How to Access Baltimore County Public Library Databases

1. Go to the [Baltimore County Public Library website](#) & log in. (Don’t know how? Use this handout.)

2. Click on “Books and More” at the top of the screen and then click on “Research Databases” from the dropdown menu.

3. Under **Database Categories**, change the Age level to **Teen**.

4. Browse through the databases for what best fits your needs. Here are a few popular ones:

   - **Biography in Context**
     - Biographical information about contemporary and historical people from magazine and journal articles, primary sources, videos, audio podcasts and images.

   - **Literature Resource Center**
     - Full-text biographies of American, English and world authors and literary criticism of their works through scholarly journals, literary magazines, critical essays and other resources. Searchable by author, title, time period, literary movement and literary themes.
Science Reference Center
Full-text science-oriented content for student research. Content is available from science encyclopedias, reference books, magazines and journals, and more. Topics include biology, chemistry, earth-space science, environmental science, health and medicine, history of science and more.

New York Times
Read the online version of The New York Times, including the magazine and the book review. Unlimited access inside the library. Outside the library, you can use an access code for 72 hours of free access at a time.

Scribner Writers Online
Provides original, comprehensive, scholar-signed critical essays on the lives and works of more than 1,400 authors. Includes biographical information that places the author's work in personal and historical context.