

# Using Databases for Research

## WHY USE DATABASES

Vetted information - checked by editors, often peer-reviewed.  
Indexed by humans - lots of thought into how databases are organized.  
Very specific filters to narrow down EXACTLY what you want.  
Many articles contain in-article citations (MLA formatting at the touch of a button!)

## WHERE TO FIND DATABASES

On the School's Website: Navigate to KRMS website > Learning > Library Media Center

**Library Media Center**

Search Catalog  
SEARCH KLMC CATALOG HERE

Resources

- GENERAL REFERENCE
- HISTORY
- SOCIAL STUDIES
- LITERATURE
- SCIENCE
- PASSWORDS
- OVERDRIVE/SORA

KLMC Scheduling

**DATABASES**  
Listed under  
accordions by  
category

**PASSWORDS**  
& Login info for  
when you're not on  
campus

## KEYWORDS

Keywords are the central idea of what you're researching.

ID your Keywords, then list:

- synonyms/related words
- broader terms
- narrower terms

Always select  
"Full Text Articles"  
when searching.

## BOOLEAN OPERATORS

**AND** - narrows down results by requiring both words to be present

**OR** - broadens search results by allowing either or both of the terms to be present

**NOT** - excludes term to refine results

**" "** around your search term - finds exact wording/phrase

## SAVE & CITE SOURCES

**IMPORTANT:** Never use the browser URL to save your source, always save or send yourself the source using the built in tools in the Databases.  
(The browser URLs during your search are often dynamic and won't always point you directly back to where you want to go at a later time.)

To Cite your source, use the built in citation tool and choose MLA format - it's that easy!