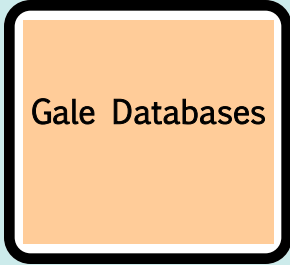




Tip of the Week:

Napa Valley College - McCarthy Library



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▶ The Gale databases were chosen by a vote of our SNAP (Solano, Napa and Partners) library consortium. We will have the Gale databases available for the next three years. In addition to our EBSCO databases, the Gale databases are a useful tool for student research. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, students can access full-text articles on a variety of topics. Gale’s [Academic OneFile](#), [General OneFile](#) and [InfoTrak News Stand](#) databases are multi-disciplinary, while several others listed below are more subject-specific.



▶ 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** please contact us at 256-7430 for the user name and password.

▶ Which additional Gale databases are available?

- [Opposing Viewpoints In Context](#)
- [Student Resources in Context](#)
- [Literature Resource Center](#)
- [Chilton Library.com](#) (Automotive Repair Database)
- [Demographics Now](#)
- [Biography in Context](#)

▶ How do the Gale databases and the EBSCO databases compare?

Each database is different and will give different results. For this reason, it is best to try your search in a variety of general, and, if appropriate, subject-specific databases. Try out both the Gale databases and EBSCO databases. The best way to evaluate a database is to devise a search term and see if you retrieve the type of quality information that you seek. 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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