



# Beyond Google

## Using Research Databases

Google is a great search engine but ... remember that anyone can publish a web site. The information doesn't have to be accurate or up to date. Someone can intentionally present opinion as fact or propaganda as truth. Always be skeptical of what you read online.

That's why it's better to start your research project by first looking at an online encyclopedia or periodical database. The information in these sources has been fact checked and edited by experts in their fields. That doesn't mean they are always correct, but they are much more reliable than the average web site.

Here are the databases you can access in the F.A. Day Library and what they offer. All of these resources can be searched from home by going to [www.mmrls.org/newsbank.html](http://www.mmrls.org/newsbank.html) and keying in the barcode number from the back of your public library card.

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