

Dear parents,

Does your teen need help with research? The library encourages students to go to **databases** first when they research because information in databases is generally more reliable than searching on the Internet. Learning how to use a database will prepare students to do research in high school and college.

Students can access two excellent library databases in the following way:

- Go to the Albion Homepage and look for the black Main Menu (on the right-hand side of page, scroll down if necessary to see)
- Click on the Library Classroom Helps link
- Click on the logo for Pioneer Library or World Book Web to access the databases
- Type in the username and password--students do not need the username and password at school, but must have it to access these resources at home:

World Book Web

Username: canyonsdistrict

Password: student

Pioneer Library (K-12 edition—student log-in)

Username: pioneer

Password: online

Pioneer Library contains the following databases:

- Culturegrams---information on states and countries
- EBSCO—newspaper and magazine index
- SIRS Discoverer—general information database
- SIRS Issues Researcher—information on opposing viewpoints in over 50 subjects
- World Book Encyclopedia—student version
- Preschool Pioneer—games and activities for preschoolers
- Learning Express—ebooks and online learning on a wide variety of subjects
- Utah collection—includes newspapers and other digital resources
- Many other databases!

World Book Web contains the following databases:

- World Book Advanced—has more detailed information than the student version including links to primary sources, web sites and other materials
- World Book Discover—World Book for readers with lower reading levels. Articles can be translated into other languages or can be read out loud by the computer
- Inventions and Discoveries-- inventions and discoveries by topic
- Living Green—biomes and topics concerning the environment
- Early Peoples—Native Americans and early peoples in other parts of the world
- Enciclopedia Estudiantil Hallazgos (Spanish Language Encyclopedia)

I am available in the library before and after school, and I am happy to help students navigate these databases and assist with any other research needs. Come and let me help!

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P.S. Take a look at this TED Talks video to understand why Google is NOT the best way to search!
http://www.ted.com/talks/eli_pariser_beware_online_filter_bubbles.html