



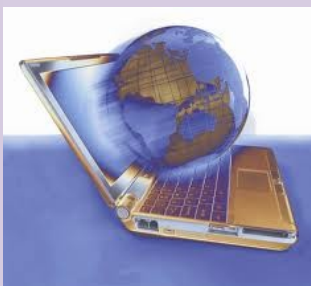
# Tip of the Week:

Napa Valley College - McCarthy Library



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▶ We are fortunate to have both EBSCOhost databases and Gale databases available to students and faculty at Napa Valley College. The EBSCOhost databases were purchased by the Community College League (CCL) for all community colleges in California. Our subscription is for a three year period. The Gale databases were chosen by a vote of our SNAP partners. We will have the Gale databases available for the next three years as well. In this Tip of the Week, we'll be looking at what EBSCOhost databases have to offer. Our next Tip of the Week will highlight Gale databases.

▶ **What are databases?**  
Databases provide online access to full-text articles from reference books, journals, magazines and newspapers. Articles can be emailed to yourself and/or saved in a digital folder for handy access.

▶ **Where to I find McCarthy Library databases?**  
You can access all the library's databases from the library homepage by choosing the "Find Articles and Databases" link. Here is a direct link to [McCarthy Library's database page](#). From on-campus, you will not need a user name and password to access these databases. From **off-campus** follow the directions on the library database page regarding emailing us to obtain the user name and password.

▶ **Which Ebsco databases are available?**  
Ebsco provides both general databases, like [Academic Search Premier](#) and [Newspaper Source Plus](#) as well as subject-specific databases such as:  
[Business Source Elite](#)  
[Consumer Health Complete](#)  
[Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition](#)  
[American History & Life](#)  
[Psychology & Behavioral Science](#)  
[Religion & Philosophy Collection](#)

& additional Ebsco databases on the library's database page!

▶ Because the Ebsco databases were packaged together in a bundle, we were unable to choose specific databases without additional substantial cost.

▶ The best way to evaluate a database is to devise a search term and see if you retrieve quality information. Remember, you may have to either narrow or broaden your search term(s). Ask yourself, is this database retrieving articles containing accurate information? Are the articles full-text? Are the articles current? Are the articles free of bias? Does this article meet my information need? For additional help on evaluating articles for research, or selecting the best resource for your needs, be sure to talk with either Stephanie or Nancy.

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We hope you found this tip helpful!  
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Ask a Librarian

