



Database List for 2016

SIRS (ProQuest) –

For local access and /or questions regarding the IP authenticated databases listed below, contact your MDK12 Steering Committee representative or the SIRS/EBSCO representative listed on the Technical Support Page. SIRS Producer's description pages include professional development and student resources for using the databases in your schools.



SIRS Discoverer is a general reference resource for young researchers that makes learning fun and intuitive. Helps students in grades 1-9 develop their research, writing, language and computer skills.

[SIRS Discover producer's description](#)



SIRS Knowledge Sources is a comprehensive portal offering centralized access to all SIRS learning solutions which target the needs of students with best-of content selected to support research, study, and homework in key curricula subjects. Includes access to SIRS Issues Researcher, SIRS Government Reporter, and SIRS Renaissance.

[SIRS Knowledge Source producer's description](#)



SIRS Decades features over 5,000 hand-selected primary and secondary source articles that highlight key events, movements, people, and places in 20th-century America.

[SIRS Decades producer's description](#)



HeritageQuest Online provides libraries with a unique, growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture.

[HeritageQuest producer's description](#)

EBSCO – for complete database descriptions and for after school hours access (24/7 – may require a public library card), go to the SAILOR web site at: <http://www.sailor.lib.md.us/services/databases/>



Auto Repair Reference Center - Find step-by-step auto repair procedures written specifically for the Do-It-Yourselfer, but comprehensive enough for professional technicians.



Business Source Premier - Search business related newspapers and journals. Non-journal content includes company profiles, country reports, industry reports, market research reports, and SWOT analyses.



Explora - Educator's Edition - Highlights content relevant to teachers, including lesson plans, curriculum standards, and other professional development resources.



Explora - Primary Schools - Designed specifically for elementary school students, this database provides access to popular full-text magazines for elementary school research.



Explora - Public Libraries - Supports student research. Search results include articles, essays, and primary source documents.



Explora - Secondary Schools - Offers the most complete collection of full-text reference resources available for middle schools.

Explora is EBSCO's interface for Schools and Public Libraries. Designed to meet the unique needs of its users, Explora supports both student research and classroom instruction with the following features:

- Simple search that quickly delivers relevant results
- Easy-to-browse categories organized by popular topic
- Topic overviews that provide students with a starting point for research
- Colorful, mobile-friendly design with feature areas that provide context to students
- Reading level indicators (Lexile® Measures) to simplify discovery of grade-appropriate content
- Text-to-speech for HTML articles to assist struggling readers or those learning English
- Curriculum Standards Module to help educators correlate EBSCO content quickly and easily to Common Core, state- or province-specific curriculum standards



Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia - A student encyclopedia, Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia database indexes over 25,000 records, covering an array of topics. The database contains various images, offers brief biographies as well as information in a variety of subject areas.



History Reference Center - Search history oriented reference books, encyclopedias, history journals, documents, biographies, images, videos and maps.



Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center - Offers detailed how-to instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast.



Home Improvement Reference Center - Through a collection of comprehensive full-text content, this database provides users with detailed, user-friendly how-to information covering all manner of home improvement/repair projects.



Regional Business News - Search articles from Crain Communications, Business Philadelphia, Daily Record (Baltimore Edition), New York Observer and Washington Times.



Small Engine Repair Reference Center - Offers assistance in providing routine maintenance as well as extensive repairs and allows users to search by product type, brand, model/engine type, and model numbers.

Only available through the SAILOR web site:



Rosetta Stone Library Solution - The world's leading language-learning software teaches language the way you learned your first, by connecting words to objects and events around you.