

MAGNOLIA

Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities
through Library Information Access

FALL INTO HISTORY WITH MAGNOLIA

Did you know that the first Thanksgiving took place more than 400 years ago in September 1623? It was not the staple fall holiday that it is today until the early 20th century. Explore more holiday origins and traditions using MAGNOLIA databases such as *History Reference Source*, *Britannica School*, and *Humanities International Complete*.

MAGNOLIA is a collection of free research databases offered to all Mississippians through their local public libraries, public school libraries, and academic libraries. Public library users should request an access code from their local public library. Check out the “Welcome to Magnolia” video below for more information.

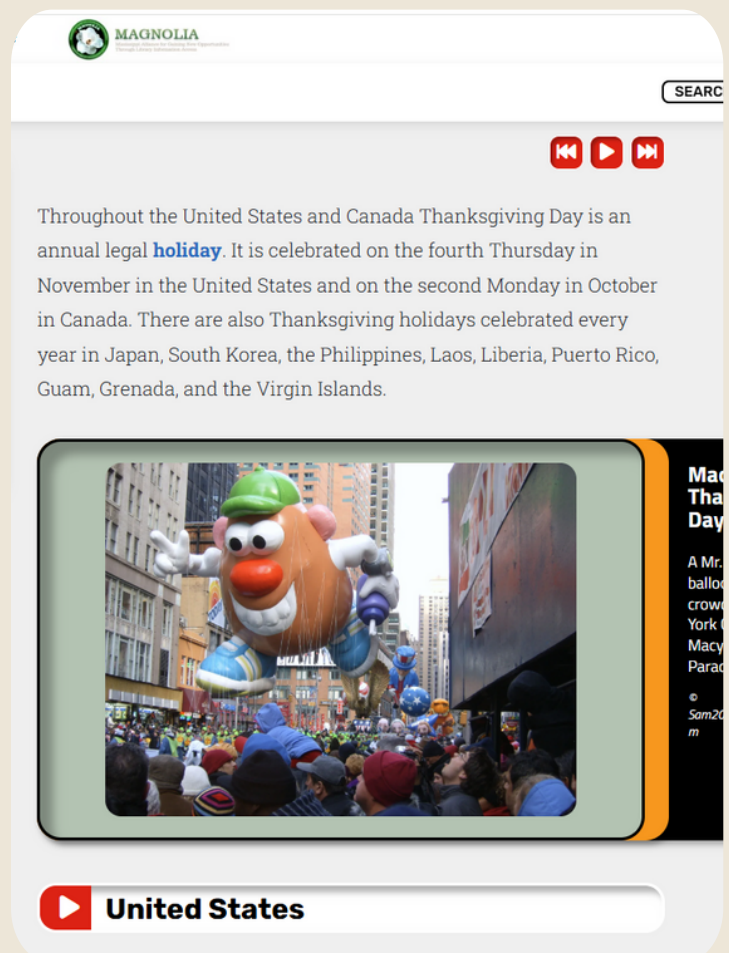


Photo from Britannica School Online

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES



Earn Free Virtual Continuing Education Units with Magnolia

The Mississippi Library Commission is offering free monthly CEU sessions on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm, with schedule variations for holidays. Licensed educators and library media specialists are encouraged to attend the virtual sessions and learn how to make the most out of MAGNOLIA. Topics will cover a variety of subjects and grade levels.

After attending five sessions, participants will receive 0.5 CEUs and their official certificate from the Mississippi Library Commission.

[Sign up here for free MAGNOLIA CEUs.](#)

Upcoming Sessions:

November 20th | MAGNOLIA as a Lesson Planning Tool: Elementary and Middle School

December 11th | Introduction to ReadIt!

January 22nd | Classroom Activities with Magnolia



MAGNOLIA ON THE ROAD



MAGNOLIA has spent a lot of time on the road in recent months. In September, MAGNOLIA was at the Mississippi Book Festival, the Grammy Museum of Mississippi, and the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science where we connected with Mississippians and educators about MAGNOLIA.

In October, MAGNOLIA headed to Hattiesburg, for the annual Mississippi Library Association conference. It was great to talk with librarians from across the state about the services MAGNOLIA provides to their patrons.

Any opportunity to meet with librarians, educators, and the public is a great chance to connect and empower Mississippians to make use of the free resources available on MAGNOLIA.

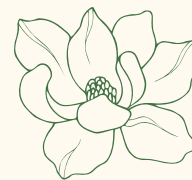
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MAGNOLIA at the Mississippi Natural Science Museum



MAGNOLIA FEATURES



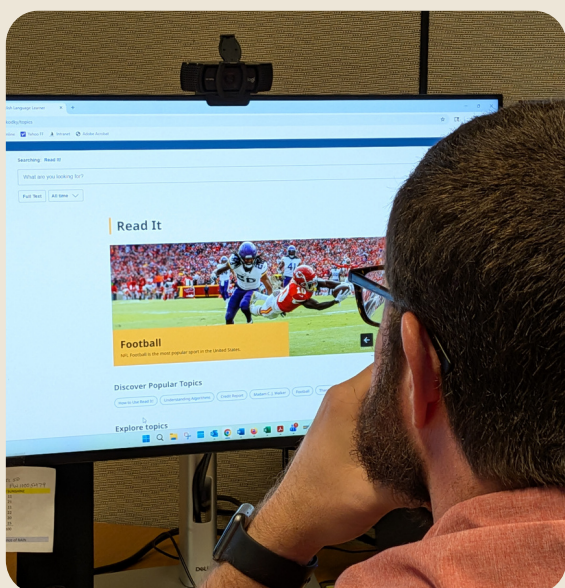
DATABASE SHOWCASE

ReadIt! is an EBSCO database focused on providing accessible reading resources to English Second Language learners and students with delayed literacy. Based around the *Explora* interface, *ReadIt!* is easy to navigate and helps support those working to improve their English-language proficiency.

Covering topics like advanced mathematics, American history, and athletics, there is something in *ReadIt!* for all subjects.

Beyond the classroom, *ReadIt!* also provides resources for adult English-language learners on topics including health resources and resume development.

MAGNOLIA users can access *ReadIt!* and many other great databases at no cost. Visit magnolia.lib.ms.us for more information.



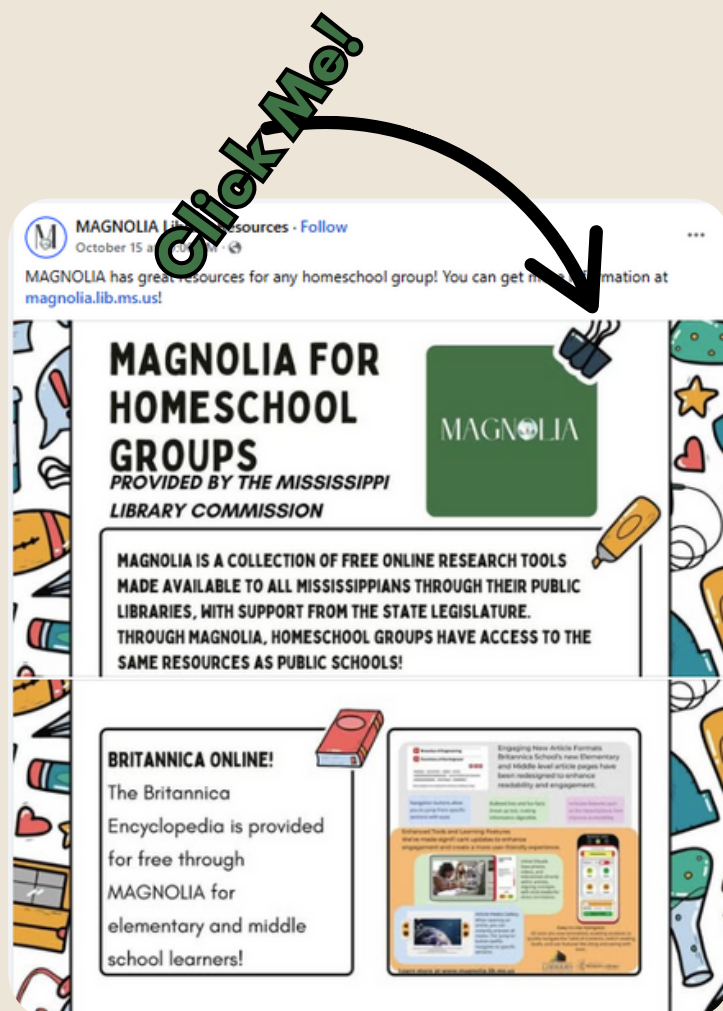
MAGNOLIA user exploring *ReadIt!*

CONTENT SHOWCASE

MAGNOLIA is on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/magnolia.lib.ms.us)

Find useful tips and great resources to make the most out of MAGNOLIA Library Resources. New ideas and updates are added regularly.

Be sure to take a look at the great posts there, like this one on MAGNOLIA for Homeschool groups.





ATTENTION EDUCATORS AND **LIBRARIANS**

Are you a school administrator, library media specialist, licensed educator, or public library director? Could your staff benefit from a firsthand training session with MAGNOLIA?

Trained staff can provide short, topic specific opportunities or full length, in-depth trainings--in-person or virtual--for your next program. Contact us at MAGNOLIA@mlc.lib.ms.us for more information.

MAGNOLIA Library Resources is a collection of free research databases offered to all Mississippians through their local Public Libraries, Public School Libraries, and Academic Libraries. Managed and offered by the Mississippi Library Commission with support from the Mississippi State Legislature, MAGNOLIA seeks to provide increased library information access to all Mississippians.

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