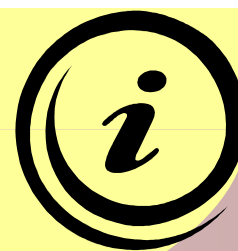


Free Online Databases



As a Library member you have access to many FREE online databases on a diverse range of topics. The majority of these databases are available as a result of special licences which have been negotiated by the State Library of Queensland on behalf of Queensland public libraries. Outlined below are a few of the databases available FREE to all Bundaberg Regional Library Service members.

To access the databases all you need to do is go to the Library's Online Databases web page, at <http://bundaberg.qld.gov.au/library/databases.php>, click on to the database you wish to access, and input your library card (membership) number when prompted. These databases are available from the Library or from home.



The Computer School

This database provides short, succinct, easy-to-follow tutorials on different computer software. Programs covered include

- Windows Vista
- Microsoft (MS) Word 2003 and 2007
- MS Excel 2003
- MS Publisher 2007
- Internet Explorer



Health & Wellness Resource Center

The focus of this database is medical and health information from reputable sources. One of the most useful features is the directory of diseases and conditions. This is an A-Z list of common conditions with a good description and explanation of the disease/condition, its causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis.



yourtutor

yourtutor is an online homework tutorial service for Grades 4-12. It offers professional tutors in the subjects of mathematics, science and English. Students can log on and select their subject and grade level. They will then be connected with a tutor who will take them through the problem with which they are experiencing difficulty.



Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre

The Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre (ANZRC) is a source of magazine, journal and newspaper articles. It includes some of the more 'popular' magazines such as *The Australian Women's Weekly*, more scholarly journals such as *New Scientist*, and newspapers such as *The Courier Mail*.

Free Online Databases



NewsBank

NewsBank is a newspaper database for Australian and international newspapers.

You can search back about 5-10 years depending on the publication. You can search by paper or particular issue, or you can type in keywords to search for a topic.



Encyclopaedia Britannica Online

The Encyclopaedia Britannica database lets you search the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Britannica Student, Britannica Junior, web sites, and journals.

The information contained within is quite general but can be a useful starting point in your research on a topic.



TumbleBooks

TumbleBooks is a database for children. It contains picture books and story books mainly for younger children. They can read the book online and/or listen to the 'computer' read it for them while they follow on screen. There are also plenty of puzzles and games for the kids to play to help them with their spelling, memory, and overall reading skills.



NoveList

NoveList is "your guide to fiction". It contains information for adult readers, teens and children. You can find suggestions of authors similar to your favourites, feature articles, biographies, award winners, recommended reads, book discussion guides for book groups, and more.



QPL Account

For access to even more online databases you can sign up for FREE for a Queensland Public Library (QPL) account with the State Library of Queensland. You will need an email address to be able to sign up. Go to http://signon.slq.qld.gov.au/check_library.php.

Databases you have access to include Good Reading Magazine, Oxford Reference Online (dictionary/thesaurus etc), Grove Music Online, JSTOR – scholarly journal archive, and Austlit – The Australian Literature Resource. Check out the State Library's databases and QPL web site for more.

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