

Databases

BGTC Library Catalog

Bowling Green Technical College Library: <http://opac.kctcs.edu> (Limit search to **Bowling Green TC**)

Library Databases

CREDO *reference*

<http://www.credoreference.com>

Features content from hundreds of popular reference books on a broad range of subjects: Art, Biography, Business, Dictionaries, Food & Drink, Geography, History, Languages, Law, Literature, Medicine, Music, Philosophy & Psychology, Religion, Science, Social Sciences and Technology. Provides **APA** and **MLA** citation style formats.

<http://find.galegroup.com/menu/commonmenu.do?userGroupName=kctcsbgtc>
(Off Campus use <https://216.69.39.58/login>)

- ❖ Provides extensive coverage of full-text and peer-reviewed articles from **journals, magazines, newspapers, reference materials** and **multimedia** sources.
- ❖ Provides citation information in **APA** and **MLA** styles.
- ❖ Updated daily.
- ❖ Use the **Advanced Search** to limit search to full-text and/or peer-reviewed articles.

DATABASE RESOURCES:

- **Academic OneFile**
Peer-reviewed, full-text articles from over 10,000 journals and reference sources. Covers the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects.
- **Health Reference Center Academic**
Provides access to the full text of nursing and allied health journals, plus a wide variety of personal health information.
- **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**
Examines many different aspects of a single topical issue. Opposing points of view expressed on each topic challenges readers to question their personal opinions through each contributor's use of facts, argumentation styles and persuasive techniques. The **Critical Thinking** module includes an audio component so that students can listen to the articles.
- **Health and Wellness Resource Center**
Medical reference materials, pamphlets and videos. General interest database.

Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) (Available Off Campus)

<http://www.kyvl.org>

Contact library for current **Username & Password**

- ❖ Click on the link, [Find Books, Articles, and More](#), to connect directly to a database listed below.
- ❖ Use the **Advanced Search** to limit search to full-text and/or peer-reviewed articles.

DATABASE RESOURCES:

- **EBSCOhost**
Access to 24 subject-oriented databases. Databases of interest to students listed below:
Academic & General Interest: Academic Search Premier
Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia
MAS Ultra-High School Edition
MasterFile Premier
Newspaper Source
Religion & Philosophy Collection
Sociological Collection
TOPICsearch
Business: Agricola (U.S. Dept. of Agriculture)
Business Source Premier

- Health:**
 - Newspaper Source
 - Regional Business News
 - CINAHL
 - Health Source: Consumer Edition
 - Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition
 - MEDLINE
- Psychology:**
 - PsycINFO (American Psychology Association)
 - Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection
 - Sociological Collection

- **Grolier Encyclopedias** (Encyclopedia Americana)
- **ProQuest Databases:**

Alt-Press Watch (APW)

A full text database comprised of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the alternative and independent press.

Career and Technical Education

Search vocational and technical periodicals covering all aspects of the Vo/Tech curriculum.

ProQuest Computing

Search top computing journals in full text for research on subjects such as database design, software development, web commerce, LANs, WANs, Intranets, and the Internet.

OTHER RESOURCES FROM KYVL HOME PAGE:

- **Kentuckiana Digital Library** (Kentucky history from primary resources.)
- **Kentucky Stats** (Kentucky Statistics)

[NetLibrary](http://www.netlibrary.com) (Electronic Books) (Available Off Campus)

<http://www.netlibrary.com>

Must create a free account on campus first

- ❖ Full-text access to 15,000 fiction and nonfiction books.
- ❖ Many current titles.
- ❖ Ebooks included in the BGTC Library Catalog—designated by **[electronic resource]**, following the book's title in the catalog listing.

DATABASE SEARCH TIPS

Boolean Operators:

- **And** - combines search terms so that each search result contains all of the terms. For example, **education and technology** finds articles that contain *both terms*.
- **Or** - combines search terms so that each search result contains at least one of the terms. For example, **education or technology** finds results that contain *either term*.
- **Not** - excludes terms so that each search result does not contain any of the terms that follow it. For example, **education not technology** finds results that contain the term *education* but **not** the term *technology*.

Stop Words

- Commonly used words such as articles, pronouns and prepositions. (at, be, if, on, there, etc.)
- Stop words are not indexed for searching a database and should not be used as search terms.
- Vary by database.

Truncation (*) Symbol:

- Use the truncation symbol to create searches where there are various endings of a search term.
- Truncation is represented by an asterisk (*).
- To use truncation, enter the root of a search term and replace the ending with an *.
- For example, type **comput*** to find the words **computer** or **computing**.

Wildcard (?) Symbol:

- A question mark (?) stands for **exactly one character** and is especially useful when you're uncertain of a spelling.
- For example, a search like **relev?nce** means you can match the word *relevance* even if, like many of us, you can't remember whether it's spelled with *ance* or *ence*. A question mark is also useful for finding certain words with variant spellings.
- For example, **defen?e** finds both *defense* (American) and *defence* (British and Canadian).