

# ***EBSCOhost***

*EBSCOhost* is a set of databases that provide indexing to articles in magazines, newspapers and other sources, searchable on the World Wide Web. Through the *PA POWER Library* they may be accessed at any *Chester County System Library* from an Internet workstation, or from any remote computer. Many of the articles indexed in *EBSCOhost* are available in full-text, along with accompanying photos or other graphics, and may be printed out, saved to a disk or e-mailed. Available databases (dates of coverage vary; more complete descriptions available online) are:

- **MasterFILE Premier** - full-text, with images, for general interest periodicals, reference books, biographies and primary source documents in all subject areas
- **Newspaper Source** - full-text for many U.S. and international newspapers and newswires
- **Business Source Premier** - full-text for scholarly business journals
- **Regional Business News** - full-text articles for Regional Business News from all metropolitan and rural areas in the United States
- **Health Source: Consumer Edition** - full-text health and nutrition periodicals
- **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition** - full-text scholarly journals focusing on medical disciplines
- **Clinical Pharmacology** - up-to-date drug monographs for all U.S. prescription drugs, herbal and nutritional supplements and over-the-counter products
- **Middle Search Plus** - full-text for magazines with images covering general topics appropriate for middle and junior high school students
- **Primary Search** - full-text for magazines and pamphlets, designed for elementary school students
- **EBSCO Animals** - articles describing the nature and habitat of familiar animals
- **MAS Online Plus** - full-text articles for general interest and current events magazines, includes pamphlets and reference books
- **ERIC** - citations and abstracts from educational journals, as well as full-text of many related digests
- **BookSource: Nonfiction** - contains informative abstracts and full-text for more than 2,000 popular non-fiction books
- **Professional Development Collection** - a highly specialized collection of full-text and peer-reviewed journals designed for professional educators
- **Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia**

## ***HOW DO I FIND ARTICLES?***

After you have logged in, follow the instructions on the screen to select a database(s) to search. **Note: MasterFILE Premier** is the default database.

You will then arrive at the search screen. From the **Tabbed Toolbar** select:

### **1. Basic Search (default search option)**

- **Type** your topic words or terms in the **Find** box.
- Two or more words together are searched as a phrase – example: dog training results in over 500 citations.
- Combine or exclude words/terms by using **and, or, not**. Type an \* (asterisk) at the end of the word to find all variations of that word. Example: dog\* **and** training results in over 1300 citations.

### **2. Advanced Search**

- On the **Tabbed Toolbar**, click **Advanced Search**.
- Type your search terms in the **Find** box. Combine terms using AND, OR, or NOT. Use field codes to limit your search.
- **Click Field Codes** to display a list of field codes available. Type the field code before your search terms to limit those words to the field you entered. For example, **AU Johnson** will find records that contain Johnson as an author.

- AND – each search result contains all of the terms. For example, **travel AND Europe** finds articles with both travel **AND** Europe.
- OR – each search result contains at least one of the terms. For example, **college OR university** finds results that contain either college OR university.
- NOT – excludes terms so that each search result does not contain any of the terms that follow it. For example, **television NOT cable** finds results that contain television but **NOT** cable.
- Add limiters or expanders from the **Refine Search** sub-tab. For multiple selections from a list, **press the CTRL key** and **click the left mouse button**. Enter your choices.
- **Click Search** next to the **Find** box. Your results will be displayed below the **Results** sub-tab.

### 3. Additional Search Options

- Depending on the database(s) you select, there may be additional search options available from the menu bar at the top of the page. These include **Subject Search** (to search by subject headings), **Publication Search** (for a list of publications in the database) and **Images** (to find photographs).

### **HOW DO I VIEW MY RESULTS?**

If you have not selected **Options** to make any changes, a search of *EBSCOhost* will produce a result list of 10 article citations per page.

- The total number of hits is displayed near the top left and bottom left corners. **Click the arrows** on either side of the number of hits to scroll through the pages.
- Icons under a citation indicate that the full text, and/or the full page image of the article as it appears in its original publication (requires Adobe Acrobat Reader), are available. **Click the appropriate icon** to retrieve the article. If there are no icons, the article's full record will provide only a detailed citation and/or summary of the article. **Click on the title** of an article to view its full record.

In full record view:

- To return to list of articles, click **Result List** near the top or bottom of the page.
- To **print**, click the browser's **Print** button. To **save**, choose **Save As...** from the browser's **File** menu. To **e-mail** to yourself, **click e-mail**, near the top or bottom of the page, and follow the instructions on the screen.
- You may **click** on any subject heading next to **Subject(s)** to find articles with the same subject heading.
- You may also **click** on **author** to find more articles by the same author.
- You may also **click** on **source** to go to the publication.

When a search is completed:

- To refine your search, **click Refine Search** near the top or bottom of the page.
- To begin a new search, **click New Search** at the top of the page.
- To change databases, **click Choose Databases** at the top of the page.