MAGNOLIA
Resource Training for Students
2019-2020

Elizabeth Simmons
esimmons@mdek12.org
School Library Specialist (K-12)
Office of Elementary Education and Reading
VISION

To create a world-class educational system that gives students the knowledge and skills to be successful in college and the workforce, and to flourish as parents and citizens

MISSION

To provide leadership through the development of policy and accountability systems so that all students are prepared to compete in the global community
State Board of Education Goals

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2016-2020

1. All Students Proficient and Showing Growth in All Assessed Areas

2. Every Student Graduates from High School and is Ready for College and Career

3. Every Child Has Access to a High-Quality Early Childhood Program

4. Every School Has Effective Teachers and Leaders

5. Every Community Effectively Uses a World-Class Data System to Improve Student Outcomes

6. Every School and District is Rated “C” or Higher
INTRODUCTION

STUDENT RESOURCES
MAGNOLIA (Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities Through Library Information Access) is a statewide consortium funded by the Mississippi Legislature, the Mississippi Department of Education, and libraries across the state of Mississippi.

MAGNOLIA provides online databases for publicly funded K-12 schools, public libraries, community college libraries, and university libraries in Mississippi.

MAGNOLIA represents a unique situation across the nation in that this was the first type of cooperative project/consortium that represented all types of libraries at the time the consortium was established.
Introduction: Login Instructions

PLEASE SIGN IN
Enter the access code provided by your library. It will be the letters “magn” followed by four numbers. If you don’t have an access code, contact your school or public library.

Access Code
magn****

Sign In

Enter the MAGNOLIA Access Code: magn _ _ _ _
Click SIGN IN
Introduction: Grade Levels

Choose Grade Level

- **Elementary**
  Grades K-5
  Explore Databases

- **Middle**
  Grades 6-8
  Explore Databases

- **High School**
  Grades 9-12
  Explore Databases

Select the appropriate grade level to use the MAGNOLIA resources
MIDDLE (6-8)

STUDENT RESOURCES
Features

- English and Spanish titles
- Search by title and reading level
- Search by interest or topics
Ben’s Guide to the U.S. Government

Features
- Historical documents
- Interactive games
- Vocabulary
Hi there!
I'm Frank. I help you with homework and facts. In case that gets boring, I'll also have some games and trivia quizzes for you!

Fact Monster

Features
- Reference resources
- Fun facts and information
- Homework help
- Lexile-leveled encyclopedia and magazine articles
- Read-aloud option
Who Was Amelia Earhart?

Summary
Note: summary text provided by external source.
Amelia Earhart was a woman of many “firsts.” In 1932, she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1935, she also became the first woman to fly across the Pacific. From her early years to her mysterious 1937 disappearance while attempting a flight around the world, readers will find Amelia Earhart’s life a fascinating story.

Author: Jerome, Kate Boehm
Language: English | Copyright: 2002 | Age Range: 8 to 12

Vocabulary Words
The Lexile "Power V™" Word Selector identifies up to 10 challenging words in each book that are important for students to know. Read more about the PowerV Word Selector.

LEXILE Find a Book

Features
- Search by reading or grade level
- Search by interest or topics
- Find books in local public library
iCivics

Features
● Interactive games
● Lesson plans, webquests, and writing prompts
NoveList

Features
- Book recommendations
- Book studies or lessons
- Curriculum guides

EBSCOhost
LEXILE LEVELS

STUDENT RESOURCES
Some EBSCO databases include Lexiles, or reading levels, in citation information.

The Lexile rankings assigned to a result provides educators with an estimate of the reading difficulty of the result, and the approximate grade level reading ability required for comprehension.
Lexile Levels: EBSCO databases

• Book Collection: Nonfiction
• Explora
• History Reference Center
• MAS Ultra-School Edition

• Newspaper Source
• Novelist
• TOPICSearch
• Vocational & Career Collection
Lexile Levels: Limiting Search

To limit searches by Lexile Reading Level:

1. Click the **ADVANCED SEARCH** link to access all available limiters
2. Select a reading level from the **LEXILE READING LEVEL** limiter

---

**Lexile Reading Level**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>All</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Up to 500 / Grades K-2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>300-800 / Grades 3-4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>550-1000 / Grades 5-6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Publication**

- [ ]

**Published Date**

- Month: [ ]
- Year: [ ]
- Month: [ ]
- Year: [ ]
Additionally, you can search by Lexile using the LX search tag. For example, in a database such as Explora, you could enter hurricanes AND LX 500 - 750 to find articles about hurricanes within that range.
SEARCHING TIPS

STUDENT RESOURCES
Searching Tips: Introduction

• With the exceptions of **Explora, History Reference Center, Literary Reference Center**, and **NovelList**, all of the EBSCO databases have the same search screen.

• Most of the EBSCO databases can be searched simultaneously. Students can choose different databases to search at one time by using **Academic Search Premier**.
Searching Tips: 2 Types of Searches

There are 2 available searches:

- **Basic Search** allows users to create a search with limiters, expanders, and Boolean operators.

- **Advanced Search** allows users to create a search with advanced settings like Lexile levels, publication type, and material type (e.g. periodicals, reference books).
Searching Tips: Additional Help

- Use quotation marks or Boolean operators to keep phrases or search strings together. If the search does not use quotation marks or Boolean operators, then those words will not be searched as a single phrase.

- “Find all my search terms” searches the databases by automatically adding **AND** in between each of the terms entered into the **FIND** field.

- “Find any of my search terms” searched by automatically adding **OR** in between each of the terms entered into the **FIND** field.

- Use “limiters” to narrow the focus of the search to retrieve with more relevance to search terms or keywords.
Boolean searching allows you to create very specific or very broad searches by using the Boolean operators (AND, OR, and NOT) to combine search terms. The diagrams below will explain how each operator works.
Searching Tips: *Boolean Search*

The circles below represent two sets of documents. Those in circle A contain the search term “A” and those in B contain the search term “B”.

**AND:** If you wanted to find documents containing both terms A and B you would use the term “AND”. Only those documents that have both terms will be retrieved. **AND decreases** the number of documents retrieved.
Searching Tips: Boolean Search

**OR:** If you wanted to find documents that contain either A or B you would use the term “OR”. Any document with one of the terms will be retrieved; in this case all documents would be retrieved. OR increases the number of documents retrieved.

**NOT:** If you want to find documents with one search term but not those containing another term you use the term “NOT.” Only those documents containing the desired term and not containing the undesired term will be retrieved. NOT decreases the number of documents to be retrieved.
Contact Information

Elizabeth Simmons, School Library Specialist

esimmons@mdek12.org | 601-359-2586
mdek12.org/Library