

EBSCO Resources vs. Free Internet Search

AUTHORITATIVE CONTENT

LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM EBSCO

Reliable, high-quality articles licensed from reputable publishers, recognized by library professionals, and purchased to meet the specific needs of students, faculty, and public library patrons.

RESOURCES OFFERED BY FREE INTERNET SEARCH

Although content is free with internet access, anyone can publish inaccurate information on the web whenever they want. No one is policing the internet.

RELEVANCE

LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM EBSCO

EBSCO results are not determined by user behavior or geographic location.

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The internet often delivers results based on where users live and what they've looked up in the past.

LIMITERS / FILTERS

LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM EBSCO

Limiters (source type, subject, publication, etc.) assist users in narrowing results, making the information they need easier to find.

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Free search doesn't allow users to limit searches to full text, articles with images, etc.

CITATION ASSISTANCE

LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM EBSCO

Users can view, save, print, email or export citations for chosen articles, in many different formats, directly from the database.

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ABILITY TO SAVE SEARCHES & SEARCH RESULTS

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Users can save searches and search results in a password-protected folder, offering a secure and organized holding area.

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VARIOUS, AGE-APPROPRIATE INTERFACES

LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM EBSCO

EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS), *EBSCOhost* and *Explora* (EBSCO's dedicated interface for schools and public libraries) each offer users a single search box for easy content retrieval. *Explora* also includes browseable topic categories. Both *EDS* and *Explora* feature topic overviews that provide a starting place for research.

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PRIVACY

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COPPA compliancy, meaning EBSCO does not ask for or require personal information to access its databases.

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Many sites, which aren't always safe, ask for your personal information.

ACCESSIBILITY

LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM EBSCO

EBSCO resources are compliant with Section 508 Standards, which means they are accessible to people with disabilities. Text-to-speech for HTML articles also assists struggling readers and those learning English.

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Of the more than one billion websites on the internet, many do not meet the needs of people with disabilities. Not all websites are mobile-friendly, and not all accommodate assistive technologies such as text-to-speech.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

LIBRARY RESOURCES FROM EBSCO

Hundreds of help documents, FAQs, tutorials and more are available at help.ebsco.com to aid users with their research.

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