

Online Databases for Middle School Student Research Grades 6-8

Why Use Online Databases?

Online databases are:

- Available 24/7 from any device with Internet Access
- More authoritative than websites that have not gone through an editorial review process
- Subject-specific, making it easier for you to find relevant information you need

Databases may:

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

How do I access the databases?

- Go to the [Hawai'i State Public Library System website](#)
- Click on the **Research** Tab and choose **View All Online Databases**
- You will need the **10-digit number** on your library card and **PIN** (last 4 digits of your phone number) to access the databases.

General Databases

Book Collection: Nonfiction-Middle School Edition

Offers full-text nonfiction books covering diverse topics like science, history, life skills, technology, and biographies.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online Middle School Edition

Delivers reliable, age-appropriate information for middle schoolers with interactive atlases, a dictionary, and more. Also try *Encyclopedia Britannica Online Public Library Edition*.

Explora Middle School

A collection of reference and research information for middle school students and educators. Features magazines, books, videos, and primary source documents.

Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia

Indexes over 25,000 records, covering an array of topics. Contains images, brief biographies, and information on a variety of subject areas.

Middle Search Plus

Provides full-text articles from over 140 middle school magazines with Lexile levels, along with biographies, historical essays, primary sources, photos, maps, and flags.

National Geographic Kids

Provides authoritative content along with vivid photography on topics like science, nature, archaeology, and more.

Primary Search

Offers full-text articles for 80+ popular elementary school magazines going back to 1990s with reading level indicators (Lexiles).

Specialized Databases

Biography (Gale in Context)

Provides authoritative information on historically significant figures and present-day newsmakers.

Consumer Health Complete

Provides convenient access to easily understandable health and medical information.

CQ Researcher

Offers in-depth, unbiased coverage of political and social issues.

GreenFile

Includes scholarly, government, and general interest sources covering all aspects of human impact on the environment.

Hawaiian Legends Index

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

Honolulu Star-Advertiser

Provides online access to articles in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* and older issues from the *Honolulu Advertiser and Star-Bulletin*. Essential for doing research on Hawai'i topics.

Mango Languages

Learn a new language online! Also available as an app.

Military & Government Collection

Offers 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 with a cross-searchable collection of books, maps, images, and videos.

Newspaper Source Plus

Offers more than 860 full-text newspapers, including over 35 million full-text articles and television and radio transcripts. It covers 40 U.S. and international newspapers and 389 regional U.S. newspapers.

Novelist K-8

Find books to read by author, title, series, theme or topic.

Science (Gale in Context)

Provides real world context for hundreds of today's most significant science topics.

U.S. History (Gale)

Provides a complete overview of the United States history and includes more than 5,000 rare and vital primary source documents.

World History (Gale)

Provides information on 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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