

Syosset Public Library's Specialized Databases

How can I do research on the internet?

The Internet is not regulated, and not all Internet sources provide information that is current and/or accurate. You must be critical of who the author of a website is and when the information was posted. How then do you know where to get reliable information? Syosset Public Library offers a variety of databases for your informational needs. These databases provide access to resources that are informative, accurate, current and reliable.



What if I need authoritative sources, with in-depth information, or would like to read articles from a specific journal or magazine?

Syosset Public Library's **Online Databases** provide electronic versions of various print materials, including periodicals, reference books, biographies and directories. The information is:

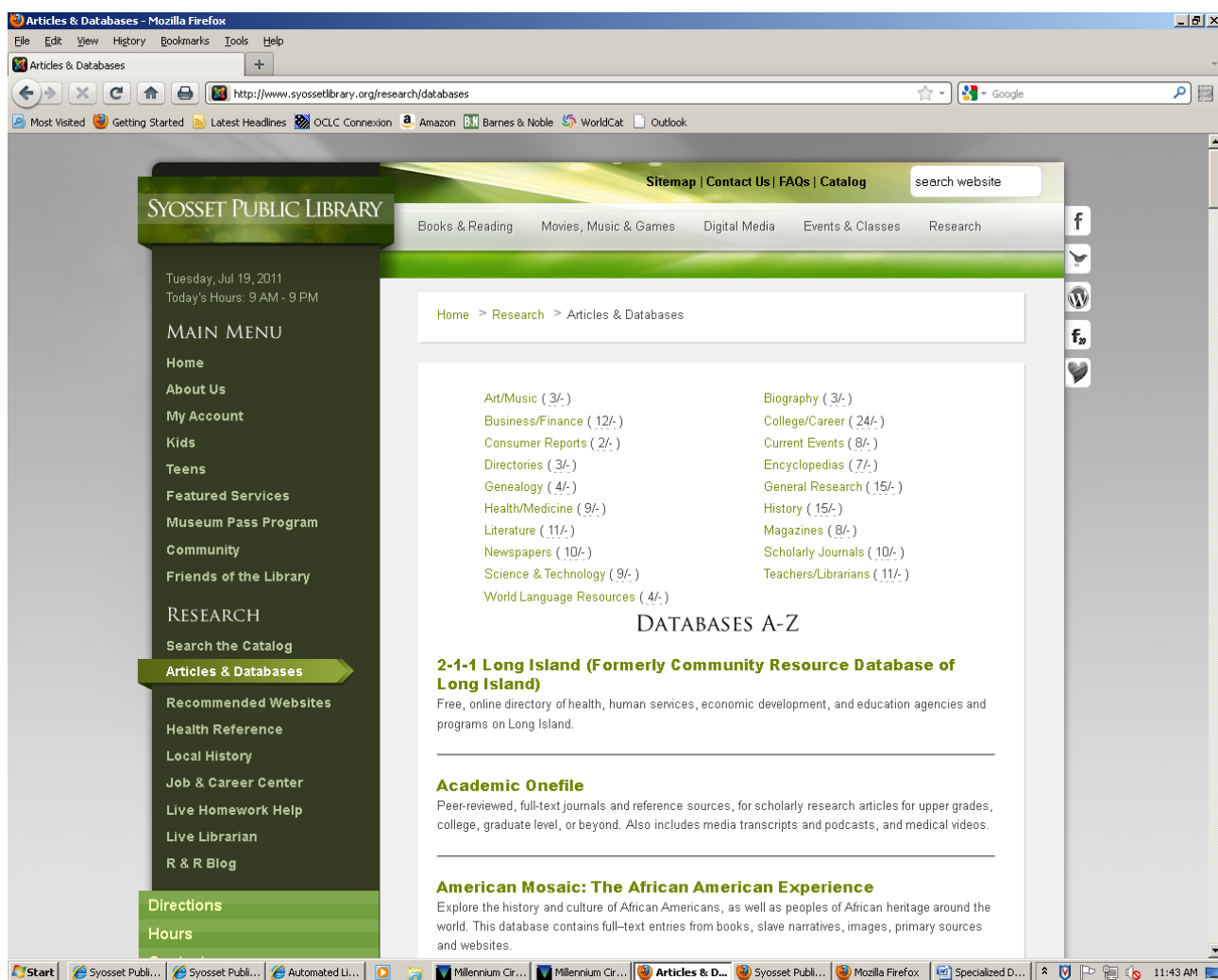
1. Authoritative and content rich, from such sources as *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*, many Gale publications, Consumer Reports, and many more.
2. Comprehensive, covering a wide range of topics: Art, Biography, Business/Finance, Careers, Directories, Encyclopedias, Health/Medicine, History/Politics/Current Events, Literature, Magazines/Journals, Music, Newspapers and Science.
3. Available 24/7 from any computer with Internet access.
4. Free to Syosset Library card holders. The databases are paid subscriptions (similar to a magazine subscription), and almost all of them are available remotely.

How do I Access these Databases?

1. Go to our website: www.syossetlibrary.org.
2. Click **Research** on the navigation bar on the top right hand side of the home page
3. Scroll down to **Articles & Databases** and click on it.



4. You will then see a group list of 19 subject categories of databases that are available as well as an alphabetical listing of the databases. You can search using either list. Each of the 19 subject categories has multiple databases listed and some databases are listed in more than one category, as they are multidisciplinary. Please note that some of the databases are only accessible from inside the library and it will be noted next to the database name (i.e. – Ancestry Library Edition).



5. After you decide which database you are interested in searching, click on it and you will be presented with a “Library Patron Remote Log-In” box. You will need type your library card number (located on the back of your library card) into the card number box.

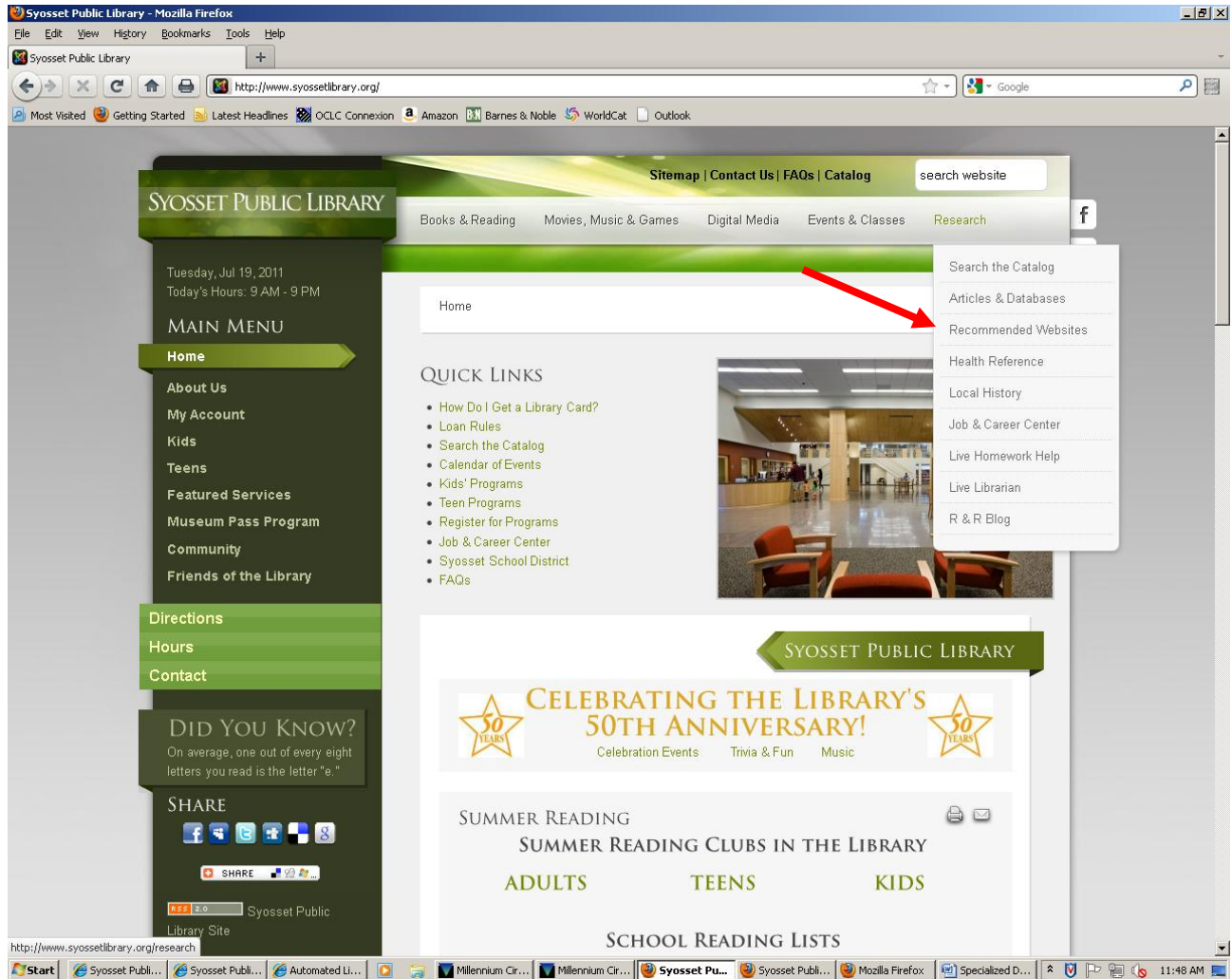
How do I find the information within a database?

If you have spent some time using our Online Catalog and/or navigating around the Internet, using the databases will be relatively easy. Most of them offer a standard keyword search box, ways to limit your search (i.e., date, name of publication, full-text, etc.), and additional advanced search features. Each database has unique features, but search results are generally displayed in citation lists, with links to full-text, full citations, and “folder tabs” to help the user. Many of the magazine and journal articles are full-text, and allow you to print, email, or save to a disk.

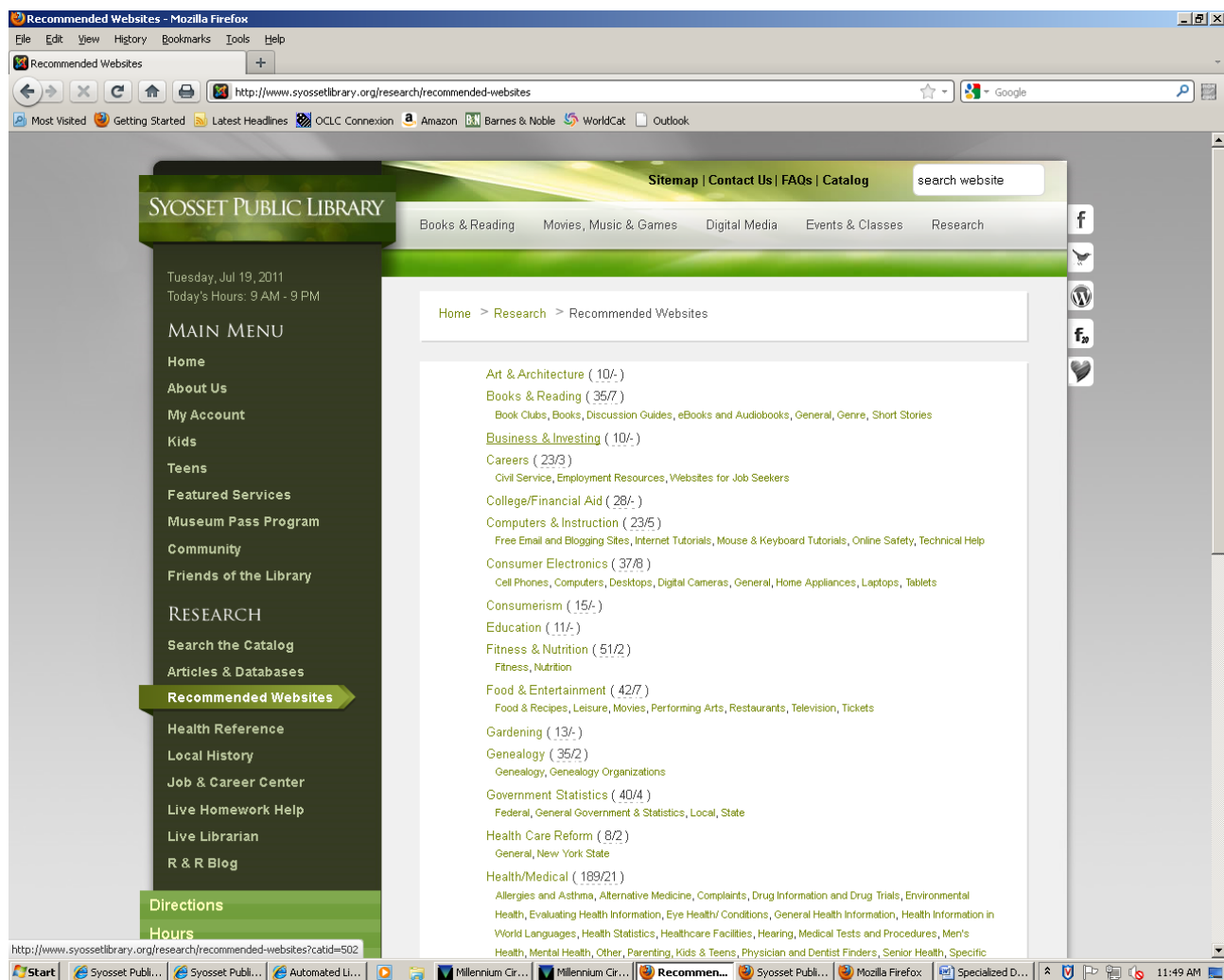
If you need any help please call the Syosset Reference Dept. at 921-7161 ext. 218.

Are there any other good information sources available on the Internet?

In addition to the databases that require library card information for access, there are also many other Public websites that provide important information. Syosset Public Librarians have compiled and maintain a list of **Recommended Websites**. This list can also be accessed from the library homepage by clicking on **Research** on the right hand side of the top navigation bar on the homepage; and under **Research**, clicking **Recommended Websites**.



The screenshot shows the Syosset Public Library website in a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The URL is <http://www.syossetlibrary.org/>. The website features a green and white color scheme. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Sitemap, Contact Us, FAQs, and Catalog. Below this is a search bar and a secondary navigation bar with links for Books & Reading, Movies, Music & Games, Digital Media, Events & Classes, and Research. The Research link is highlighted with a red arrow, and a dropdown menu is open, showing options: Search the Catalog, Articles & Databases, Recommended Websites, Health Reference, Local History, Job & Career Center, Live Homework Help, Live Librarian, and R & R Blog. The main content area includes a Home link, a QUICK LINKS section with various resources like 'How Do I Get a Library Card?' and 'Search the Catalog', and a banner celebrating the library's 50th anniversary. Below the banner are sections for SUMMER READING (ADULTS, TEENS, KIDS) and SCHOOL READING LISTS. The left sidebar contains a MAIN MENU with links for Home, About Us, My Account, Kids, Teens, Featured Services, Museum Pass Program, Community, and Friends of the Library. There are also sections for Directions, Hours, and Contact, and a 'DID YOU KNOW?' section with a social media share button.



There are 37 subject categories of websites that are available to help us guide you to many appropriate and recognized sites on the Internet to meet your information needs. Click on any of the categories and you will be presented with a list of the websites that are available. You will not need your library card to access any of the websites listed.