

Quick Electronic Database Guide

This guide is designed to help you figure out which databases will be most useful to you. Okay, so the library has a lot of databases. Which one is going to be the best one to use?

Well, it depends on what type of information you are looking for. What if you are looking for...

... journal articles? Try [EBSCO](#), [Gale](#), or [JSTOR](#)

... reference articles from dictionaries and encyclopedias? Try [Credo Reference](#), [Oxford Reference Online](#), or [Oxford Biblical Studies](#).

... dissertations and theses? Try [Proquest Dissertations & Theses](#) or [TREN](#)

Or, maybe you are looking for a specific subject area. Need info on...

... Biblical studies, theology, or religion? Try [EBSCO](#), [Proquest Religion](#), [Oxford Biblical Studies](#), or Theological Journal Library

...math, science, or technology? [EBSCO](#) and [Gale](#) are your best choices.

...counseling and psychology? Use [EBSCO](#), [Gale](#), [Credo](#) and [Oxford Reference Online](#).

...education or related subjects? [ERIC](#) and [Educator's Reference Desk](#) should be useful and maybe [EBSCO](#) or [Gale](#) as well.

... literature? EBSCO's [Literary Reference Center](#) and Gale's [Literature Resource Center](#) are both outstanding.

...social science? Useful databases include [Global Road Warrior](#), [Gale](#), and [EBSCO](#)

...business? Try [Gale](#) or [EBSCO](#)

Here is a quick run-down of our major databases...

EBSCO	Pro: comprehensive, lots of journals on a broad range of topics, best journals for Biblical Studies, useful database interface Con: not everything is full-text, journals usually only go back 10-20 years
Gale	Pro: comprehensive, lots of journals on a broad range of topics, largest number of articles, useful database interface Con: not everything is full-text, journals usually only go back 15 years or less
JSTOR	Pro: all articles are full-text, journals go back many decades, covers many subject areas Con: fewer journals in each subject area than Gale and EBSCO, articles of past 1-2 years not yet included, database interface is a little lacking