

MAGNOLIA



START THE NEW YEAR WITH MAGNOLIA

Many people are beginning 2026 with a New Year's resolution. Whether it's starting a new diet or hobby, MAGNOLIA'S free, online databases are an excellent way to research the most current nutrition advice, business resources, or any other new activity you would like to take on this year.

MAGNOLIA'S resources also include K-12 resources for teachers and students of any subject or grade level. Databases like "Explora" and "Britannica School" are perfect for helping students learn how to research and cite sources with confidence.

MAGNOLIA is a service provided by the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC). Click the "Welcome to MAGNOLIA" button below for a brief overview of the services MAGNOLIA offers. For more information, contact us at magnolia@mlc.lib.ms.us.

Welcome to MAGNOLIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

EXPLORA NOW INCLUDES ACADEMIC DATABASES

After a recent update to the under-18 MAGNOLIA interface, the "Explora" database for high school students now searches academic databases such as "Academic Search Premier" and other professional journal databases provided on the over-18 MAGNOLIA interface.

This modification does not change the user interface of MAGNOLIA but instead will allow high school educators and librarians to provide their students access to academic resources while the information remains age appropriate and filtered alongside the other content on the under-18 interface.

In addition, the middle school version of "EXPLORA" now searches additional

MAGNOLIA on the Road

MAGNOLIA and Talking Book Services participated in the University of Mississippi's third annual School Library Symposium in December. Staff had the opportunity to connect with area school library and media specialists, promote MAGNOLIA as a classroom tool, and help support literacy and research development in schools.

In addition, MLC's America 250 pop-up exhibition was on display for the symposium and included a recommended K-12 reading list as well as information about MLC's upcoming 100th birthday in 2026.

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MLC's Marvin Jeter introducing Marshall Ramsey at the School Library Symposium

MAGNOLIA MINUTE

What MAGNOLIA users have to say about the service:

News And Messages

News

Did you know that MAGNOLIA has eBooks? From weather, to rocks and minerals, to biographies, to the American civil war, there are LOTS of books available if you want to learn more! Here's the link (ask Mrs. King for the login code):

[MAGNOLIA](#)

A capture of Shannon high school's school library website, featuring MAGNOLIA.

Provided by Jennifer King

Interested in sharing how you use magnolia? Reach out to Magnolia@mlc.lib.ms.us

Shannon High School Goes All in on MAGNOLIA

"Shannon High School in Lee County, MS, was excited to host Mr. Billy Loper on our campus to demonstrate all of the great resources available through MAGNOLIA. In its online catalog, the library is now advertising the eBooks that MAGNOLIA has available. The English department has begun directing their students to use MAGNOLIA as a resource for research papers. The history department is using the primary sources found on the site in their lessons, and the science department has begun pulling information from the site for bell ringers. *ReadIt!* has been useful to our ELL and Special Education teachers as well. The school faculty was thankful to have the site brought to their attention, as this is a valuable resource for the classroom."

--*Jennifer King, Shannon High School Library and Media Specialist*

MAGNOLIA FEATURES

Britannica School

As science fair season gets started in schools across the state, don't forget to make use of MAGNOLIA databases. "Britannica School" for both elementary and middle school learners has a wide range of science resources that can help in the

Bibliography of Indigenous Peoples in North America

History researchers, community history groups, and student researchers will find a wide range of academic and periodical resources on "Bibliography of Indigenous Peoples in North America." Focused on the historical and genealogical study of Native

planning and preparation of science fair projects.

From interactive experiment examples to detailed articles on a wide range of science disciplines, there is something for every student. Help your students elevate their science fair projects with "Britannica School."



A screen capture of the "Feather: Magnified" interactive on "Britannica School."

American groups, the database can aid in genealogy research as well as preparing research projects or library and museum displays on Native American history and culture.

The database is not just useful to adult researchers. Thanks to the recent update to MAGNOLIA's under-18 interfaces, "Bibliography of Indigenous Peoples in North America" is available in "Explora" for high school students. Students can perform research on Native American groups in Mississippi and across the country with MAGNOLIA.

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SALUD EN ESPANOL

Finding research to address health concerns can be difficult. For Spanish speakers, as well as reference librarians serving Spanish speaking populations, the task can feel almost impossible. "Salud en Espanol" can help address these concerns and help with accessing reliable health resources in Spanish.

The Spanish-language version of the database "Consumer Health Complete," "Salud en Espanol" is built from Ebsco's "Explora" user interface and is easy to use for both the general public and librarians. Focused on providing accessible health resources, the database includes information on common health conditions, nutritional advice, and free, downloadable health pamphlets on topics such as influenza and mental health.

Keep "Salud en Espanol" in mind for your health research needs.

CONTENT SHOWCASE

Visit MAGNOLIA's YouTube, for current trainings, tips, and other great resources for librarians and educators.

Our most recent video "Britannica Fundamentals," a database training for the interactive education resource for learners between Pre K and 3rd grade. It has great tools for building literacy, math, and geography skills, as well as free play games and digital art resources.

Check out this and other video trainings on YouTube to learn everything you need to know about "Britannica Fundamentals." Be sure to subscribe for more informative videos from MAGNOLIA.





A screen capture of SALUD EN ESPANOL on magnolia

ATTENTION EDUCATORS AND LIBRARIANS

FREE CEUs

The Mississippi Library Commission offers 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:

[January 22nd | Classroom Activities with MAGNOLIA](#)

[February 26th | Curriculum and Professional Development with MAGNOLIA](#)

[March 26th | MAGNOLIA as a Lesson Planning Tool: Junior and High Schoolers](#)

MAGNOLIA ON-SITE TRAININGS

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.

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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