

I. Intro to Databases

A. What are the subscription databases?

- WYLD libraries, through the state library, subscribe to a wide variety of databases that provide access to full-text articles, directories, audio-visual materials, etc.

B. Who can use them?

- Anyone may use the databases if they visit a WYLD library
- Patrons holding a valid WYLD library card can access most of the databases remotely

C. Why should we use them?

- Databases contain information that is not available 'for free,' and therefore cannot be found with a Google search
- Much, though not all, info found through searching databases comes originally from published print resources (unlike most info published on Internet)
- Much, though not all, info found through searching databases has been evaluated by professionals for reliability (unlike most info published on Internet)

D. How do we access them?

- Go to GoWyld.net/dbases

II. AudioBooks

A. Overview

- Audiobooks on EBSCOhost provides 24/7 access to eBooks and Audiobooks
- No limits on the number of users who may check out materials, so items are always available
- Approximately 4,000 titles including popular fiction, classics, children's fiction, history, and health.
- Audiobooks are digital versions that are available over the Internet
- Audiobooks can be played on any desktop or portable computer that supports Windows Media Player version 9.0 and above
- Audiobooks can be transferred to portable devices that support secure or protected wma files.
 - Some Audiobooks are not compatible with iPods
 - A list of compatible players can be found at:
support.ebsco.com/knowledge_base/detail.php?id=4855

B. Creating an Account

- If you are in a library, log in to EbscoHost for the first time to create your account.

- If you are at home, log in to the State Library proxy server (wyld.state.wy.us/dbloginform.html) to gain access to EbscoHost and create your account.
- Once on EbscoHost, click on “Sign In” in the upper-right and then select “Create a new Account.”
- Fill out the form making note of the username and password
 - The selected username and password will be used for all future access to Audiobooks.

C. Searching

- Basic Search
 - Search by: Keyword, Title, Subject, Author
 - Not case-sensitive: Stephen King is the same as StEpHeN KinG
 - Spelling matters: Stephen King is different than Steven King
- Advanced Search
 - Search for terms in specific search fields: Title, Author, Keyword, and ISBN
 - Use the asterisk (*) to expand the search – *child** returns *child*, *children*, and *childhood*
 - Can also use Boolean: AND, OR, and NOT

D. Checkout, Download, Transfer

- Do a basic search using Stephen King (an author)
- The results are displayed and can be sorted and refined using the buttons on the right
- Select a book by clicking on the title
- More information is displayed including a brief summary, sample, duration, and subject terms
- Click “Download this AudioBook”
- If not previously installed, two options are displayed to install the Download Manager
 - Install for PC
 - Install for Mac
- Select checkout period for the AudioBook from 1-21 days
- A maximum of 20 books can be checked out

E. For more help

- Checkout Ebsco support online
http://support.ebsco.com/help/index.php?help_id=5541
- View a list of supported players
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Laramie County Library System

Download This!

- Visit the State Library's FAQ
<http://will.state.wy.us/wyld/econtent/faq.html>

III. Conclusion

- A. Explain how to log on to databases from home (refer to "Using WYLDCAT" pamphlet)
- B. Questions