



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION RESOURCES NETWORK, INC.

A Guide to Accessing the LIRN Resources

USING LIRN

1. From your internet connection type the following address, www.lirn.net/services.shtml into the **Address box** to connect to the LIRN resources.
2. Click on the box and this will open to your institution's authorization page.
3. Enter your campus password as supplied by your library director.
4. Click on **submit** and the LIRN resource sources will appear:

LIRNSearch
Infotrac
ProQuest
Electric Library
Bowker's Books in Print
RCLweb
Ebsco Host

USING INFOTRAC

To get you started, click on Connect to INFOTRAC. A page will appear that shows the various databases, available under InfoTrac, printed with Blue titles. They are listed below. At the top of this page is an opening paragraph also printed in blue. Read this paragraph carefully. It contains instructions on how to search one classification of data or cross search through several databanks.

Academic One File

Academic OneFile is the premier source for peer-reviewed, full-text articles from the world's leading journals and reference sources.

Business and Company Resources Center with PROMPT and Newsletters:

Business and Company Resource Center is a fully integrated resource bringing together company profiles, brand information, rankings, investment reports, company histories, chronologies, and periodicals.

Predicast's PROMT and Newsletter databases are fully integrated into this database. Search this database to find detailed company news and information.

[Computer Database 1980-](#)

Use this database to find computer-related product introductions, news, and reviews in areas such as hardware, software, electronics, engineering, communications, and the application of technology.

[Custom Newspapers:](#)

Full-text articles from the New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, The St. Petersburg Times, The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, and the Washington Post, updated daily.

[Expanded Academic ASAP 1980-](#)

From arts and the humanities to social sciences, science and technology, this database meets research needs across all academic disciplines. Access scholarly journals, news magazines, and newspapers - many with full text and images!

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

Gale Virtual Reference Library is a database of encyclopedias, almanacs, and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. These reference materials once were accessible only in the library, but now you can access them online from the library or remotely 24/7. The LIRN collection includes the reference book titles included in our InfoTrac databases along with titles LIRN has purchased. Because each library creates its own eBook collection, the content you see in the Gale Virtual Reference Library may vary if you use the database from a source other than LIRN, for instance, your public library.

[General Business File ASAP 1980 – Jun 2006](#)

Analyze company performance and activity, industry events and trends as well as the latest in management, economics, and politics. Access to a combination of broker research reports, trade publications, newspapers, journals, and company directory listings with full text and images available.

[Health Reference Center Academic](#)

Use this database to find articles on: Fitness, Pregnancy, Medicine, Nutrition, Diseases, Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety, Alcohol and Drug abuse, HMOs, Prescription Drugs, etc. The material contained in this database is intended for informational purposes only.

[Health Wellness & Alternative Health Module](#)

Find alternative medicine-focused magazines, journals, newspapers, definitions, directories, and information on: Fitness, Pregnancy, Medicine, Nutrition, Diseases, Public health, Occupational Health and Safety, Alcohol and drug abuse, Prescription Drugs, Herbal Remedies, and alternative or complementary treatments, etc. Included are links to diet, cancer, and health assessment sites as well as government databases. Material contained in this Resource Center is intended for informational purposes only.

[InfoTrac Criminal Justice Collection](#)

Journal articles on criminal justice.

[InfoTrac OneFile](#)

A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, health care, hobbies, humanities, law, literature and art, politics, science, social science, sports, technology, and many general interest topics. Millions of full-text articles, many with images. Updated daily.

[LegalTrac](#)

Use this database to find articles in all major law reviews, law journals, specialty law and bar association journals and legal newspapers. Included are articles on Federal and State cases, Laws and Regulations, Legal Practice, and Taxation. Also included are: British Commonwealth, European Union and International Law.

[Literature Resource Center – LRC](#)

Literature Resource Center provides access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and literary discipline. Combining Gale Group's core literary databases in a single online service, the literature resource Center covers more than 120,000 novelists, poets, and essayists.

[Newsletters ASAP](#)

Newsletters ASAP provides access to information from specialized business, industry, and technology newsletters issued by various news services and industry watchers.

[Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center](#)

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center draws on the acclaimed social issues series published by Greenhaven Press, as well as the core reference content from other Gale and McMillan Reference USA sources to provide complete one-stop source information on social issues. Access viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

[Student Resource Center – Gold](#)

A fully integrated database containing thousands of curriculum-targeted primary documents, biographies, topical essays, background information, critical analyses, full-text coverage of over 1,000 magazines, newspapers, over 20,000 photographs and illustrations, and more than 8 hours of audio and video clips. Includes Student Resource Center-Health Module.

[Business Index ASAP](#)

Perform in-depth research on management issues, economic indicators and business theories and practices, as well as on the activities of companies and industries worldwide. Instant access to academic and business journals with full text images.

How to Search InfoTrac – an example (Read through all seven steps before doing.)

1. Open to InfoTrac, click on the [blue](#) title line – Computer Database.
2. This will open a Subject Guide Search page.
3. You can have a general search or you can limit your search by enumerating by size, subject, title, or time. Carefully examine the Subject Guide Search page before moving on.
4. Select your search item and type it in the box, click search.
5. You will be given a listing of subjects pertinent to the search item.
6. Scroll down to the subject desired and open it. A list of articles will appear.
7. Scroll to the article you want and click it open. Now try this:

Open to InfoTrac, click on the [blue](#) title line – [Computer Database](#). Enter the word “Pixel” in the Subject Search Guide box. Click Search. A listing of articles about pixels will appear. Scroll down to one of these titles and click on it. The title and the article, either full text or abstract, will appear; open it and you can read the article. Easy, wasn't it?

Once you have found a resource, you have several choices. **You can:**

1. **read the article on line,**
2. **print the article,**
3. **email the article to yourself or someone else,**
4. **or save the article in favorites for future reference or emailing.**

Special Note: Most of the [Blue line Databases](#) will follow the above search style. Some have slightly different search styles. Follow each search screen and you should have no difficulty.

As you move from one resource source to another, use the back button so that you don't have to log on over and over.

Saving your Research Articles in one place for future reference:

As you become more proficient, you can create a FAVORITE'S LIST of several articles that you would like to reference at a later time. You can gather them into a single folder as follows:

1. While in the article you wish to save, click FAVORITES
2. Click ADD TO FAVORITES
3. For XP users, Click CREATE IN (Other systems, go to step 4 directly)
4. Click NEW FOLDER and enter a name for your articles
5. Click OK

The next article you want to add to this folder, just click FAVORITES again and

1. Click ADD TO
2. Highlight your FOLDER name
3. Click OK

This will add your new articles to one folder for easy access.

Using ProQuest

(All LIRN contracts with United States based institutions include ProQuest Psychology Journals and the National Newspaper Abstracts. Your institution may include additional ProQuest resources; such as, ABI Inform, Research Library, and Medical data on Nursing and Allied Health. If so, all ProQuest databases available through your library will appear whenever you click on ProQuest.)

Click on Connect to ProQuest.

A page will appear that will show a block for the selection of the database you wish to use. Click on this and the databases available through your library will appear. Select the one appropriate for your research, click on that and it will open a page for you to enter your specific search title and use normal search procedures to find what you need. If you need more search help go to "Search Tips".

Use the back button to return to the LIRN Authorization page.

Using eLibrary

Click on Connect to eLibrary.

Select the database you wish to use then click "Continue"

Select from the following databases: Newspapers, Magazines, Books, Maps, Pictures, and TV/Radio Transcripts. Use normal search procedures.

Use the back button to return to the LIRN Authorization page.

Using Bowker's Books in Print and RCLweb

Click on Books in Print.

Bowker's Books in Print is a reference used in locating books and publications by Title, Author, and Publisher. It is not the full-text publication itself but merely the information on where to locate the book or publication.

Click on RCLweb

RCLweb is also a reference used in locating books and course materials appropriate to a specific classification or area of research. Please contact your librarian for service within the RCL web. This, too, is not full text publication but merely a compiling of where to find the information sought.

Using the EBSCOhost products

This is an extra resource that is not part of your subscription, but has been added since it contains appropriate information that is of interest to faculty and staff. The first section contains information on librarianship and the second section contains information that is faculty oriented.

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