

CVCC LIBRARY RESEARCH GUIDE

Using Electronic Databases

What are the CVCC databases?

The CVCC Library provides access to excellent research databases available online. More than 100 subscription databases are available; they are designed for students and provide quality sources.

What do the CVCC databases contain?

- Journal and magazine articles
- Newspaper articles
- Excerpts from encyclopedias and reference books
- Definitions, charts and graphs
- Reports written exclusively by the database producer

How do I access the CVCC databases?

1. Go to the [CVCC Home Page](http://www.centralvirginia.edu) at www.centralvirginia.edu.
2. On the blue banner at the top of the screen, click **Student Support**.
3. On the menu on the left-hand side, click **Library**.
4. If you know the name of the database you wish to use, click **Databases A to Z** (left side). OR if you need suggestions on which database to use, click **Databases by Subject** (left side). You will then see the **Databases by Subject** home page as shown below (see Image 1).

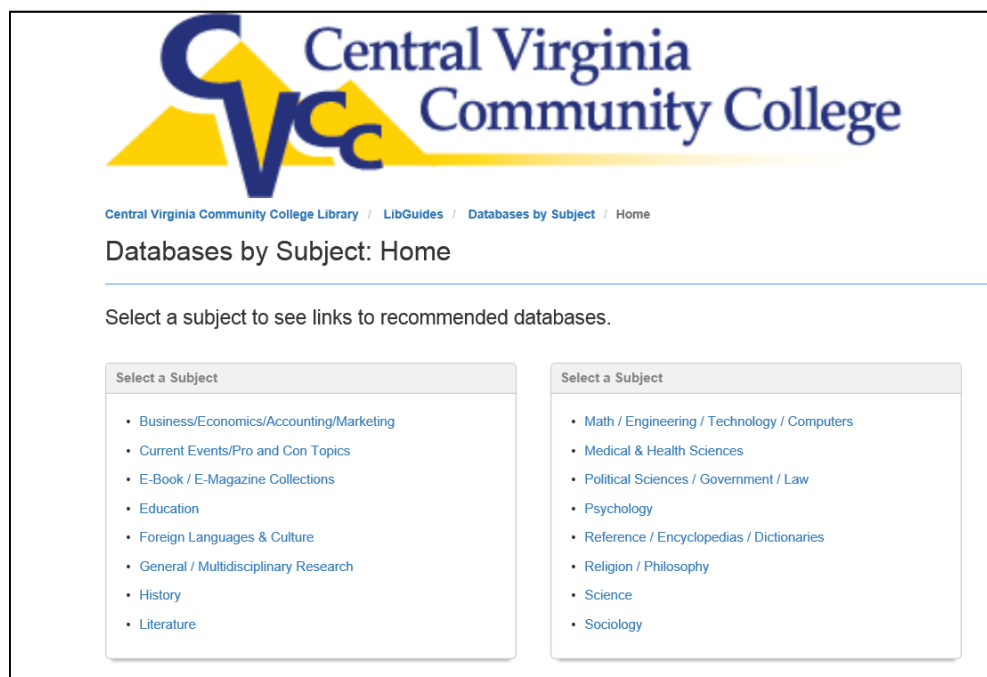


Image 1 - Databases by Subject

How are the CVCC databases arranged?

The CVCC databases are arranged in **subject areas**, such as History, Literature, Science and Math, etc. For example, if you click on the **Literature** heading, you will see a list of suggested databases covering the field of **Literature**. To enter a database, simply click on the database title.

See the **Databases: Literature** subject page screenshot shown below (Image 2) which lists suggested databases covering the field of literature.

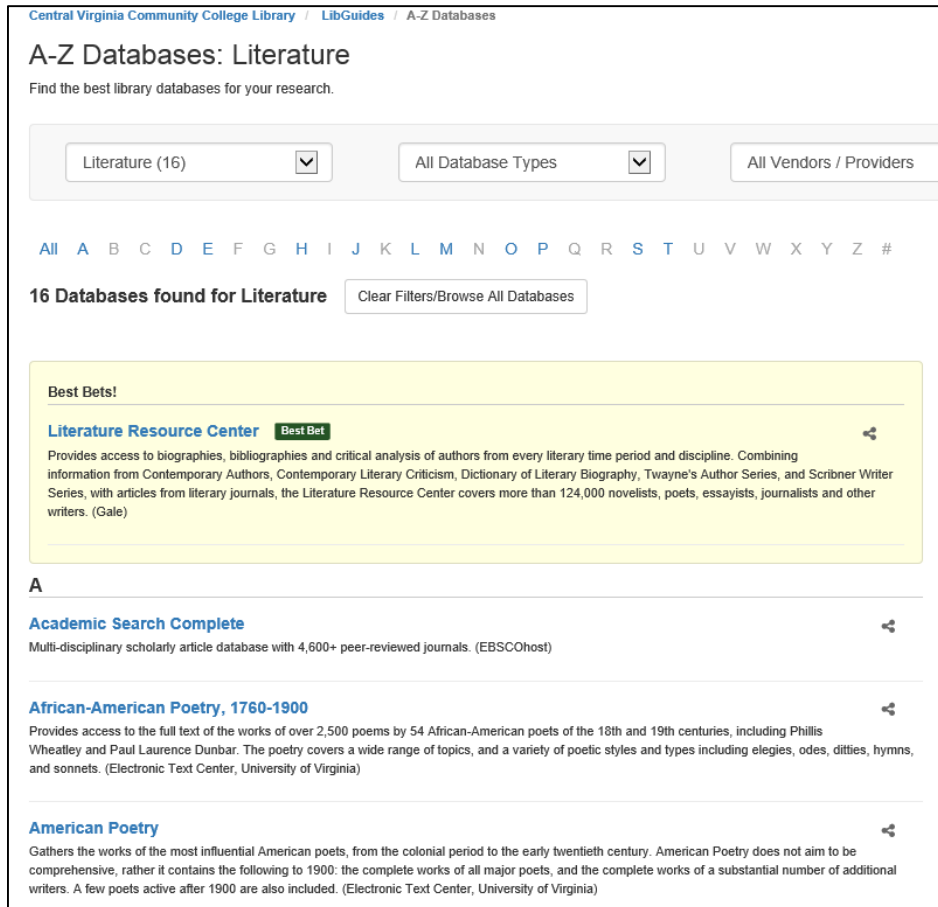


Image 2 - Literature Databases

Can I access the CVCC databases off campus?

Yes. When accessing databases off campus, you will be prompted for your MyCVCC **Username** and **Password** (the same as for Blackboard and CVCC e-mail).

For additional assistance, contact the CVCC Library at (434) 832-7750 or email library@centralvirginia.edu.