

Today's Children's Literature



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Kids Search



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A valuable service that the State of Wisconsin provides schools and libraries through DPI is a “bundle” of databases that are packaged as “*BadgerLinks*.” You can access it directly from the *Barlow Park Media Center Web* or directly via:

www.badgerlink.net

The resources provided include:

- EBSCOhost
- ProQuest
- African American Biographical Database
- ACCESS Newspaper Archive
- TeachingBooks
- LitFINDER
- WISCAT
- WorldCat
- Wisconsin Heritage Online
- Badger Songbook Database
- Wisconsin Digital Library Collections
- Library Directories
- Government Sites
- Education Sites
- Web Portals

One of EBSCOhost's services is *KIDS SEARCH*, a wonderful collection of resources that are organized so that developing readers can find information that meets their needs. Users can interact with this site via links for:

- Detailed Search (simple or advanced text & directories)
- Visual Search
- Search Other Databases
- Title Lists

These are GREAT resources, already paid for, FREE to use. Please let me know if you would like to talk about integrating them into your classes.

About Kids Search

Kids Search makes it easier for students to look for subjects of interest by automatically searching across all applicable databases simultaneously. It helps them find age-appropriate resources.

Important features and functionality of *Kids Search* include a visually appealing look and feel and the ability to search by topic, subtopic, or keywords.

The databases indexed by *Kids Search* include:

- Primary Search
- Middle Search Plus
- Newspaper Source
- Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia.

Some databases include *Lexiles* in citation information, providing the educator an estimate of the reading difficulty of the result and the approximate grade level reading ability required for comprehension. This is a powerful tool – free for you to use. You and your students will LOVE it!

Kids Search makes it easy for students to search by keyword or by topic to find useful information. Results can be easily sorted by source type: magazines, reference books, photos, flags, and MORE! Like most of today's software, there are even ANIMATED TUTORIALS to show how to get the most out of *Kids Search*.

These three-to-four minute tutorials guide you through the features of your EBSCO products. Tutorial subjects include Basic and Advanced Searching, Creating Searches and Alerts, and Page Composer.

To get started, just click on the *Kids Search* HELP link and scroll down to *Kids Search Tutorials*.

What is BadgerLink?

BadgerLink is a project of the *Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning*. Its goal is to provide access to quality online information resources for Wisconsin residents in cooperation with the state's public, school, academic, and special libraries and Internet Service Providers.

The *Department of Public Instruction* currently contracts with five vendors (EBSCO, ProQuest, Thomson Gale, Newspaper Archives, and TeachingBooks) to provide access to articles from thousands of newspaper and periodical titles, image files, and other specialized reference materials and websites.

Users can find access to over 11,000 periodical titles and over 700 newspapers (including Wisconsin newspapers), children's and adult literature, business, medical, and education sources, and many other specialized resources not available through regular internet search engines. BadgerLink also connects users to WISCAT (the online catalog of Wisconsin library holdings) OCLC WorldCat (an international database of library holdings), directories of libraries, access to library digitized collections, and other information.