# Where to Find Information

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<td><strong>Journal Articles, Newspapers, and Reference</strong></td>
<td>A variety of databases contained within this interface containing, journal, newspaper, reference articles and multimedia.</td>
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<td>- <strong>EBSCOhost</strong> —MCPS has access to several EBSCO databases, to include Masterfile Premier and ERIC, the Education resources information center.</td>
<td>A weekly newspaper devoted to education. Articles, profiles, commentary, legislation, state and national news and book reviews for teachers and administrators in elementary and secondary schools.</td>
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<td>- <strong>Education Week</strong> (from Masterfile Premier Database, a part of EBSCOhost, available in MCPS schools).</td>
<td>The library system provides Montgomery County residents with the current, accurate information that they need for work, school or personal interests. There are 18 branch libraries and a multitude of services available virtually.</td>
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**NOTE:** Home use of the MCPS databases require login/passwords. Contact your school library media staff if school-based; or Evaluation and Selection Unit located in central services. No password required when accessed in MCPS.

**Montgomery County Public Library** —Home access to these services requires a library card from Montgomery County Public Libraries and a PIN. If you have access problems, please call Ask-a-Librarian at 240-777-0001.

- **Educator's Reference Complete** (Gale Cengage) —The majority of the full-text titles included are also found in the ERIC database.

- **Law Codes and Cases**

  - Montgomery County Public Library

  - A compilation of websites pertaining to local, state and federal topics

- **Adult Education**

  - Montgomery County Public Library

  - Resources to support continuing education, English as a second language, and free online courses

- **Online Language Courses**

  - Mango  --Access to these services requires a library card from Montgomery County Public Libraries and a PIN. If you have access problems, please call Ask-a-Librarian at 240-777-0001.

  - Online language courses, emphasizing conversational skills. Covers more than 44 languages, plus English courses for speakers of over 13 languages. If you want the software to keep track of your progress, you should set up a username and password in Mango.

- **Interlibrary Loan**

  - Maryland State Library Resource Center (SLRC) — SLRC is the State Library for Maryland. Working with libraries across the state, SLRC provides cooperative, cost effective, resources and services for Maryland libraries and their customers.

  - Customers with a Maryland Public Library borrower's card can request materials not owned by their local public library system from another Maryland Public Library System using the Marina interlibrary loan service.
Professional Resources for MCPS Staff Members

Telephone Reference

- Maryland State Library Resource Center
  - Answers general reference questions via telephone on a broad variety of topics. Additionally, Telephone Reference staff can provide basic assistance with library accounts, book renewals, and placing holds. Telephone Reference can be reached at 410-396-5430.

Research Guides

- Maryland State Library Resource Center
  - Librarians generally create the guides based on need, such as in response to frequent questions on a topic, to a current event that may become a popular topic for questions, or to a direct request for a specific guide.

24/7 Information Retrieval (all Maryland residents)

- Maryland Ask Us Now! -- providing 24/7 live online reference service and research assistance from trained librarians.
  - On the main page, when you click on your library, you'll be taken to the area where you can put in your name, email and question. You can use the service anonymously, but providing an email address will help them respond back to you if you need additional resources or assistance after your chat session has ended.

Academic Research

Your Institute of Higher Learning’s Online Library Resources. Consult your university or college library for more information.
  - MCPS staff members enrolled in post-secondary coursework, certification or degree programs can access their institution’s online resources.

- The Universities at Shady Grove; Priddy Library
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  - Telephone: (301)738-6020
  - Email: shadylib@umd.edu
  - Address: 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Building III
  - Rockville, MD 20850

  - Use a borrower’s card to check out books from the Priddy Library and University of Maryland (UMD) Libraries at College Park through June 2016.
  - Visit the USG Priddy Library, at any time, to access databases and e-journals that are available on-site
  - Accessing the MCPS Patron Library Guide, with information about library services from the Priddy Library webpage

- Google Scholar
  - Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. You can search across many disciplines and sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites.

Note on library cards for Montgomery County Public Library (MCPL): You are eligible for a free MCPL card -- at any age -- if you live, work, or go to school in Montgomery County, Maryland. Additionally, if you live in Maryland, in the District of Columbia, or in Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church, Fairfax, Loudoun, or Prince William Counties in Northern Virginia. Your card also allows you to borrow from public libraries throughout the state of Maryland, in the District of Columbia, and the Northern Virginia jurisdictions listed previously.

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