

William Annin Media Center Database Pathfinder for 7th Grade Comm Arts Technology Research Project

Go to **William Annin Middle School** home page.
In the left column, scroll over **Media Center**
Click on **Research**.
Click on **Grade 7 Comm Arts**.

Databases listed are the *best choices* for finding information about your topics.
Username/passwords listed below are needed if accessing databases from home.
Articles from these databases can be printed out, saved on your P drive (My Documents) or a flash drive, or e-mailed home.

At the bottom of most articles is the article citation. It is not always in MLA format.

1. InfoTrac: (E-books and news/magazine articles)

Click on **InfoTrac**. Click **Proceed**.

Click on **GALE Virtual Reference Library** (for *E-books*.) Citation info at top.

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Click on **Student Edition** (for newspaper/magazine articles.) Select **full-text**.

Use **Limit by** options to narrow your results. Note **types** of articles on right side of results list. Citation info at top and proper citation at bottom of article.

2. Marshall Cavendish: (Reference articles)

Click on **Marshall Cavendish**.

20+ databases – all can be searched at once from top blue search box, or select specific database. Try **Open for Debate, Technology & Applied Science**, or **How It Works**. Click on **Cite This** button for formatted citation.

See Also at bottom of page has links to related articles (good ideas for keywords too.)



3. EBSCOhost: (Collection of many different types of databases)

Click on **EBSCOhost**.

Try **Kids Search** first. Also **Student Resource Center, Searchasaurus** or **Points Of View**. **Sort** results by **Relevance** if you have many articles. **Filter** results by type (news, magazines, books/encyclopedia, etc.) and/or **Narrow** by **Subject**. Citation info at top of screen – look for “Author”, “Title”, “Source” fields.



4. Facts on File: (Reference articles)

Click on **Facts on File**. Contains databases on specific topics – must be searched individually. Click on **Science Online, American History Online** or **Modern History Online**. Filter by **types** of article using tabs at top. Citation info at bottom of article.



5. SIRS Discoverer: (Reference and news/magazine articles)

Click on **SIRS Discoverer**.

Search on **Subject headings** if you're not sure about your keyword terms.

Click **Source & Summary** at top of screen for citation information.

Must copy/paste to WORD doc to save in a file. Can email home.

