Databases Scavenger Hunt

Our books are a very important part of our collection. But the databases are helpful, too! We don't have as many print reference sources as we used to, but those resources (and more) are available through our databases. Remember, although technically we get to them online, databases are NOT Internet sources. They are from reference sources and can be cited as such.

Magazine Article Search (formerly EBSCO Masterfile Premier)

A college student is writing a paper about the effect of television violence on children. She needs at least 5 non-Internet sources by tomorrow. In addition to the books that are currently available in your branch, you are going to search the databases for more information.

- Go to the Magazine Article Search database.
- Click on Advanced Search
- In the first search box, type the word violence. In the second search box, type the word television.
- Check the box next to Full Text.
- Click Search at the bottom of the screen.
- How many results did you get? _____
- On the left side menu, check the box next to Peer Reviewed. In that window, choose the Publication Date range 2002-2012. Click Update. Now how many results do you have? _____
- Scroll down the left side menu and click on Subject.
- Check the box next to Television & Children. Click Update. Now how many results do you have? _____

A woman is looking for *Consumer Reports* magazine. She tells you she is buying a new washing machine and wants to see the ratings before she goes to the store. You tell her we have the print copies available, or she can access *Consumer Reports* from home at any time using our database.

- Go to the Magazine Article Search database.
- Click on Advanced Search
- In the first search box, type washing machines.
- Click in the Publications box (under Full Text) and type Consumer Reports.
- Click Search at the bottom of the screen.
- Click on the PDF Full Text link at the bottom of the first article.
- Which front-loading washer was rated number one?

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Kids InfoBits

A sixth grade class is doing a project for Black History Month about George Washington Carver. The first kid who made it to the library checked out all of our books. A student comes to the youth services desk needing biographical information as well as a picture for her poster.

- Go to the Kids InfoBits database.
- In the search box, type George Washington Carver.
- Choose the second result (13 items). Click View.
- How many results are under the Reference tab? _____
- Click on the second result (from The Blackbirch Encyclopedia of Science & Invention). What year was George Washington Carver born? _____
- Click on the Images tab near the top of the screen. How many images are there? _____
- Click on one of the images. Look for the printer icon near the top left of the screen. Below the picture is the Source Citation. Which source provided this picture? _____

Health & Wellness Resource Center

A patron comes to the library after a doctor appointment where she was diagnosed with celiac disease. The doctor gave her a pamphlet and sent her on her way without answering the many questions she has. You show her the database because it has the most up-to-date information and she can browse through it in the privacy of her own home.

- Go to the Health & Wellness Resource Center.
- In the search box, type celiac disease.
- How many results are under the Books & Fact Sheets tab? _____

Another patron comes up after a doctor appointment where he was prescribed Zocor. He would like to know the possible side effects of the medication and what it treats.

- Click home.
- In the Drug or Herbal Remedy Name box, type Zocor.
- What is the generic name for Zocor (first result listed)? _____

NoveList

A patron has finished reading all of the Stephen King books we own and would like to know about similar authors.

- Go to the NoveList database.
- At the top of the screen, mouse over More and click on Author Read-Alikes in the dropdown menu.
- In the Browse for: box, type King, Stephen and click Browse.
- Click on King, Stephen.
- Name three authors that are similar to Stephen King _____, _____, _____.

NoveList K-8

A tutor asks for adventure books. She is tutoring a boy in fourth grade who really enjoyed the book *Hatchet*. She wants other fiction books about surviving in the wild.

- Go to the NoveList K-8 database.
- In the menu on the left side of the screen, click on Adventure.
- Click on Survival.
- Name two titles from the first page of results.

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- You want to print a list for this patron to take home. At the top of the results list, click on the dropdown menu that says Grid and choose Title Only.
- Note the Print This View button to the right. This is how you would find a printer-friendly version on your list.

Mango Languages

A patron is taking a trip to Paris and would like to learn some conversational French before he goes.

- Go to the Mango Languages database.
- Click on Start Learning. (Recommend that the patron set up an account to track which lessons he has already completed and to monitor his progress.)
- Choose French from the list of languages. Note that there is a separate tab on the left side for English courses. (For those learning English as a second language.)
- Click the Launch button for the Basic course.
- What topics does Chapter 1 cover?

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