



Between The Bookends

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Your Library Newsletter



DATABASE CORNER

Make it easy on yourself: Finding a topic is not so very hard to do with these 3 databases

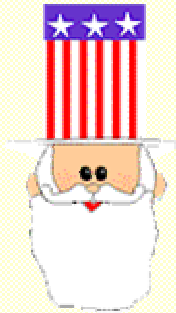
Are you having trouble coming up with a topic for a term paper, essay, or presentation? Three of the library's online databases are organized by topic. You can either select a topic directly from a list or use a topic as a springboard to a thesis statement, or other ideas.

Access to all three databases is from the library's homepage:

<http://www.nv2.commnet.edu/library>

select Electronic Databases

Note: If you are off campus, you'll need to use the link at the yellow arrow to get into the databases. Have your Student ID and password ready.



Summer Library Hours

Monday to Thursday

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. to Noon

Saturday

Closed

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1) Issues & Controversies @ Facts.com

What: An authoritative & objective source for the most popular issues of the day. Over 600 controversial topics are thoroughly covered, with topic summary, history, and chronology, as well as related illustrations, maps, tables, sidebars, bibliographies and contact information.

Our Favorite Feature: Historical overview on each topic

Where:

- **On the Electronic Databases page, select Facts.com**
- **Click on the Issues & Controversies tab at the top**
- **Go to the Indexes section of Understanding Today's News**

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How: Try any of these 3 methods to access topics

- Articles A-Z is a scrolling list of over 600 topics
- Issues: Pro and Con offers over 50 argumentative issues to choose from
- Choose from 16 main categories in Subject Index

2) Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

What: A collection of 100+ topics, with extensive coverage including viewpoint articles, topic overviews, statistics, primary documents, links to websites, and full-text magazine and newspaper articles.

Our Favorite Feature: The Statistics tab, for hard-to-find statistical data on your topic

Where:

- On the Electronic Databases page, select Opposing Viewpoints

How:

- Click directly into a topic link OR type a keyword into the “Search by Subject” box
On the resulting subject page, choose from the highlighted tabs at the top of the frame, for specific source types: Viewpoints, Reference, Statistics, etc.

3) SIRS Knowledge Source

What: SKS provides relevant, credible information on many social issues. Full-text articles and Internet resources are selected from thousands of national and international publications, and publications of respected organizations.

Our Favorite Feature: Direct access to government documents

Where:

- On the Electronic Databases page, select SIRS Knowledge Source
- In the upper right hand corner, under Special Features, select Leading Issues

How:

- Click directly into a topic link OR click the Topic Browse tab for 30+ general categories
Choose from the highlighted tabs at the top of the frame, for specific sources

As always, you are welcome to ask the Reference staff for help at any time.

See you at



the library



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The Electronic Classroom (L523) is the Library's Computer Lab

Walking down the 5th floor of the L building you may have noticed our computer lab. This lab is part of the library and is open for your use during library hours except when we are using it for Library Instruction classes (a class schedule is posted daily).

If the library's 5th floor entrance is locked, use the main entrance on the 4th floor. As you enter you will see a pink door on either side of the Circulation desk. Through either door is a hallway with stairs leading to the mezzanine level and the 5th floor level. Take these stairs to the top and take a right. At the end of the hall is the Electronic Classroom. You will need to come back downstairs to the 4th floor to exit. Ask at the Circulation desk for wheelchair access.



Spotlight: Edgar Allen Poe



April is National Poetry Month and during 2004 we featured the works of several poets, including Edgar Allen Poe. Poe was born in Boston in 1809 and died in Baltimore in 1849. Besides poetry Poe also wrote mystery and science fiction stories, and worked as an editor, but unfortunately despite all of these endeavors he never found financial security. Indeed, Poe led a somewhat tragic life. He was orphaned at the age of three and although he was subsequently raised by a wealthy family Poe eventually had a falling out with his foster father and that relationship was never reestablished. The story of his last days are as tragic, mysterious, and intriguing as anything the imagination can conjure. He was found unconscious on a street in Baltimore where he had stopped on route to be married. It is said he was not wearing his own clothing when he was found but no one knows why or how he came to be in a such condition, though it has been speculated he had been drinking. Poe died several days later without ever regaining full consciousness and consequently the circumstances surrounding his death remain a mystery.

A portion of one of Poe's most beloved poems, *Annabel Lee*, was used in the movie *Holes*. Here's the fourth stanza of that poem which neatly defines the root of his tragic nature.

The angels, not half so happy in heaven,
Went envying her and me;
Yes! that was the reason (as all men know,
In this kingdom by the sea)
That the wind came out of the cloud by night,
Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee.





**ONLINE TUTORING VIA
DISTANCE LEARNING**

Need help with your writing NOW? Struggling with a math problem? The Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC) through its partnership with SMARTHINKING, offers you real tutors in real time from wherever you are, whenever you need help. Create your personalized account by typing in your username and password provided to you by your school. If you don't have a username and password, go to <http://www.ctdlc.org/Student/Tutoring.html> to get your institution's registration information

Suggestions/Questions

Email: libcirc@nvcc.commnet.edu

**Looking for off-campus
access to the library databases?**

Click on Electronic Databases and then click on Off-Campus Access: Electronic Databases at the top of page

Your Banner/Student ID and PIN are required for off-campus access to these databases.

NOTICE TO PATRONS:

Please remember to return library materials to the library by the due date. Anyone having a problem returning their items to the library should stop by the circulation desk or call 203-575-8042. Most items can be renewed. People with outstanding overdue items can expect to receive several reminders. Once those reminders have been sent, if the materials in question are still overdue and if the due date is at least a month past, several actions will be taken. Those actions include filing a monetary charge that will be dropped if the materials are returned, and placing a hold against the patron's record which will be removed if either the materials are returned or the charge is paid.

Paperback Exchange

Paperback books in L501, the Library Oasis, may be taken out and returned without stopping at the Circulation desk.

If you have paperback books that you would like to donate to the Paperback Exchange please bring them to the Circulation desk on the 4th floor.

Current popular fiction is desirable and donations of this type are greatly appreciated.

Library Home Page

<http://www.nv2.commnet.edu/library>

Did you know? Besides searching in *our* online catalog for items in *our* library, you can link to **reQuest**, the statewide library catalog to see what other CT libraries own a particular book or video, or subscribe to a particular journal.

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