"As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy."

Abraham Lincoln
BETTER THAN THE WEB! LIBRARIES STILL OFFER QUALITY INFORMATION

Carol Furnish

"I rely on the Web, it offers everything for free!" What is wrong with this comment? Granted, the Web is a great tool for locating news or finding general background information, but where do you go when you need specific data or a citable authoritative resource? Where can you find background information on an expert witness or a potential client? Libraries offer credible useful information.

This article highlights selected libraries in the Northern Kentucky area, and keep in mind that there are many excellent libraries in the Cincinnati area. Public libraries, university libraries, and special law libraries offer the big three: online catalogs, electronic journals, and reference assistance. You can access an online catalog to check to see what books, journals, DVDs, etc. are held by an institution. You can search the library's electronic databases to locate full text journal articles and/or journal citations. You can get reference help by phone, e-mail, or in-person. Just browse the library's website to see what resources are available remotely or in house.

How Can My Local Library Help Me?

1. Northern Kentucky Public Libraries
   - Boone, Campbell, & Kenton County
   Public Libraries
   
   These libraries provide remote and in library access to specialized databases. You will need a library card to gain remote access. Here is a list of selected databases in business, law, and the sciences.

2. Business Information
   Merget News Reports
   - Boone County, In Library Use
   Merget offers current business news and financial information on publicly-held U.S. corporations and selected non-U.S. companies. Information for the file is taken from annual reports, quarterly reports, news releases, prospectuses, and newswire services.

ReferenceUSA Business Database
   - Boone, Campbell & Kenton Counties, Remote Access
   Reference USA is used for market research, to locate businesses by industry groups and to create company lists.

ThomasNet [formerly Thomas Register]
   - Kenton County, Remote Access
   ThomasNet is used to find manufacturers, distributors and service providers. The resource offers the company's home office address and information about their products.

Legal Resources
Gale's Legal Forms
   - Campbell & Kenton Counties, Remote Access
   An excellent tool for locating and downloading legal forms in MS Word or Text Rich formats.

LawReader.com
   - Boone County, In Library Use
   Law Reader offers a wealth of information: access to FastCase for case law research; the Kentucky Revised Statutes with annotations; jury instructions; and a kind of legal encyclopedia for selected areas of law.

West Patron Access
   - Boone & Kenton Counties, In Library Use
   Access to selected Westlaw packages. The subscriptions tend to include: case law, statutes and regulations for federal and all state jurisdictions.

Scientific and Medical Tools
Gale Virtual Library,
   Encyclopedia of Science
   - Campbell County, Remote Access
   Gale covers the major areas of science including: biology, genetics, microbiology, astronomy, chemistry, physics, engineering, technology, geology, weather, archaeology, psychology, mathematics, and medicine with illustrations.
Access Science Encyclopedia
- Kenton County, Remote Access


You can access these databases remotely and you will see a link to KYVL from the local library web site. Here are a few selected sources.

Academic Search Premier
- A multi-disciplinary database with full text access to peer-reviewed titles.

Business Source Premier
- A business research database, providing full text for more than 2,300 journals.

CINAHL with Full Text
- A comprehensive source of full text for nursing & allied health journals.

GreenFILE
- Information covering all aspects of human impact to the environment and topics include: global warming, green building, water & air pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, etc.

Newspaper Source
- Full text coverage of 47 national (U.S.) & international newspapers. The database also contains selective regional (U.S.) newspapers and selective full text television & radio news transcripts.

Regional Business News
- Provides comprehensive full text coverage for regional business publications.

3. Northern Kentucky University-Chase College of Law Library

The following databases can be accessed in the Chase Law Library.

Academic Search - LexisNexis
Offers research materials in the areas of business, news, government, and law.

BNA - Bureau of National Affairs
Web based access to a wide range of BNA products. Sample topics include: employment and labor, health care, environment, intellectual property, and tax.

Hein Online
Provides access to full-text law journals, the Federal Register, U.S. Code, U.S. Treaties and Agreements, U.S. Presidential Library, U.S. Attorney General Opinions, selected federal legislative histories, state session laws, and international law resources.

IntelliConnect - Formerly CCH
Offers business, human resources, and tax information. You can locate the laws, regulations, commentary and news in your area of law.

Westlaw Patron Access
You can use the public terminals to conduct federal and multi-state research and you can search for laws, regulations and case decisions.

OTHER SERVICES
Visit the library websites to determine what other services you can use. The libraries offer reference services, help in locating books from other libraries, and in some instances classes on using the newest technology. Be sure to apply for a library card!

Boone County Public Library
Website: [http://www.bcpl.org/]
24/7 Reference and Phone: 859.342.BOOK(2665)

Campbell County Public Library
Website: [http://www.cc-pl.org/]
24/7 Reference and Phone:
Cold Spring 859.781.6166
Newport 859.572.5035
Fort Thomas 859.572.5033

Kenton County Public Library
Website: [http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/]
24/7 Reference and Phone:
Covington 859.962.4060
 Erlanger 859.962.4000
William E. Durr 859.962.4030

NKU - Chase Law Library
Website: [http://chaselaw.nku.edu/library/]
Phone: 859.572.6484