

West Virginia Library Commission Information Sheet

ACCESSING THE STATEWIDE DATABASES

- The package of statewide 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 the web site, published in the local paper, etc. as this violates the license agreements WVLC has with the vendors

ACCESSING FROM LIBRARIES

- **EBSCO Databases** <http://search.ebscohost.com>
 - A collection of 8 separate databases covering a wide range of subjects and including materials for children and adults.
 - Every library has a unique username and password that provides seamless access from inside the library. Patrons may access the databases from non-library sites by using the links on the library home page and entering their library card barcode, student ID, or school username and password.
- **Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia** <http://go.grolier.com>
 - Access to Grolier from a school, academic, or public library site does not require the username and password. Remote access from home, office, etc. requires the generic UserID: **west** Password: **virginia**
- **Learning Express Library** <http://LearningExpressLibrary.com>
 - An interactive test preparation database including over 100 career and academic practice tests, e-books, and courses.
 - Accessing **LearningExpress Library** is a bit different because the license is set up with public libraries as the primary access points and each user sets up his or her own account. However, once that account is established by logging on at the public library, LearningExpress may also be accessed from any location. A public library card number is required for remote access.

ACCESSING FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARY COMMISSION

<http://librarycommission.lib.wv.us>

- Any West Virginian may access the EBSCO databases or the Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia by using the generic UserID: **west** Password: **virginia**
- Access to LearningExpressLibrary from the WVLC homepage requires a library card number or previously established LearningExpress account number.