

# NNHS Library Online Resource Descriptions

**AccessScience** (\* requires account name & password)

<http://www.AccessScience.com>

Database with full access to the 8th edition of the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology, 7,100+ articles, 115,000 dictionary terms, biographies, new breakthroughs and discoveries in science and technology, related web sites, and learning resources and study guides for all types of students.

**Accuweather/AP Multimedia Archive** (\*requires account name & password from HOME)

<http://accuweather.ap.org/cgi-bin/aplaunch.pl>

This database contains more than 700,000 photographic images from the Associated Press archives. Images can be downloaded and used for presentations and educational documents. Searchable by keyword, date, location, and photographer, each image offers the caption and data needed to properly credit the source.

**ALLTHEWEB** (search engine)

<http://www.alltheweb.com>

Another comprehensive search engine (like Google) which indexes web pages. Offers access in 49 languages and claims to be the largest engine. Indexes not only web pages but multimedia, audio and FTP files, as well as PDF and MS Word files.

**American Memory Project**

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

"American Memory provides free and open access to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music that document the American experience. It is a digital record of American history and creativity. These materials, from the collections of the Library of Congress and other institutions, chronicle historical events, people, places, and ideas that continue to shape America, serving the public as a resource for education and lifelong learning..."

**American National Biography** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://www.anb.org>

ANB is "the premier biographical work on people from all eras who have influenced and shaped American history and culture. You'll find profiles of more than 18,000 men and women [who are no longer living] from all walks of American life, from the well-known to the infamous to the obscure."

**AwesomeStories.com** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://www.awesomestories.com/>

According to its website, "[AwesomeStories.com](http://www.awesomestories.com) uniquely uses the Internet to link its story content to hundreds of thousands of the world's best on-line primary sources." This includes "...maps, pictures, artifacts, manuscripts and documents, IN CONTEXT, within each story." Free access to all schools and libraries!

**Background Notes**

<http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/>

Background Notes are factual publications that contain information on all the countries of the world with which the United States has relations. They include facts on the country's land, people, history, government, political conditions, economy, and its relations with other countries and the United States. The Notes are updated/revised by the Office of Electronic Information and Publications of the Bureau of Public Affairs.

**Beaucoup** (search engine directory)

<http://www.beaucoup.com>

This site is a "master" index of search engines, categorized by content or subject searched. Very helpful when you need specific types of information or materials, you can select the category of search engine you want then click on your choice. Links to "search tips" are provided for each engine when available.

**Bedford-Martin U.S. History Images**

<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/historyimages/>

"Images in the U.S. History Image Library are public-domain pictures published in Bedford/St. Martin's U.S. history survey texts."

## **CIA World Factbook**

<https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Data provided by the CIA on countries of the world. Most information available as of January, 2003, is used to prepare this annual publication.

## **Citation Machine**

<http://citationmachine.net/>

Provided free through the Landmark Project, SLATE Citation Machine provides an easy-to-use means of creating accurate citations for Works Cited Pages and bibliographies. Users select from the pick-list of resource types to view a form requesting the necessary information to complete a citation. Click on "Process" and the user sees a correct MLS or APA citation which may be copied and pasted into the user's own document.

## **Clusty**

<http://www.clusty.com>

This meta-search engine uses a clustering technique to return results. Easy to use. Searches other engines simultaneously, removes duplicate records. Excellent tool.

## **Columbia International Affairs Online** (CIAO) (\*requires account name & password)

<http://www.ciaonet.org/>

Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) is a "comprehensive source for theory and research in international affairs. It publishes a wide range of scholarship from 1991 onward that includes working papers from university research institutes, occasional papers series from NGOs, foundation-funded research projects, proceedings from conferences, books, journals and policy briefs. CIAO is also widely-recognized source for teaching materials including original case studies written by leading international affairs experts, course packs of background readings for history and political science classes, and special features like the analysis of a bin Laden recruitment tape with video."

## **Complete Planet** (meta-search engine)

<http://www.completeplanet.com>

Complete Planet is a meta-search engine that provides access to 103,000 full-text databases on the Internet not searchable through normal search engines.

## **Congress.org**

<http://www.congress.org>

Fast and easy database of congressional information: biographies & photos of officials (state & federal), contact information, current legislation and issues tracked and explained in lay terms, roll calls for laws passed, House and Senate committees' schedules, a media guide and a Zip code search tool for finding your area representatives.

## **C-Span.org's Congressional Information Center**

<http://www3.capwiz.com/c-span/home/>

Created by the nation's cable networks as a public service, C-span's Congressional Information Center "provides coverage of a variety of public affairs events." There are live feeds, daily news updates, links to other sites, and a myriad of current affairs pieces, most of which stem from Capitol Hill.

## **Culturegrams** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://onlineedition.culturegrams.com>

Culturegrams, long known as a wonderful print source for country information, is now available online. Users can view maps, statistics, and in depth information on 181 countries, and in the "States Edition", all 50 states.

## **Dictionary.com**

<http://dictionary.reference.com>

Dictionary.com is a multi-source dictionary search service produced by Lexico Publishing Group, LLC, a leading provider of language reference products and services on the Internet. It includes the American Heritage Dictionary, Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary, Wordnet (Princeton University), The Free On-line Dictionary of Computing, Jargon File, CIA World Factbook (1995), Easton's 1897 Bible Dictionary, Hitchcock's Bible Names Dictionary, U.S. Gazetteer, Acronym Finder, and On-line Medical Dictionary.

### **Direct Search** (meta-search engine)

<http://www.freepint.com/gary/direct.htm>

*Direct Search is a growing compilation of links to the search interfaces of resources that contain data not easily or entirely searchable/accessible from general search tools like Alta Vista, Google, or Hotbot. Material "hidden" from the general search tools is said to reside on the Invisible Web. This tool helps you search that "invisible web".*

### **DuPage County Offices**

<http://www.dupageco.org/index.cfm>

*This index to all county offices and officials gives fast clean access to phone numbers, addresses, and information that residents need. Much easier to use than the telephone book!*

### **Easybib.com**

<http://www.easybib.com>

*For those who struggle with creating correct bibliographies, this site can be a life-saver. Select the type of source you need to cite, enter the pertinent information, click "finish" and you see the correctly cited source. Select another source and keep adding. The site offers three options for printing: print from the screen, save the bibliography as a Word document, or e-mail the file to yourself. Citations are based upon the 5th edition of the MLA Style Manual.*

### **eLibrary** (\*requires account name & password) [A ProQuest Product]

<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com/libweb/curriculum/do/search>

*Broad range of resources including over 2,000 full-text and multimedia sources - reference sources, magazines, newspapers, TV & radio program transcripts, pictures, maps, etc.. **eLibrary History Study Center** and **eLibrary Literature** databases are also available here.*

### **eLibrary SCIENCE** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://science.bigchalk.com/sciweb/science/do/search>

*eLibrary Science offers focused science content and tools along with unique video and dozens of manipulatives found in no other online science reference product. eLibrary Science, in partnership with reference publisher Salem Press, also includes more than 20 of Salem's high-quality, high-interest reference titles, such as Animal Life and Plant Life from the Magill's Encyclopedia of Science program; science-related titles from the Great Events in History series, and other award-winning titles such as the Encyclopedia of Genetics. Students will love the updated science news links, information about famous scientists, a today in science history feature, clickable periodic table, hundreds of educator-approved websites from Homework Central®, and dozens of model Science BookCarts that can be copied and support research activities immediately. eLibrary Science supports the information needs of both AP and mainstream science courses.*

### **Find it! -- State of Illinois**

<http://findit.sos.state.il.us/>

*Your portal to Illinois governmental and library information on the Web. This "search engine" provides links to various governmental agencies and offices such as the Governor's office, the Secretary of State's office, and the Department of Tourism. Provides access to governmental agencies, Illinois legislative information, government forms, libraries, museums, and various educational institutions receiving state funding.*

### **First Search** (\* requires account name & password)

<http://newfirstsearch.oclc.org/>

*First Search gives users access to a number of indexed and full text databases which include Medline, Wilson Select, Articles 1st, World Cat, and others. Articles or references can be read on screen, faxed, or e-mailed to the user depending upon availability of service.*

### **Gale Virtual Reference Library** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nnorth> (school)

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nnorthrpa> (home)

*Gale Virtual Reference Library is a collection of over 326 curriculum-focused reference sets in all subject/topic areas such as Novels for Students, American Decades, Gale Encyclopedia of Science and MANY more. All ebooks in the set can be searched individually, or all books can be searched in one search for the data needed. This is an incredibly powerful and all-encompassing collection of reference materials.*

### **Grove Art** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://www.groveart.com>

"Grove Art provides access to every aspect of the visual arts from prehistory to the present day. There are over 45,000 articles on fine arts, decorative arts, and architecture; scholarship written by over 6,000 international contributors. The database includes over 130,000 art images and links to museums and galleries around the world as well as more than 21,000 biographies of artists, architects, photographers, designers, patrons, dealers, theorists, and writers."

### **Grove Music** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://www.grovemusic.com>

Grove Music offers more than "45,000 articles on people, places, instruments, techniques, and genres written by more than 6,000 international contributors. It also includes links to more than 5,000 images, sounds, and other related websites. There are also 500 plus audio musical examples. There are also more than 20,000 biographies, plus information on the music of world cultures, styles and movements, and the development and construction of instruments."

### **High School ACE**

<http://highschoolace.com/>

A source for a wealth of links to homework helping resources. All areas of the school curriculum are covered and provided for. Just the place for a busy student who is "desperate" for help or immediate resources.

### **History Study Center** (\*requires account name & password) (a ProQuest product)

<http://elibrary.bigchalk.com/libweb/curriculum/do/search>

"The History Study Center is aimed at meeting the needs of undergraduate historians and their teachers and promoting historical research. It acts as a gateway to historical study, acquainting students with the form and content of primary sources while supporting their study with key articles from historical journals and a library of respected historical reference resources."

### **Historical Chicago Tribune** (\*requires account name & password) [This is a ProQuest product]

<http://hn.bigchalk.com/hnweb/hn/do/search>

PHN offers users total access to the Chicago [Daily] Tribune from 1849 to 1985. Every issue is reproduced cover-to-cover in full page images. It is searchable by keyword, subject, article type or date. Users can access full text documents and articles regarding significant events of the past century and a half.

### **Historyteacher.net**

<http://www.historyteacher.net/>

Highly respected, award-winning teaching website developed by Mrs. Susan M. Pojer, Horace Greeley High School, in Chappaqua, NY, provides links to tools, resource, and information that is directly related to curriculum for AP US and European History, American History & Government, and Global Studies.

### **HOT Research Topics**

<http://kclibrary.nhmccd.edu/hot-topics.html>

Produced by Kingwood College Library, HOT Research Topics gives quality links to web pages on many of the popular current social issues in today's news. It is basically a weblibliography by subject.

### **IMSA Wizard Search Engine** (meta-search engine)

<http://21cif.imsa.edu/tools/locate/>

Highly recommended meta-search engine developed by students and staff at Illinois Math & Science Academy. Searches seven major engines simultaneously, providing abstracted links to resulting hits. All search parameters are customizable including which engines to search, ranking, and number of hits displayed.

### **IMSA Wizard Citation Tool**

<http://21cif.imsa.edu/tools/citation/>

Highly recommended citation tool developed by students and staff at Illinois Math & Science Academy. Select the format (MLA) for the citation, fill in the boxes with the needed information, click on View Citation, copy and paste to your Works Cited and the citation is in perfect format, complete with quotation marks, commas, colons, etc.

### **Illinois Periodicals Online**

<http://www.lib.niu.edu/ipo/>

According to the Illinois State Library, IPO is a project of the Northern Illinois University Libraries, DeKalb, Illinois. IPO start-up funding was provided by the Illinois State Library, a Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, using federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds awarded to them by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). "To date, the IPO project has reached agreement with ten journals: Illinois Country Living, Illinois Heritage, Illinois History: A Magazine for Young People, Illinois History Teacher, Illinois Issues, Illinois Municipal Review, Illinois Parks & Recreation, Outdoor Illinois, Point of View, and Prairie Farmer. The digital imaging of these titles is an ongoing process.

### **Illinois Statistical Abstract**

<http://www.igpa.uillinois.edu/abstract/>

Compiled by the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois, the Illinois Statistical Abstract offers a "comprehensive compilation of economic and demographic data relating to Illinois and to political subdivisions within the state. The most current data is posted to the site. Previous Abstracts are archived on the site.

### **Infomine** (meta-search engine)

<http://infomine.ucr.edu>

"INFOMINE is a librarian-built virtual library of Internet resources relevant to faculty, students, and [researchers]. It contains useful ... resources such as databases, electronic journals, electronic books, bulletin boards, mailing lists, online library card catalogs, articles, directories of researchers, and [more]." It is constantly being updated and changed so as to keep it useful and accurate.

### **Infoplease Atlas**

<http://www.infoplease.com/atlas/>

"Information Please is part of Pearson Education, the largest educational publisher in the world and owner of Prentice Hall, Scott Foresman, Addison Wesley Longman, and other distinguished imprints. Pearson also owns the Financial Times and Penguin Putnam publishers." The publisher provides access to several of its online tools such as this Atlas which is a large interactive map file. All maps are printable in PDF format and incorporate statistical information as well as the maps of every country and region of the world.

### **Internet Public Library**

<http://ipl.sils.umich.edu/ref/index.text.html>

Gives the researcher access to links to a multitude of online documents and reference materials. You can even leave questions to be answered. Sponsored by the University of Michigan.

### **KartOO** (meta-search engine)

<http://www.kartoo.com>

"KartOO is a meta-search engine with visual display interfaces. When you click on OK, KartOO launches the query to a set of search engines, gathers the results, compiles them and presents them in a series of interactive maps through a proprietary algorithm." The relational form of the engine require Flash but is also available with results in normal HTML format.

### **Librarians' Internet Index**

<http://lii.org/search/file/about>

According to the LII's mission statement, "The mission of Librarians' Internet Index is to provide a well-organized point of access for reliable, trustworthy, librarian-selected Internet resources, serving California, the nation, and the world." As a result, you have access to "a searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 11,000 Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians for their usefulness to users of public libraries. LII.org is used by both librarians and the general public as a reliable and efficient guide to Internet resources."

### **The Library Spot**

<http://www.libraryspot.com>

Website prepared for library users and students to quickly locate information. Everything from links to full text daily newspapers online to biographies, calculators, reference books, and more.

**Literary Reference Center** (by EBSCO) (\*requires account name & password)

<http://search.ebscohost.com/>

*"Literary Reference Center is a full text database that combines information from major respected reference works, books, literary journals as well as original content from EBSCO Publishing. The LRC includes more than 10,000 plot summaries, synopses and work overviews, 75,000 articles of literary criticism, 130,000 author biographies, full text of over 300 literary journals, 500,000 book reviews, 25,000 classic and contemporary poems, 11,000 classic and contemporary short stories, full text of over 7,500 classic novels (anticipated by Fall 2006), 3,000 author interviews, and over 1,000 images of key literary figures.*

**Merriam-Webster Online Language Center**

<http://www.m-w.com/dictionary>

*Online dictionary and thesaurus offers more than definitions. Pronunciations, games, tips for research and word of the day are also available.*

**Maps101** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://www.maps101.com/Login.aspx>

*Over 4000 easy to print maps, 200+ K-12 lesson plans, daily & weekly current events articles, educational games and quizzes comprise the Maps 101 database. Also included is an up-to-date World & U.S. Reference Atlas. Also includes flags and statistics.*

**Novelist** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://search.epnet.com/>

*Novelist is designed for people who like to read and sometimes need a little help finding something. "Besides locating books to read, users can learn more about books and authors through Author Read-alikes, Feature Articles, Book Discussion Guides, and Booktalks. The "For Staff Only" sections provide additional support for readers' advisory and school curricula. Hypertext links from title records allow the user to go directly to articles or guides that mention the title, as well as to the lists where the titles appear."*

**Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** (\*requires password)

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/nnorth?db=OVRC>

*Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is a major database covering social issues, such as Gun Control, Genetic Engineering, Censorship, Endangered Species, and Terrorism. Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center brings together viewpoint articles, contextual topic overviews, government and organizational statistics, court cases, profiles of government agencies and special interest groups, newspaper and magazines articles, as well as links to more than 1,000 reviewed and subject-indexed web sites. It takes its name from the Opposing Viewpoints print series published by Greenhaven Press, an imprint of the Gale Group.*

**Oxford English Dictionary** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://dictionary.oed.com/entrance.dtl>

*The OED is the unofficial "master dictionary" of the English language. It provides the spellings, pronunciations, and etymology of words, as well as identifying when the word was first used in print.*

**Pics4Learning**

<http://www.pics4learning.com>

*"Pics4Learning is a copyright-friendly image library for teachers and students. The Pics4Learning collection consists of thousands of images that have been donated by students, teachers, and amateur photographers. Unlike many Internet sites, permission has been granted for teachers and students to use all of the images donated to the Pics4Learning collection."*

**ProQuest** (\* requires account name & password)

<http://proquest.umi.com/pgdweb?RQT=341&cfc=1>

*Pro Quest is a subscription database containing full text articles from 2,000+ periodicals, journals, and daily newspapers from around the world.*

**SIRS Decades** (a ProQuest product)

<http://decades.sirs.com/decadesweb/decades/do/login>

*"SIRS Decades is an electronic subscription resource containing Primary Source and reference content from the 20th century (5,000+ documents). Content is organized into curricular topics pertaining to American History, culture, and daily life of the time. Primary source types include: Advertisements, Editorial Cartoons, Letters, Maps and Charts, Original Documents, Original Works of Art, Photographs, Literary Works, Published Articles, and Speeches."*

**Teen Health and Wellness** (\*requires account name & password)

<http://teenhealthandwellness.com>

*Teen Health & Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers provides students with comprehensive curricular support and self-help tools on topics including diseases, drugs, alcohol, nutrition, fitness, mental health, diversity, family life, and more. All content is reviewed by professionals in medicine, mental health, nutrition, guidance, and career counseling.*

**THOMAS**

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

*Library of Congress linkage to all things related to the federal government and legislation, past, present, and pending. It is an awesome site, very user-friendly.*

**USAGov**

<http://www.usagov.gov/>

*Whenever you need ANY information FROM or ABOUT the U.S. government head for this site. It is a search engine for ALL online links related the United States government.*

**Visual Thesaurus** (\*requires password from home)

<http://www.visualthesaurus.com>

*The Visual Thesaurus is an interactive dictionary and thesaurus which creates word maps with meanings and branches to related words. The Visual Thesaurus has over 145,000 English words and 115,000 meanings.*

**World Book Resource Center Online** (\*requires account name & password from home)

<http://www.worldbookonline.com>

*One of the best encyclopedias for students is available online through this link. Quick searches, preceding for research and general knowledge are ideal activities for this resource. World Book Encyclopedia is authoritative, well documented, and lavishly illustrated.*