

Online Databases at <http://bcl/state/ar.us>

If it's been awhile since you've checked out the resources available online through our library's website, you're in for a surprise. Gathered under seven major categories, it's amazing the variety of what's available and the fact that it's all **FREE** to anyone with a Boone County Library card. Although the actual selection is much more extensive, listed below are just a few examples of literally dozens of interesting and helpful databases to explore and links to follow. All but one can be accessed from home using either the identification number located under the barcode on the back of your library card or a password easily obtained from your library. The Ancestry Library Edition can be accessed using a computer at the library.

Automotive - *ChiltonLibrary.com* When it comes to auto repair, do-it-yourselfers and automotive students have trusted Chilton references for years. Now these helpful resources are available in a simple-to-use database available 24 hours a day from anywhere with an Internet connection. This 24-hour on-call "mechanic" provides quick online access to repair, maintenance and service information on the most popular cars, trucks, vans and SUVs on the road today. Ford, Chrysler, GM, Toyota and numerous other makes are well represented.

Business/Legal - *Gale LegalForms* This online resource delivers everything do-it-yourselfers need to take charge of their legal affairs with confidence. Simply locate the form that's needed by using any of the links found on the home page and download the specific form. Then, enter all relevant information and print it. Completed forms also can be saved to a computer's hard drive or e-mailed to a home address.

Genealogy - *Heritage Quest* Your resource for census data, family records and local histories. This collection assembles every extant U.S. federal census, banking and military records, genealogies, local histories, primary source materials, and genealogical and local history serials. An ongoing project (new content is added weekly).

Hobbies - *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles* It's like "Antique Home Show!" Price It! Antiques & Collectibles — powered by GoAntiques.com — is the most comprehensive antique and collectible pricing tool in the world. The antiques and collectibles market is one of the fastest growing markets in the U.S., with an estimated 25% of the population collecting something — and that figure is expected to increase in the coming years. This simple-to-use online resource delivers more than 20 million realized prices on treasures nearly 30% of Americans collect, buy and trade. Price It! Antiques & Collectibles can be used at home, on the road, even from a live auction!

Kids/Homework - *Blackbirch Kid's Visual Reference of the World* Part atlas, part visual reference and part world fact book, this reference blends all information into a concise, at-a-glance format that is uniquely suited to kids. It covers every country in the world with statistical information on climate, industry, religion, land use, ethnic groups, education and daily life. It also has a special section of political, topographical and thematic world maps.

Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations is geared toward elementary and middle school students and gives consistent coverage of all countries, maps of each country, flags and seals on color end sheets and is written clearly and expressly for students.

Medical Journals - *Health Source - Consumer* An authoritative source of information on health-related questions, including a dictionary of medical terms. Find a remedy for sunburn, discover healthy nutritional guidelines or search for the latest treatments for cancer. Searchable full text for over 190 journals including Consumer Reports on Health and Men's Health, as well as abstracts and indexing for over 205 general health, nutrition and professional health care publications.

Health Source: Nursing / Academic allows you to access nearly 540 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines.

Students/Teachers - This collection includes: Accelerated Reader Lists by School; Arts and Humanities Through the Eras; Countries and Their Cultures; Dictionary of American History; Encyclopedia of World Biography; ERIC, the U.S. Department of Education Educational Resource Information Center database; Gale Discovering; Gale Encyclopedia of Science; Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations; Major 21st-Century Writers and more.

This smattering of examples hardly does justice to the wealth of information available on our library's website from the privacy of your own home. Take time to visit it soon and see for yourself at **<http://bcl/state/ar.us>**.