

What are Databases and Digital Resources?

A database is a searchable collection of information.

lynda.com



- What is it?

Online video tutorial service: boasts over 15,000 diverse expert-led courses in a flexible format with new content weekly. Courses are video-based and can be downloaded for offline use; transcripts and closed caption are also available. Career minded? Commence, improve, or change your career with Lynda's Learning Paths designed to help you develop in-demand professional skills.

- What can you do with it?

Learn, improve skills, and develop career paths

Topics:

Microsoft Office skills, Business Communication, Photography, Cloud Computing, Graphic Design, QuickBooks, Education and Elearning, Programming, Animation, Marketing, Data Management and more...

- How do you use it?

Access Lynda from the library website. Enter your Oak Ridge Public Library Card and Pin number. Initial login will prompt you to create an account with Lynda; all you need is your name and email address. You can skip this step by leaving the name and email address fields blank, thus creating a generic login. Keep in mind if you do this and your library card changes, you will lose saved progress in courses.

For more information on Lynda, watch our webinar and checkout our handout on [lynda.com](#) [101](#)

NewsBank



- What is it?

A news resource including a variety of national newspapers as well local ones like The Knoxville News Sentinel and The Oak Ridger. Focusing on Credibility, Depth/Breadth, Uniqueness, Diversity, Versatility.

“NewsBank, inc. has been a premier information provider for more than 45 years. Our comprehensive resources meet the diverse research needs of public libraries, colleges and universities, schools, military and government libraries, and professionals around the world.

NewsBank consolidates current and archived information from thousands of newspaper titles, as well as newswires, web editions, blogs, videos, broadcast transcripts, business journals, periodicals, government documents and other publications. Using these online resources, researchers in libraries around the world can easily explore tens of millions of current and archived news articles and obituaries in order to pinpoint information from primary sources at the local, state, regional, national and international levels. NewsBank also offers online educational resources covering all academic curricula. Aligned with state standards and targeting all subject areas, NewsBank’s school-focused solutions include primary sources and inquiry-based projects that support learning, enhance research and help develop critical thinking skills.”

- What can you do with it?

Stay informed, Research, read local news (*The Oak Ridger* and *The Knoxville News Sentinel*), and read national news.

- How do you use it?

Login with your ORPL library card.

The New York Times

The New York Times

- What is it?

Online digital access to the newspaper. It is a searchable, visual, and contains current events and information on a variety of topics. The TimesMachine is also an electronic archive that functions similar to microfilm, but is more accessible and searchable by keyword.

- What can you do with it?

Stay up-to-date on current events, expand your knowledge with news and information, or travel back through time with the TimesMachine.

- How do you use it?

Redeem 24 hours of access at a time from the library’s website, www.orpl.org, and create an account with the NYT.



- What is it?

Chilton Library is an online digital resource provided by Gale, with Chilton's roots going back over 100 years and having a deep history of reliable and accessible repair information. This continually updated database covers details on vehicle maintenance, repair, and technical service bulletins for over 2,600 vehicles including most years, makes, and models of both domestic and imported vehicles from 1940 to current year.

- What can you do with it?

Step-by-step service and repair procedures, wiring diagrams, maintenance and specifications tables, and troubleshooting guides and diagnostic trouble codes. Guides include photos, illustrations, diagrams, and multimedia (videos and animations). Also included are ASE test preps, to help prepare for ASE certification for automotive professionals. This certification is offered through the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, an independent non-profit organization dedicated to improving quality of vehicle repair and service through its testing.

Find information on repair, maintenance or cost estimate to help guide you in topics like:

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| ✓ Body | ✓ heating & A/C |
| ✓ Brakes | ✓ suspension |
| ✓ Diagnostics | ✓ transmission |
| ✓ Engine | ✓ wiring diagrams |
| ✓ fuel systems | ✓ and more |

Available information depends on the vehicle and its age.

- How do you use it?

Login with your ORPL library card.

Legal Forms - Gale



- What is it?

Tennessee Specific resource for legal forms: Thousands of legal forms available with more forms being added daily. Official, State Specific, Federal, Business, Personal, Real Estate and General forms covering hundreds of legal subjects and issues.

- What can you do with it?

Find fillable legal forms on a variety of topics like: Power of Attorney, Wills & Estates, Landlord and Tenant – Leases, Real Estate, Incorporation, Bankruptcy, Paternity and more.

- How do you use it?

Login with your ORPL library card.

Gaps in this resource, like Divorce forms, can be supplemented by these two resources:

<https://www.tncourts.gov/>

<https://www.help4tn.org/>

Miss Humblebee's Academy - Gale

(For children ages 3 – 6)



- What is it?

“Miss Humblebee's Academy is an award-winning, online and offline curriculum that prepares children ages 3 to 6 for kindergarten proficiency. At Miss Humblebee's Academy, we believe in order to fully prepare your child for a lifetime of learning success, there needs to be a combination of online and offline learning. Our Offline Curriculum section takes the information your child has learned online and lets them use it offline through the use of hands-on activities.”

Focuses on the 5 domains of school readiness: Self-Regulation, Social and Personal Competency, Language and Literacy Development, Cognition: Math, and Physical Development

[State of TN 5 domains of school readiness standards](#)

- What can you do with it?

Take Assessments, play fun games, watch videos, or read to foster all 5 domains for school readiness.

- How do you use it?

Login with your ORPL library card and create an account.

Consumer Reports



- What is it?

For 80 years, this non-profit industry leader has been dedicated to providing independent reviews and information to consumers.

- What can you do with it?

Search for products from A to Z or browse by specialized topics on appliances, babies & kids, cars, electronics, health, home & garden, or money. First, locate a topic or product you want to know more about, like the popular air fryers, password managers, flooring,

tires, nursing bras, banks & credit unions, and insect repellents. Then, peruse the ratings, recommendations, or buying guide for that item or topic.

Buying guides can be particularly useful to consumers who know little to nothing about a product; they tell you about the product, features that are important and why they are important. This resource can help facilitate your own evaluative process. Whether it is your one-stop-shop for your purchasing decisions or the starting point for your research journey, buying guides will help you to make informed decisions.

Current issues of the magazine can also be accessed online as well as past issues. You may not think video content when you think of Consumer Reports, but they have their own television content called “Consumer 101.” The show provides in-depth information on a variety of topics and products. They also offer a daily briefing and newsletters to help keep you informed. Just search for “Consumer 101” to browse the videos or see them occasionally on different topics as additional content.

- How do you use it?

Login with your ORPL library card.

OverDrive/Libby



- What is it?

OverDrive is an Electronic Library for ORPL that provides eBooks, audiobooks, and streaming movies with your library card. Digital content is stored and borrowed from the cloud instead of a physical library.

OverDrive is the company. They are “a global distributor of digital content.” ORPLs collection has over 4,600 electronic items with more added monthly. There are 2 apps for OverDrive: OverDrive and Libby, plus it can be used on a web browser.

- What can you do with it?

Read, listen, and watch. Books and movies. Find entertainment and intellectual enrichment.

- How do you use it?

With your ORPL library card, through a web browser or download the OverDrive or Libby App.

For more information on OverDrive and Libby, watch our webinar and checkout our handout on [OverDrive 101](#)

- What is it?

A varied electronic library available to all Tennessee residents offering an assortment of databases and resources including what we focus on for this class: Testing, Health, Research/News, Language, and Genealogy. Though there are other resources not discussed.

- What can you do with it?

Research and learn by topic: Testing, Health, Research/News, Language, and Genealogy.

- ✓ Testing – Peterson’s Testing and Career Prep by Gale
- ✓ Health – Medline Plus, Health and Medicine by Gale, Health and Wellness by Gale
- ✓ Research/News – Power Search by Gale
- ✓ Language – Transparent Language
- ✓ Genealogy – Heritage Quest

- How do you use it?

Access the website from the library’s website, Tennessee residency is required. Some resources require that you register and make an account.