

Alaska libraries have contracted with several companies to provide Alaskans with Internet sources for:

- Articles from magazines, journals and newspapers
- Auto and small engine repair manuals
- Genealogical research
- Radio/TV transcripts
- Online encyclopedias
- Test preparation materials
- Homework Help online

Please let your legislators know that you value this service...

And remember to ask at your local library if you have any questions.

They will get you answers!

**The Digital Pipeline is the new name for the Databases for Alaskans.**

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# ALASKA'S DIGITAL PIPELINE



Magazines, newspapers  
and more at  
[sled.alaska.edu/databases](http://sled.alaska.edu/databases)

# The DIGITAL PIPELINE Project

## Finding the Databases

The easiest place to find the Databases homepage is

<http://sled.alaska.edu/databases>

The websites of many Alaska public, university and school libraries have links to the Digital Pipeline, so there are multiple ways of getting to them. Use the one you remember best.

## Getting into the Databases

(1). Your first trip to the Digital Pipeline may take a little extra effort. Your browser will need to be set to 'accept cookies' and the system will check your computer for Alaska origin.

(2). If you live in Alaska and cannot access the databases, call 1-800-440-2919 for a recorded message about the databases, IDs and passwords. You can also leave a message so that someone will contact you to help.

(3) Call your local library. If they cannot solve your problem, they will find someone who can.

## User ID and Passwords

If your Internet provider is not based in Alaska, you may be asked for an ID and password. If you live in Alaska, you can call 1-800-440-2919 24/7 for an automated message with IDs and passwords.

**Please note: The Digital Pipeline project's licensing contracts do not allow the ID/passwords to be sent in emails, shared on listservs or displayed on Web pages. IP addresses of visiting computers are tracked to ensure these databases are used only by Alaskans. Please do NOT share the following access codes outside of Alaska.**

## Some General Tips

**Getting help:** A few minutes spent with the manual will get you better results. In this case, the 'manual' will be buttons on the screen that say "help" or "search tips" or "how to use" or "more information." When you try a new database, read the whole screen to see what your options are. Go to "help" if you need to.

**Format options:** "Full-text" means that the whole article can be read online. Some articles can be viewed exactly as you would see them on the magazine page—this is called "pdf" format. You will need software, such as Adobe Acrobat\*\*, to view these. Other articles will have all the words, but won't look like a magazine page—this is called "html" format. Both of these formats will have the complete article. They just look different, and the "pdf" is slower to load onto your screen.

**When full text is not available:** Some articles are not available full-text in the database you are using. What is supplied is simply a citation—the name of the magazine, its date, the issue number, and page of the article. You can take this to your local library. The staff will arrange to get the article from another library if they do not have it.

**Get comfortable with the databases:** All of the Ebsco databases have the same search screen. Learn one and you know them all!

**New databases:** Occasionally there will be a database that is 'on trial'. Give it a try and let us know by email why you liked or disliked it.

\*\* Acrobat can be downloaded free at [www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html)

## Databases that do special things (not articles)

Alaska's Digital Archives  
Testing & Education Resource Center  
Auto Repair Reference Center

Small Engine Repair Reference Center  
Heritage Quest Online  
Novelist (book reviews & suggested reading)  
MAS Ultra—School Edition (high school level)  
TOPICSearch (current issues for K-12)

## Databases Listed by Subject

### General and Business:

MasterFILE Premier  
Newspaper Source (includes ADN)  
Business Source Premier  
Regional Business News  
Facts on File World News Digest  
**Academic and in-depth subjects**  
Academic Search Premier  
Oxford Premium Reference Collection  
Professional Development Collection (for educators)  
Agricola (agriculture)  
Fuente Academica (Spanish language journals)  
Religion and Philosophy Collection  
ERIC (education)  
Military and Government Collection  
Computer Source  
Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection

### Health

Consumer Health Complete  
Health Source—Consumer Edition  
Health Source—Nursing/Academic Edition  
Alt HealthWatch (alternative medicine)  
MedicLatina (Spanish language journals)  
Medline (National Library of Medicine)

## Databases for Students

### For Students (K-12)

Primary Search  
Kids Search  
Middle Search Plus  
Facts for Learning  
Facts on File  
Searchasaurus (primary and middle school)  
MAS Ultra—School Edition (high school level)  
Novelist K-8 (book reviews and suggested reading)  
EBSCO Animals  
TOPICSearch (current issues for K-12)  
Live Homework Help  
Student Research Center