

Bolivar County Library System MAGNOLIA Resource Guide

MAGNOLIA—Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities through Library Information Access

MAGNOLIA can provide access to reference materials such as magazines, newspapers, reference books, and more. MAGNOLIA is a great source for information on health, current events, literature, consumer products, and school projects (social studies, science projects, geography, etc.).

Access

MAGNOLIA can be used in the library or remotely by a library's patrons.

- Connect to MAGNOLIA at <http://magnolia.msstate.edu/>
- Click on Public Libraries
- Scroll down and click on Bolivar County Library System, Cleveland
- Choose databases Alphabetically by Name if you know which one you want to search, or search by Subject
- For remote access: Click on any database and enter the library's username (magn1215) when prompted.

Using MAGNOLIA

The databases in MAGNOLIA can be searched in a number of ways.

- Search in a specific database when you know where the content you want to find is located:
 - Browse databases by title – Click on Full A-Z List to view an alphabetical list of all the MAGNOLIA databases.
 - Browse databases by subject – Clicking on a subject will bring up a list of databases containing information on that subject.
- Search in multiple databases at once if you don't know exactly what you're looking for or where to find it:
 - Browse databases by provider – Click on Full A-Z List and scroll down to click on EbscoHost Databases. Put a checkmark next to each database that you would like to search.

Selecting the Correct Database

Knowing the content of the databases is the first step to successfully using MAGNOLIA.

- **Consumer Health Complete** – Full text database designed to support patients' information needs. Contains medical dictionaries, diagrams, and pharmacology information. Covers all areas of health and wellness.
- **Literary Reference Center** – Full text database that contains author biographies, plot-summaries, and literary criticism. Includes the Harold Bloom series, Magill on Literature series, and Masterplots. Especially useful for high school and college students writing research papers.
- **MasterFILE Premier** – Over 1700 full text popular magazines such as Consumer Reports, Golf Digest, Rolling Stone, and National Geographic.
- **Student Resource Center** – Designed for students in grades 6-12. Contains thousands of full-text reference books and periodicals in the following categories: sciences, history, current events, vocational information, and biography. Includes radio and television transcripts, archival footage, maps, and images.
- **Kids Search** – Similar to Student Resource Center, but targeted towards lower elementary students.

Citing Sources Using MAGNOLIA

MAGNOLIA can correctly format MLA or APA and other citation styles for you.

- Select an item to be cited.
- On the far right side of the screen click on Cite. A list of citation formats for the item will appear.

Need Help?

Don't hesitate to contact the reference department if you have any questions about MAGNOLIA!

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