

# How to Find Information for School Assignments.

## Topic: Health

### LIBRARY CATALOG:

Use to search for books, videos or DVDs on the subject of your report.

- Start at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)
- Click on **Browse the Catalog** then type in your search term.

**HINT:** Do a **keyword** search using one or two words from your topic.

Example: cancer, chicken pox, measles, influenza, diabetes, etc.

### DATABASES:

Use to search for information gathered from books, magazines, newspapers and websites available online in the databases at school or home as well as in the library.

- Start at [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)
- Click on ACCESS THE DATABASES
  - Click on the **Health link**
    - Click on **Krames Online Healthsheets**

Health topics are accessible by clicking on the first letter of the condition you are researching. For example brain anatomy is filed under "B", and diabetes is filed under "D". Information is available in English or Spanish. Only available at a branch or Central Library.

- Click on **Health & Wellness Resource Center**

Quick Start options include a Medical Encyclopedia & Dictionary, Drug Finder, Links to other sites, Health News, etc. The multimedia library has videos of various topics including Dental Health, Headaches, etc. When using the search bar provided make sure you check the box that limits results to full text articles.

Encyclopedia:

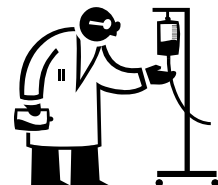
- Click on **World Book Encyclopedia.**

Search the encyclopedia using key terms from your research assignment. Some of the articles include pictures, and articles are sometimes available in Spanish in addition to English. World book's site highlights web sites to consider for further research, provides links to magazine articles, suggests books to read and provides information on writing your citation.

Magazines/Newspapers:

Do a **keyword** search using terms from your research assignment. Make sure you select the box that limits results to **articles with text.**

- Click on **Infotrac OneFile**
- or **General Reference Center**
- or **Research Library (Proquest)**



### **Websites:**

- [WWW.WEBMD.COM](http://WWW.WEBMD.COM)

Information in English only, lots of topics arranged alphabetically in A-Z Guides and under Diseases and Conditions, no web sites suggested and no pictures.

- [WWW.HEALTHFINDER.GOV](http://WWW.HEALTHFINDER.GOV)

Information in English & Spanish, link available to a kid's version of the Health finder site, which includes games and kid friendly articles, and other web sites are suggested at the end of the articles.

- [WWW.ONCOLINK.COM](http://WWW.ONCOLINK.COM)

Information in English and Spanish, site has information about treatment, risk, prevention, symptoms, etc. of various types of cancers from A-W.

### **Search Engines:**

- [WWW.GOOGLE.COM](http://WWW.GOOGLE.COM)

Possible to search for images, web sites, news articles using your research topic as a search term, if you click on the More link (at the top of the tool bar) you can click on the Directory link, then click on the Health link and select the health topic you are researching.

- [WWW.LII.ORG](http://WWW.LII.ORG)

The Librarians' Internet Index's home page has a quick link to Health categories including Diseases and Conditions, Nutrition, Drugs and other categories listed if you click on the More link.

