

Quick Guide: Navigating Online Resources

Online Resources, formerly Learning Resources, are databases. BPL has subscribed to a ton of different databases such as newspapers, E-books, and journal articles. All databases are free, and most can be accessed from home with a library card.

WHAT IS A DATABASE?

Databases are an organized electronic collection of information that can be searched in various ways. Databases typically include newspaper, magazine, journal articles, and electronic books.

WHY CHOOSE A DATABASE WHEN YOU CAN JUST GO TO GOOGLE?

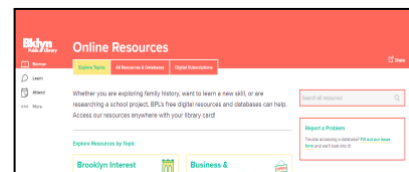
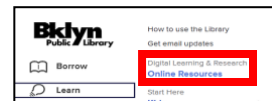
The databases at BPL have been vetted by librarians to ensure all information is accurate and reliable-it is their job! Information found on databases is organized, allowing you to search through information easily with keywords, subject heading, author, titles, etc. All results will be relevant. Google and other search engines are not always accurate.

ACCESSING THE ONLINE RESOURCES

- In your web browser type, **“bklynlibrary.org”** to access the Brooklyn Public Library website.



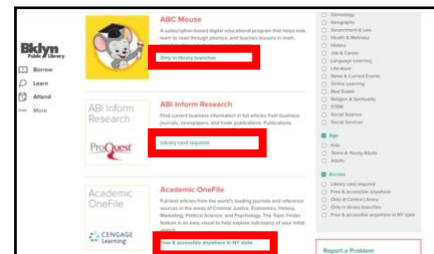
- On the upper left side of the website, select **“Learn”**. *(If you are using a tablet or phone, click on the hamburger button ☰, then select “Learn”)*
- Click on **“Online Resources”** to be redirected to Articles and Databases.



ACCESSING THE DATABASE?

While all Brooklyn Public Library card holders have full access to our databases, some databases are only accessible at our branches or central, while others are only accessible in NY state.

Beneath the description, of each database you will a link that tells you how to access the database listed below are the definitions of these descriptions:



- Library Card Required:** you need your library card to access the database
- Only at Library Branches:** it can only be accessed by using one of the computers at your local BPL branch
- Only at Central Library:** it can only be accessed by using one of the computers at the Central Library
- Free & accessible anywhere:** you can access from home or anywhere you have internet; no library card needed
- Free & accessible anywhere in NY State:** you can access if your location on your device is in NY State