explora for Elementary Schools  
For: Elementary School students  
An easy-to-use interface for primary students to develop basic searches. With easy-to-browse categories and ability to refine search results by Lexile level.

explora for Middle Schools  
For: Middle School students  
Easy-to-use interface with ability to refine search results by Lexile level. With topic overview and filtering by source type.

explora for High Schools  
For: High School students  
Combines many resources into one search, with ability to refine search results by Lexile level. With topic overview and filtering. Searchable by topic.

Academic Search Premier  
For: College and university students  
Provides an elaborate array of academic titles. Comprehensive content, including PDF backfiles to 1975 or further for well over one hundred journals, and searchable cited references for more than 1,050 titles.

MasterFILE Premier  
For: Middle School students and up  
Designed specifically for public libraries, MasterFILE Premier provides full text for magazines, reference books, and primary source documents and an Image Collection with photos, maps & flags. Includes Consumer Reports.

Middle Search Plus  
For: Middle School students  
Articles and curriculum-related materials selected for grades 6-8.

Primary Search  
For: Elementary School students  
Articles and curriculum-related materials selected for elementary schools.

Referencia Latina  
For: Upper Elementary School students and up  
A comprehensive Spanish-language database with 49,000 encyclopedia entries; 50,000 images; 2,500 health reports; a Spanish-English dictionary and full text for over 100 reference books and dozens of general interest magazines in a broad array of subject areas.

Teacher Reference Center  
For: Teachers and School Administrators  

Hartford Courant-Historical  
For: All users  
Search the earliest years of the Hartford Courant from the first issue published in October 1764 through 1922. Find articles and images that relate to Connecticut and national history.

researchIT CT Newsstream  
For: All users  
Search for newspaper articles in:
- Chicago Tribune (1985 – current) (ProQuest)
- Hartford Courant (1992 – current) (ProQuest)
- Los Angeles Times (1985 – current) (ProQuest)
- Washington Post (1987 – current) (ProQuest)

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Specific Resources by Topic

Biography Reference Bank
For: Middle School students and up
Current Biography and World Authors series, Biography Index and biographical content of Junior Authors & Illustrators.

Biography Reference Center
For: Middle School students and up
Contains many of the top-ranked biographical reference collections and magazines. Offers a comprehensive collection of full-text biographies, as well as thousands of unique narrative biographies.

History Reference Center
For: Upper Elementary School students and up
For upper grades, secondary schools, public libraries, community colleges and undergraduate research. Full text for more than 1,990 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books from leading history publishers.

Legal Information Reference Center
For: College and University students and adult public
Exclusive online full text for many top consumer legal reference books, full-text publications and legal forms, with more content added on a regular basis. Thousands of state-specific legal forms – searchable by top subject areas including Adoption, Bankruptcy, Name Changes and more.

MainFile
For: Middle School students and up
A multi-disciplinary database with coverage of all aspects of academic study and general interest subject areas. Includes more than 4,300 full-text magazines and journals and nearly 250 full-text newspapers and newswires, and over 2,900 full-text reference books and encyclopedias.

Science Reference Center
For: Upper Elementary School students and up
Topics covered include biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

TOPICSearch
For: Middle School students and up
A multi-disciplinary database that covers all aspects of academic study and general interest subject areas. Includes more than 4,300 full-text magazines and journals and nearly 250 full-text newspapers and newswires, and over 2,900 full-text reference books and encyclopedias.

HeritageQuest Online
For: Genealogy researchers
Search U.S. federal censuses, family and local histories, and primary-source documents such as tax lists, city directories, and probate records. Materials date back to the 1700s. Available through public libraries only.

E-Reference Books, Digital Collections and More

CT State Library Collections in Ancestry
Search 11 State Library collections in the Ancestry platform, including census, cemetery, church, military, probate and school records.

Connecticut Digital Collections

Downloadable eAudio & eBooks

Nonfiction Online Book Collections
For: Upper Elementary School students and up
Search the contents of more than 4,500 non-fiction eBooks for elementary, middle, and high school students.