

Database Overview Transcript

Finding articles through SPC's Library databases requires a few steps, but once you are logged in you'll find several authoritative databases with information on almost any topic.

To find our periodical databases web page visit the St. Petersburg College web site at www.spcollege.edu and then select the Library Online link located on the left-hand side of the web page.



The screenshot shows the St. Petersburg College website. The header features the SPC logo and the text "St. Petersburg College". Below the header, there are navigation links for "Events & Info", "Help", and "FAQs". On the left side, there is a "MySPC" logo and a list of services including "Web-based Student Info, Registration, Browse Course Schedule, Admissions Application and Payment Options", "MySPC Help", "Scholarships/Student Financial Assistance", "Library Online" (highlighted with a red box), "Contact Faculty/Staff", "Contact Us", "Follett's Bookstore", "FormsOnline", "Online Courses", and "Academic Calendar". The main content area features a photograph of students walking on a path, with the text "St. Petersburg College" overlaid. Below the photo, there are links for "Spotlights | News | Event Calendar" and a list of events, including a contemporary folk art exhibit and a baccalaureate programs expo.

Under the "**Quick Links**" section, you'll find Articles and Databases. There are 2 methods for accessing our databases.



One is **Password**, which changes each semester, so contact a librarian at your campus for more information.

The second method to access our databases is to select **Student ID**. The borrower ID is your student number and the PIN is the last 4-digits of your social security number.

Let's login via Password. Remember the password changes each semester, so contact a librarian at your campus for username and password information.

Online Article Databases

Log In

Username:

Password:

[Contact](#) the librarian at your campus for username and password information.

As you can see SPC has a large selection of databases. Keep in mind that with proper identification you can access these resources from any computer with Internet access.

<p>All Subjects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Onefile • Academic Search Premier • America's Newspapers - Florida's Newspapers • Expanded Academic ASAP • Facts.com and Reference Suite • General Reference Gold • InfoTrac OneFile • New York Times Historical Collection • OminFile Full Text Mega Ed • Student Resource Center • WilsonWeb Reader's Guide 	<p>All Subjects - Database Gateways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A-Z Journal Listing • EBSCO Gateway • FirstSearch - Articles First, Close&Periodica, GPO, Medline, PapersFirst, ProceedingsFirst & Worldcat • Florida Electronic Library - use public library card number • Gale - Search All databases - Power Search Password: spc • Link to CCLA Databases - User ID needed • Proquest Gateway - Wall Street Journal, New York Times (Historical) & Criminal Justice • WilsonWeb Omnifile Mega 	<p>All Subjects - Ebooks & Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Films On Demand - Films Media Gateway (FMG) • Gale Virtual Ref - Business Plans, Health, Science & Multicultural • Greenwood Ebooks • NetLibrary - online Ebooks on all subjects
<p>Arts, Literature & Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Humanities Index-not full text • ArtStor- Student must access on campus first time, to set up account & password for home use. • Audio books and Music (Overdrive) • Biography Resource Center • Book Index with Reviews • Booklist - book reviews. Password: SPC and SPC • Granger's Poetry • Grove Art Online • Grove Music Online • JSTOR • Literature in Context - Literary Study in Greenwood Ebooks • Literature Resource Center 	<p>Banking, Business, Economics, Computers & Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Source Premier • Business Source Premier - Business Searching Interface • Computer Database • Gale Virtual Ref - Business Plans • General Business File ASAP • Hoovers • IEEE - 5 Ejournals Username: spcollege Password: spcollege1 • Regional Business News • Wall Street Journal (via Proquest Newspapers) • WilsonWeb Business 	<p>Communications, Speech, Composition & News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A.P. Archive Photos • America's Newspapers - Florida's Newspapers • Biography Resource Center • Communications and Mass Media • CQ Researcher • Facts.com and Reference Suite • History Reference Center • Issues and Controversies - in Facts.com • Lexis Nexis Academic - Off Campus Access (refresh page if you receive error) Log out when done. • Opposing Viewpoints • Regional Business News • WilsonWeb Biography • WilsonWeb Library Literature

Before searching in a database, it is a good idea to define your research topic and do some preliminary research first.

An excellent general purpose database to use is Academic Search Premier.

Academic Search Premier is a full-text resource containing information from a wide range of academic areas including business, social sciences, humanities, general academic, general science and education.

Let's try a general search for psychology.



As you can see, a broad search for psychology will display too many results.

You can **narrow these results by subject or by type of resource** (e.g., Academic Journals, Magazines, newspapers) with the hopes of finding more relevant sources.



Once you have browsed the content, you should have a better idea of the topic that you wish to cover.

Without a doubt, you will want to refine your search in order to find more pertinent results that support your research topic.

For more information on searching a variety of databases visit [Library Online](#) or [Ask-a-Librarian](#).