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CQ Researcher (\$ 750 per library)
Grolier Online (\$ 2,000 per library)
Total \$8, 250 x 750 libraries= \$6,187,500

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> MasterFILE Elite
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> General Science Collection
Full text coverage for more than 60 of the most p
science publications.

> ERIC
The Educational Resource Information Center.

> TOPICsearch
Allow researchers to explore social, political &
economic issues, scientific discoveries and other
popular topics discussed in today's classrooms.

> Searchasaurus
Including Middle Search Plus, General
Encyclopedia, Encyclopedia of Animals, Primary
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GALE

> Professional Development
Collection more than 300 full-text journals
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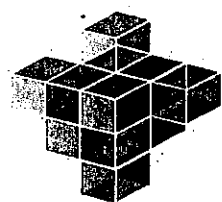
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MasterFILE™ Elite

MasterFILE Elite provides full text coverage for nearly 1,200 periodicals covering general reference, business, health, education, general science, multicultural issues and much more. This database also contains an Image Collection of 116,000 photos, maps and flags.

MAS Ultra™ (School Edition)

This comprehensive database, designed specifically for high school libraries, contains full text for more than 500 popular, high school magazines including *America's Civil War*, *American Heritage*, *American History*, *American Visions*, *Archaeology*, *Astronomy*, *Bioscience*, *Careers & Colleges*, *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *CQ Weekly*, *Discover*, *Economist*, *History Today*, *Nation*, *National Review*, *New Republic*, *New Scientist*, *Popular Science*, *Science News*, *Scientific American*, *Smithsonian*, *World War II*, etc. All full text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). Full text is also available for 96,600 biographies and 76,000 primary source documents. Additionally, *MAS Ultra (School Edition)* contains more than 540 pamphlets, nearly 150 reference books (including the *Columbia Encyclopedia*, the *CIA World Fact Book* and *World Almanac & Book of Facts*), an Image Collection of 116,000 photos, maps & flags, color PDFs and expanded full text backfiles (back to 1975) for key magazines.

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Middle Search Plus, designed specifically for middle school libraries, contains full text for more than 140 popular, middle school magazines. All full text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). Full text is also available for biographies, historical essays and student pamphlets. Additionally, *Middle Search Plus* contains primary source documents including *Essential Documents in American History*, reference books including the *Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia* and *American Heritage® Dictionary*, 4th Edition from Houghton Mifflin, the *Encyclopedia of Animals* and an Image Collection.

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Primary Search, designed specifically for elementary school libraries, contains full text for more than 50 popular, elementary school magazines. All full text articles are assigned a reading level indicator (Lexiles). Full text is also available for over 100 student pamphlets. Additionally, *Primary Search* includes the *Encyclopedia of Animals*, and features *Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia*, providing students with easy-to-read encyclopedic entries written specifically for kids. The database also provides the *American Heritage® Children's Dictionary*, 3rd Edition from Houghton Mifflin, and an Image Collection.

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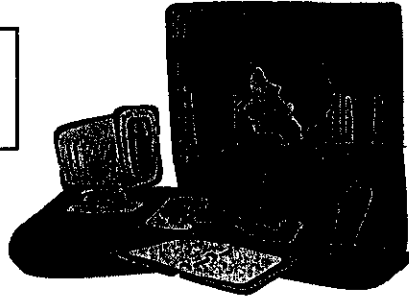
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Letters from Students concerning Library Database Funding

I have received over 70 letters and e-mails from Nevada students and teachers who were concerned the databases would not be funded, rather than copying them all I decided to highlight the comments.

Sara Jones, Administrator, Nevada State Library and Archives
Member, Commission on Educational Technology



They are a huge advantage for us and that's where we get all of our information. Every time we research on the Internet, it has everything except for what we are looking for, and it never works out.
Michael

The amount of information available from these databases helps students gather the necessary research for projects. These databases provide reliable sources and teachers encourage their use.

James

The students are continuously using the program for our schoolwork, and without the program it would make research even more difficult than it already is. Everybody I knower enjoys using the databases for a more easier and efficient way to get information on a certain subject, especially the seniors of the High School who are constantly working on projects. So please for my sake and for everybody's sake please keep the program, especially since it's an essential source for our education.

Allan

If you stop and think about it you would know how hard it would be without the databases. Look at the number of students that would not know how to use the Internet and many programs on computers
Brandon

For one, there is too much to do after school homework wise and just enough time to do it in if we have to go to the old way of doing things, I can just imagine how late I'll be staying up at nights.
David



Don't take away these databases they're more valuable than you now...we are the ones that are going to run this country in a few years and you are taking away our advantages.

Tim

Many students at Carson High including myself use programs such as SIRS and ERIC as a fast and efficient source of research.

Justin

And to make us do more work to just find an article for a paper shouldn't take longer than getting on one of the schools computers and looking around. Trust me if kids have to take an hour just to find one article, they won't do it. So don't take away something that we use everyday. Thank you.

Tareen

I would like to be in the medicine field one day. Without being able to research everything quickly and easily, I won't be able to be what I want to be.

Steve

Throughout school we are always given assignments where research is needed. Besides these research assignments we are given work daily, therefore we need the research databases to help make our research go quickly and to ensure that the information is accurate.

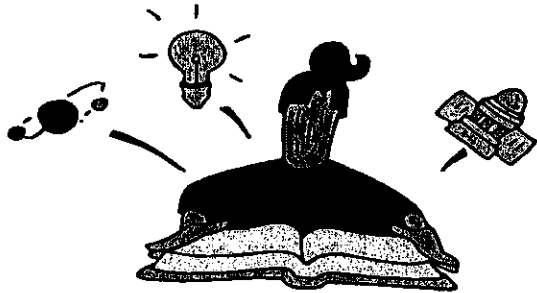
Kendyll

I believe theses sources are very reliable and useful to students in the present and in the future.

Valerie

This database is very helpful and does not take up our whole high school life and if you take this away our lives are going to be nothing but school projects and homework, being in libraries looking in big huge books for hours.

Angelica



They truly assisted me with my education when I had to research and get some information for my History class. I even got an A on my research that I presented before the class. Please continue to help us.

Stephanie

I am a student enrolled in the Reno High School Advance Placement Program. In those classes we are required to do intensive research for theme papers and projects that are assigned, and I have found that SIRS, EBSCO and Grolier's are very thorough, valuable resources.

Julie

They have been very helpful and if taken away would affect many students. In that it would make it impossible to find some research information we may need.

Cameron

I find that all of these sources are great to use because I've just gotten done using them.

Ashley

Students have an advantage by having these databases. If you take this away from us it will affect every student in this state.

Samantha

As a student at Carson High School I use such references to research for projects. They provide valuable information that the Internet does not provide at times. Not everything is on the Internet.

Rubell

If you take these away we will not have access to magazines, journals and newspapers in our school. Please take into consideration that it is not money wasted, for they are very helpful resources that are used very often.

Lindsey

We use those encyclopedias and databases to broaden our knowledge so that we may grow into successful adults.

Jon

I have just completed a career research paper and I found Encarta and EBSCO to be a very reliable source and I would much appreciate it if I was able to use these sources in the future.

Andrew

The students in my Speech and Debate classes use these services almost daily. These students are constantly writing new speeches and revising debate cases. In order to be successful in competition; their information must be valid, accurate and timely.

Kimberly Cuevas, Director of Forensics, Reno High School

The library at Reno High School is a keystone to our student's educational development. It is important that we, as Educators, provide students with the most complete and up to date information that we can. The use of the Databases is an important way of providing this service.

As you may or may not be aware- Washoe County School District will have approximately an 8 million dollar budget shortfall. If the program such as the funding of databases are cut out of the state budget, there most likely will be no other way of funding such resources and they will not be available to our students.

Loren Cowen, Guidance Counselor, Reno High School

