

Science Research Database Orientation

- Database skills are useful in locating material that is generally not found through a search engine. They contain a variety of credible and updated information found in journals for research and educational purposes.
- Many of the databases contain the full-text of magazine and journal articles from publications that are also published in print.
- Books, reference sources, collections of art images, streaming video collections, and language tutorials are other types of content that are available thru databases.
- Databases are organized alphabetically and by subject.
- The alphabetical listing of databases is helpful if you already know the name of a specific database to use. Most of the time you will find it easier to explore the databases within a subject category that is related to the information you trying to locate.
- Databases have current and updated information. Articles that are older than 5 years should be avoided. Medical articles are at a constant change. Current articles are more beneficial to research.

Navigating the CBC Library Webpage:

To log-in to the databases use your last name and the last 4 digits of your social security number as your username and your student ID number as your password.

To access the databases (under the online resources tab)

URL: <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/onlineresources>

Or (under the Research Guides)

URL: <http://lrc.coastalbend.edu/naturalscience>

Science and Medical Databases:

- **EBSCOs** (Health & Wellness)
 - CINAHL Plus with Full Text
 - Medline
 - Academic Search Complete
 - Health Source Nursing/Academic Edition
 - Health Source Consumer Edition
 - Alt HealthWatch
- Gale Databases

Health Reference Center

Infotrac Newspaper

- PubMed
- **Websites (Credible Sources)**

Author, Date of Publication

Avoid websites with excessive advertisements and pop-ups

.edu=an educational institution

.gov=governmental websites

.org=organizational website (check for credibility)

.com=(check for credibility)

.net=(check for credibility)

Book Sources:

- Ebrary and EBSCOhost eBooks are subscription e-book collections.
- Current CBC faculty, staff and students may borrow books from the Grady C. Hogue LRC & Library located at the Beeville Campus. The catalog is available for searching. The catalog includes the print book collection, educational video collection, and electronic books from Beeville, Alice, Kingsville, and Pleasanton.
- Electronic Books: Students use their [CougarID](#) to access electronic books and faculty/staff use their email name and password.
- Inter-library is a method that the library uses to borrow books and request copies of articles from print journals from other libraries. This is available thru TexShare, a lending library.

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