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## ACCESSING THE STATEWIDE DATABASES

The package of statewide online databases is available to all West Virginians through licenses that include academic, K-12, and public libraries.

Every library should have links to the databases posted on the library's web site. The posting should include the following statement: *The West Virginia Library Commission provides statewide databases to all libraries with funds from the West Virginia State Legislature and the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Institute of Library and Museum Services.*

Any needed password information may be distributed to library users but **may not** be posted on a web site, published in the local paper, etc. as this violates the license agreements WVLC has with the vendors.

**ACCESSING from LIBRARIES** does not usually require a username and password if the library provides DIRECT links to EBSCOhost and Grolier (listed below). DIRECT links on the library home page enable patrons to access the databases from other sites by using and entering their library card barcode, student ID, or school username and password. Occasionally if asked for a username and password, use those listed under "Accessing from WVInfoDepot.org" below.

**ACCESSING from WVInfoDepot.org** (<http://wvinfodepot.org>) is another option for both libraries and patrons. Any West Virginian may access the EBSCO databases or the Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia by using the generic UserID: **west** Password: **virginia**

- **NOTE:** Access to **Learning Express Library must be through the WVInfoDepot.org site.** Access to this database does **NOT** require a library card number or library specific password. Each user sets up a personal account from the WVInfoDepot.org link.

## DATABASE DESCRIPTIONS

### EBSCO Databases <http://search.ebscohost.com>

- A collection of separate databases covering a wide range of subjects including health, business, current events. There are interfaces for both children and adults.

### Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia <http://go.grolier.com>

- This database provides articles, research starters, world newspapers, lesson plans, and much more.

### Learning Express Library <http://wvinfodepot.org>

- An interactive test preparation database including over 100 career and academic practice tests, e-books, and courses. Tests may be taken as many times as Necessary. *Access to Learning Express Library must be through the WVInfoDepot.org site.* Access to this database does **NOT** require a library card number or library specific password. Each user sets up a personal account from the WVInfoDepot.org link.