

Online Databases for Elementary School Student Research Grades K-5

Why Use Online Databases?

Online Databases are:

- Available 24/7 from any device with Internet Access
- Have been fact-checked
- Subject-specific, making it easier for you to find the relevant information you need

And Databases may:

- Contain full-text information which you can print, download, or email to yourself
- Give citations and abstracts for sources which you can search for online in the library catalog

How do I access the databases?

- Go to the Hawaii State Public Library System website at [Hawai'i State Public Library System website](#)
- Click on the **Research** tab and choose **View All Online Databases**.
- You will need your **library barcode** (ten digit number on your library card) and **PIN** (last four digits of your phone number) to access the databases.

General Databases

Book Collection: Nonfiction—Elementary School

Basic nonfiction books, including many popular series. For older children, there is also Book Collection: Nonfiction—Middle School Edition.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online Elementary School

Timely, relevant, and trustworthy information and instruction at the elementary school reading level.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online Public Library

Choose from 3 levels: Children (Grades K-5), Young Adult (Grades 6-8), and Reference (Highschool to Adult) for encyclopedia entries, magazine articles, images and videos.

Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia

Images, brief biographies, and information on a variety of subject areas.

MasterFILE Complete

Reference books, primary source documents, and an image collection of photos, maps, and flags.

National Geographic Kids

Vibrant photos and extensive geographical coverage of science, nature, people and culture, archaeology, and space.

Primary Search (Grades 4-6)

Popular elementary school magazines going back to 1990 with reading level indicators (Lexiles) as well as easy-to-read encyclopedic entries.

Specialized Databases

Biography in Context

Award-winning biographies with images and videos.

CQ Researcher

Balanced coverage of political and social issues with regular reports on topics of health, international affairs, education, and other pressing issues.

Hawaiian Legends Index

Find titles of books that contain specific Hawaiian or Polynesian legends.

Honolulu Star-Advertiser

Online access to articles in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* and older issues from the *Honolulu Advertiser* and *Star-Bulletin*. Essential for doing research on Hawaii topics.

Literature Resource Center (Gale)

Biographical and critical information on literary figures throughout history.

Mango Languages

Learn a new language online! Offers over 70 languages including Hawaiian, Spanish, and even Pirate and Shakespearean! Also available as an app.

Military & Government Collection

Current news relating to all branches of the U.S. military and government. Valuable for History Day and other social studies research topics.

National Geographic Virtual Library

The complete archive of *NatGeo* magazine from 1884 to the present as well as books, maps, images, and videos.

Newspaper Source Plus

U.S. and international newspapers as well as television and radio transcripts.

NoveList K-8

Find books you want to read by author, title, series, theme or topic. Search for a book you liked to find similar books to read next!

Science (Gale)

Real and important science topics.

TOPICsearch

Current events, social, political and economic issues, scientific discoveries, and other popular topics frequently discussed in classrooms.

U.S. History (Gale)

Complete overview of the United States history including primary source documents.

World History (Gale)

World history from antiquity to the present, including Mediterranean, Near East, Asia, Middle East, Latin America, the Middle Ages and Renaissance from primary sources, reference titles, and academic journals

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