



Explore Some Databases

When was the last time you went exploring? And I don't mean checking out garage sales, although that's certainly not for the faint of heart.

No, I mean searching for something new, looking for specific information or just for stuff to broaden your horizons. You don't have to use a travel agent to put you in touch with the unusual or unknown. All you need is a computer with an Internet connection and the MLS website address – www.metrolibrary.org – and you're good to go.

At our webpage, follow this route. See the heading "Catalog & Databases" at the top? Click on it, and then put in your library card number. Now click on "Databases" and, Bingo!, you'll be faced with over 50 sources of information, some of which you once had to use reference books in the library to obtain and some are the magazines you buy every week/month.

So, what do you need to know? **Infoweb NewsBank** contains over 400,000 articles published in more than 500 newspapers from 1991 to the present. Also archived are more than 28,000 articles appearing in more than 295 newspapers between 1970 and 1991. Access to *USA Today* and to full-text coverage of *The Daily Oklahoman* is also provided.

FACTS.com gives you everything

from landmark court decisions to trivia by uniting seven core reference databases that answer questions about events, issues, statistics and people of the last 20 years.

We've also got the **Dun and Bradstreet Million Dollar Database**. Here you will find summary information on 1.2 million companies with sales over \$20 million or 20 or more employees. Million Dollar Database is updated every 45 days.

Want to find out just who your ancestors really were? Ancestry.com accesses over one billion names and over 2,500 databases, including:

- * **Census Indexes** containing the United States census, state censuses, and various federal schedules for the United States and Canada.

- * **Persi, The Periodical Source Index**, contains the largest and most widely used index of genealogical and historical articles in the world.

- * **AGBI, The American Genealogical-Biographical Index**, accesses millions of names appearing in printed genealogical records and family histories.

- * **UMI Obituaries** contain the full text of hundreds of thousands of obituaries from 85 newspapers since 1990. This database also includes marriage

records for 25 states, the Social Security Death Index and the Civil War Muster Rolls.

NOTE: To access ancestry.com, you must be logged in while at one of our libraries.

You get the picture. Don't you? If not, check out **AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive**, which contains about 500,000 recent and archived photographs from the library of the Associated Press. It features images of historical figures and significant events of the 19th and 20th centuries.

We also subscribe to databases that will help answer your medical questions, auto and truck repair, government documents, science fair projects for kids, how to write a research paper, and so much more. Want to find out how *Consumer Reports* ranked washers and dryers? Go to the Magazines and More tab, and use the "Master File Premier database". In this database, you can not only find *Consumer Reports*, but you can also brush up on your sailing skills by reading *Sailing World* or find out how to get that beach body by browsing *Shape* magazine. Want to know who Paris Hilton's current flame is? We've got *People Magazine* in this database, too.

Now that you know how to find them, explore our databases at will. If you can't find anything to pique your interest, you know too much already.