com.

Optional Module 3

The Career & Technical Library Module contains over 580 journals in ProQuest Career and Technical Education, 380 journals in Gale’s Vocational and Career database and the Student Resource Center Gold. Chilton’s Online may be added to the module.

Training

There is a link to the LIRN/InfoTrac training site on the portal page. Training modules provide tutorials, guided tours, marketing materials, LIRN publications and a list webinars. Faculty may attend the online/telephone seminars and receive a certificate of attendance from the LIRN office to document professional development.

LIRN schedules training throughout the year. You may also contact the LIRN office staff at office@lirn.net to receive email notices of upcoming events.

LIRN training materials and webinar schedules may be viewed at:
http://www.lirn.net/training/