Using NOVELNY Databases to Engage Our Community
HELLO!

I am Amy Carpenter

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Promoting Databases

What I’ve tried—what worked, what didn’t...
Sent emails to all staff with information about databases we have access to
Good morning!

Did you know that the library subscribes to more than 20 databases for staff and students? These are fantastic resources that you can use anywhere you have Internet access. I’m planning to highlight a title each week via email—please feel free to stop by the library and ask for more information today!

**From Gale’s website:** Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center is the premier full-text resource covering today’s hottest social issues, from Terrorism to Endangered Species, Storm Cell Research to Gun Control. Drawing on subscription series published by Greenhaven Press and other Gale imprints, **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** brings together all the information that’s needed to fully understand an issue: pro and con viewpoint articles, reference articles that provide context, full-text magazines, academic journals, and newspapers, primary source documents, government and organizational statistics, multimedia, including images and podcasts, links to hand-selected web sites, and more.

**Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** helps to develop critical thinking and information literacy skills by assisting students with researching, analyzing, and organizing various types of data for research assignments, persuasive essays, and debates. It features text-leveling tools for its periodicals as well as an integrated national and state curriculum standards search with content correlated to high school and middle school social studies and science standards.

Many classes use this database for current events, controversial issues, and for debates. Let me know if you’d like to give it a try—I’d be happy to show you how it could work for your class.

**Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** is IP authenticated at school, which means that you won’t need a password for access from school. If you are somewhere else, use the user name and password...

Enjoy!

Amy
Send emails to staff about specific databases related to their content area.
I was just browsing our databases and found this Britannica Escolar database. It has a primary level that seemed easy enough for lower level students. It reads the articles aloud, and has videos with Spanish closed captions as well as activities. Thought you might like to check it out. Let me know what you think!

It is available on our databases page: https://auth.orec.scooleid.net/bin/listdb?sysCode=wswhet&schoolId=1750

Username and password are both

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Stillwater MS/HS Librarian

518-373-6100 x30034
Results
Visited individual department meetings and spent a few minutes showing them a database.
Results
Make it easy

Simple access
Results
On the Horizon

Even prettier and more user-friendly access
Stillwater Middle/High

Featured Resources

ABC-CLIO Databases
American History Online
Ancient/Medieval Era
Biography in Context
Bloom's Literary Reference Online
BrainPOP
Britannica Academic
Britannica Escuela
Britannica School
Business Insights: Essentials
Digital Literacy
Encyclopedia Estudiantil
Financial Literacy
Gale Academic OneFile Select with Subject Collections
Gale General OneFile with Subject Collections
Gale OneFile: Computer Science
Results
NOVELNY Databases in our community
Students love opening the database and seeing all of the topics that are available to them and teachers appreciate the citation tools.

~Lori, Stillwater Elementary
We used Research in Context [now Gale in Context Middle School] and Kids InfoBits for our Lens of History study last year. They were both user friendly for my 5th graders. They were able to find information on specific historical time periods and people.

~Rebecca, Stillwater Elementary
At the elementary level, we use Kids Infobits for students to safely search for their inquiry topics. I love using it because I know that students are finding accurate information that is accessible to their individual reading abilities.

~Lori, Stillwater Elementary
We use Opposing Viewpoints for our nonfiction research papers (claim based on their reading). We also have used it when teaching Logical Fallacies to help identify weaknesses of arguments.

~Liz, Stillwater MS/HS
I love to use Opposing Viewpoints while modeling and teaching persuasive writing and how to present an argument. It’s also my go-to site for the thesis paper and debates that are done in class. There is a wealth of information on various issues from multiple perspectives.

~Lisa, Stillwater MS/HS
The databases make it easy to navigate through the plethora of information on any given topic, and their features are compatible with Google Docs and Noodletools.

~Lisa, Stillwater MS/HS
I just used Opposing Viewpoints to print articles for my Frankenstein unit (ethics of genetic engineering) and will be creating a modified Regents-style Task 2 based on the articles.

~Liz, Stillwater
Total number of database hits for the Stillwater 2018-19 school year

210,937
194,828 uses
In our top ten databases

~700 users
6-12

90,000 uses
were NOVELNY databases
194,828 hits on our top ten databases. 90,292 (~46%) of these are NOVELNY databases.
Many of our classes require current event articles...

General OneFile is used a great deal throughout the year.

~Karen, Salem
Our Jr/Sr high school students use Opposing Viewpoints in Context a great amount.

~Karen, Salem
For me in a middle school, having access to the lower-level databases like Kids InfoBits is helpful for special ed students.

~Jamie, Saratoga Springs
2,558,342

Total number of database hits for the WSWHE BOCES 2018-19 school year
1,697,768 uses in their top ten databases

~37,700 users served by the School Library System

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...as a public library in a small town they want digital movies, magazines, music. Research isn't on their list. When kids come in for homework here they seem to be working on tasks and not really papers.

~ Sara, Stillwater Public Library
Thanks!

Any questions?

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