



New Online ELM Resources

Researchers may notice that Library Services has added several new ELM databases to its list of online resources http://eresources.lib.mnsu.edu/page.phtml?page_id=21. ELM stands for the Electronic Library of Minnesota, a virtual library containing more than 45 databases from five vendors. The databases are for the use of all Minnesota residents as part of an information-sharing program. Legislative intent for funding ELM is to provide the best possible access to information resources across the educational spectrum (including K-12, higher education, state government and public libraries). By purchasing database subscriptions on a statewide basis, more favorable pricing is possible. ELM resources are paid for by state appropriations to Minitex, State Library Services, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, and the Minnesota Department of Education. For more information and a complete listing of the resources, see <http://www.elm4you.org>.

Three new ELM resources that faculty, staff and students will especially want to check out are *EBSCO MegaFILE*, *Expanded Academic ASAP* and the *Britannica Online Academic Edition*.

The screenshot shows the Britannica Online Academic Edition homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, WORKSPACE, GUIDED TOUR, and HELP. Below this is a search section with a search box, a GO button, and an Advanced Search link. The search results show options for Encyclopædia Britannica Online and Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus, along with suggested searches for 'baseball', 'poetry', and 'Alps'. Below the search section is a 'RESEARCH TOOLS' sidebar with links to Video Collection, Timelines, World Data Analyst, Compare Countries, World Atlas, Notable Quotations, and Gateway to the Classics. The main content area features a 'Timelines' section with the text 'Explore knowledge through time' and a description of interactive timelines. To the right, there are featured articles such as 'Biography of the Day: George Luks' and 'This Day in History: 1929: Collapse of U.S. stock market prices'. At the bottom, there is a 'Spotlight Archive' section with a featured spotlight on 'Hispanic Heritage in the Americas'.

Britannica Online Academic Edition is a versatile and expanded online version of the well-known Britannica encyclopedias. A search box is prominently located at the top of every page. Search results will include information from the Encyclopædia Britannica and Britannica Concise Encyclopedia articles as well as magazines, videos, and Web sites. Users can browse alphabetically for information in the index, by subject(s), by biographies and by contributors. *Britannica Online Academic Edition* also offers a Year in Review feature that enables researchers to browse for information by year.

Special features of *Britannica Online* include news articles from The New York Times and BBC News; statistics on every nation in the world in World Data Analyst Online; thousands of maps, flags, articles and statistics in the Extensive World Atlas; and Britannica Blog, which offers a variety of postings on cultural topics – such as the survival of books, by Robert McHenry, a former editor-in-chief of Encyclopædia Britannica. *Britannica Online* also provides access to 225 classical writings of Western civilization, and researchers have the option of watching video clips on a wide variety of topics.

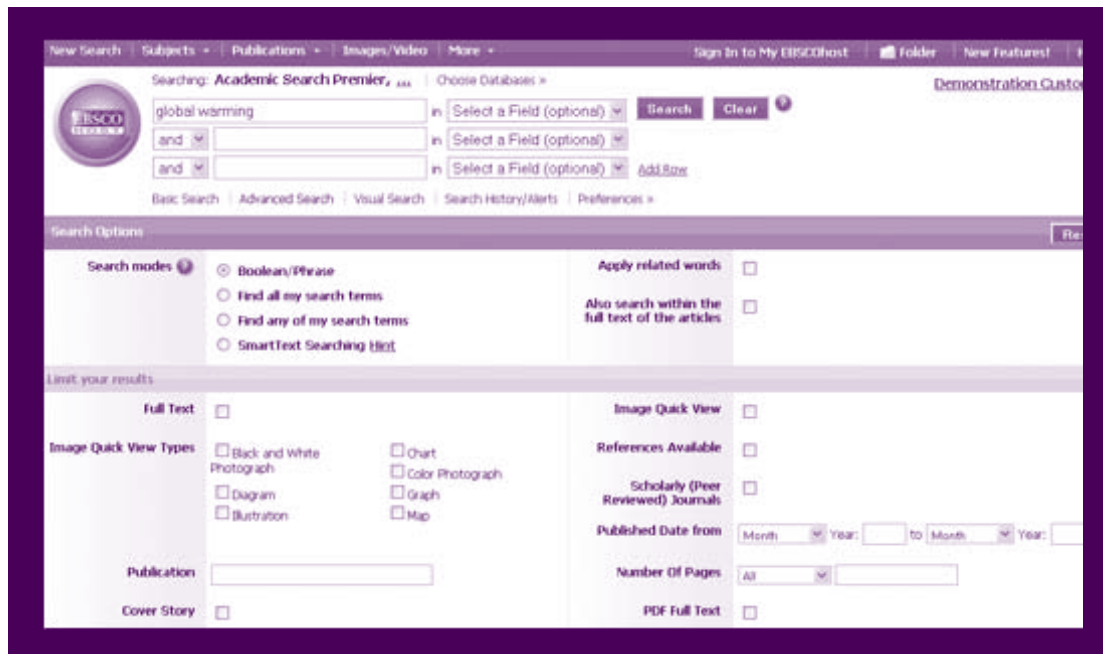
EBSCO

MegaFILE

is a multi-disciplinary database that provides access to the index and abstracts of nearly 24,000 publications and the full text of more than 19,100 publications.

Information coverage spans every area of academic study and general interest subjects and offers information dating as far back as the 1800s. In addition,

the database contains more than 85,800 biographies, 118,000 primary source documents, 10,150 company profiles and an image collection of more than 293,000 photos, maps and flags. *EBSCO MegaFILE* incorporates EBSCO's *Academic Search Premier*, *Business Source Premier* and *Regional Business News* databases.



Expanded Academic ASAP

is a new electronic information resource that is useful for all academic disciplines. With a single search, researchers are able to access scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers. As of November 2009, the database contains over 17 million articles, providing information on

a wide range of topics including social sciences, humanities, education, science and technology. *Expanded Academic ASAP* consists of more than 3,500 indexed and full-text periodical titles, of which 2,100 are peer-reviewed, and offers 20 years of backfile coverage. A unique feature of the database allows users to listen to articles online or save them as an MP3 audio file. Researchers can also translate articles into one of 11 languages such as Spanish, French or German. The database also allows users to generate citations in multiple formats.

