

WARNING

Do you know where your online information is coming from?

At the Shrewsbury Public Library, we take information very seriously. As you head back to school, or just begin to form solid researching habits, we want to make sure you know about a variety of educational resources that the SPL has to offer. These benefits don't cost you a thing - all you need is a valid Shrewsbury library card.

As the sidebar to the left shows, just using a standard search engine may cause you major problems. We want you to be proud of the research you do, and feel confident when you turn in your assignments or just file the information away.

To find the links to resources discussed on this page, simply visit:

<http://shrewsbury-ma.gov/library>

When you get to the site, look for the '**Reference & Research**' link on the left side of the page.

Information FACTS:

*Search engines, while often useful, display results from ANY website. That means sometimes you might get good and/or reliable information, and sometimes you may not.

*Anyone can create a webpage that a search engine will display. Do you know who is behind the online content you are viewing?

*Sites like Wikipedia are not allowed to be cited on most school papers as the information can be altered by anyone to say anything.

*Google is "the white bread of the mind" - meaning that it is "filling, but does not necessarily offer nutritional content."

- Professor Brabazon, University of Brighton

*Using the Shrewsbury Public Library databases is 100% free, and a majority of the content comes from actual books and publications that have been "digitized" so you can access them whenever you want from either your home computer or at the library.

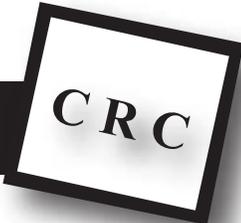
BookFlix



Any time is story time! Look at the pictures; read the words; listen to the story. Preschoolers and elementary age kids can choose a topic and access a fiction and non-fiction book, based on reading levels.

PERFECT FOR: Parents of Infants and Toddlers

Curriculum Resource Center



As the name suggests, Curriculum Resource Center can help you with all the subjects in your curriculum - History, Geography, Math and Science. Additional features of this database are historical and statistical maps and Science diagrams and experiments.

PERFECT FOR: Middle and High School Students

Resource Information Continued from Reverse

Grolier Online Passport



Grolier Online Passport takes you to a fun place and helps you with your school projects! Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia is for middle school students and Encyclopedia Americana is for high school students. Whether it's current events, history, social studies, or science, you can get the information you want quickly!

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World Book Online



Whether you're planning for a science fair project or writing a biography report, World Book Online for Kids is an exciting place to start your research. You could also spend a rainy day playing educational games! This database also includes resources for youth that pertain to Early Peoples, and Green Living.

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Novelist



Novelist is a great resource for anyone looking for something to read. The database helps you find the perfect read based on your other favorite books and interests. Novelist lets you browse through your favorite genres or go through the "Recommended Reads" list and then check if it's available at the library. Perfect for parents who want to curl up with a good novel once the kids head back to school!

PERFECT FOR: Anyone looking for a good book!

Live Homework Help



Free online tutoring through tutor.com is a resource for all Shrewsbury students in grades four through early college. You must login through our site so you won't get charged for using this great service. The tutoring center is open from 4pm - 10pm daily.

PERFECT FOR: Any student who needs a little help with their school work.

NEW Resource

*Learning
Express
Library*



Want to master Office 2007 or learn to use Adobe Photoshop? This great new library database is a one-stop resource to help improve your computer skills. Learn things step by step with video instruction that will make learning fun! Basic, intermediate, and advanced levels available for many courses. Take these classes at your own pace, anywhere you want, any time you want!

PERFECT FOR: Anyone looking to learn a new computer program, or to perfect skills.

We have even more! Visit our site to see a complete listing of free databases.

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