

MAGNOLIA

CELEBRATE SPRING WITH MAGNOLIA

Local farmers researching new crop techniques or home gardeners planning their first flower bed can use MAGNOLIA to explore reliable information on soil health, plant care, and sustainable practices available in a variety of databases. MAGNOLIA can also strengthen classroom instruction, giving teachers and students access to high-quality, curriculum-aligned content.

Through tools like **Britannica School** and **Explora**, educators can access age-appropriate articles, images, primary sources, and research focused on botany, ecology, and other life sciences topics. These databases make it easy to build background knowledge, support inquiry-based projects, and differentiate instruction for K-12 students—all within a safe, reliable platform.

MAGNOLIA is a free service provided by the **Mississippi Library Commission** to support Mississippi researchers, educators and students. Visit <https://magnolia.lib.ms.us/> and explore the possibilities. For assistance contact us at magnolia@mlc.lib.ms.us—we're here to help you all year long.

Welcome to MAGNOLIA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Britannica Update: Easier Interactive Access!

Thanks to a recent update to the Britannica School interface, access to the interactives is now conveniently located on the home page. This streamlined layout allows MAGNOLIA users to click through directly to the list of more than 200 engaging interactives.

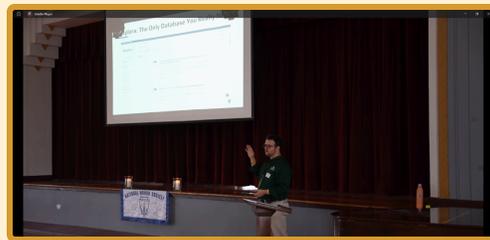
The main interactives landing page still uses the standard list navigation system. You'll still enjoy the familiar, user-friendly interface you've come to rely on for articles and biographies—just with faster access to the hands-on features that bring learning to life.

MAGNOLIA on the Road

In February, MAGNOLIA traveled to Hattiesburg to lead hands-on training sessions at **Forrest County Agricultural High School**. Teachers and students didn't just hear about MAGNOLIA—they explored it in real time, discovering how its resources simplify the research process while reinforcing strong research skills. From navigating databases to identifying credible sources, participants gained practical tools to find accurate information quickly and confidently—setting them up for success in the classroom and beyond.



Screen grab of Britannica for Middle Schools showing the interactives featured in the article gallery area.



MAGNOLIA Outreach Coordinator Billy Loper presenting to teachers and students at Forrest County Agricultural High School.

MAGNOLIA MINUTES

Hear what MAGNOLIA users have to say about the service:



Winona High School educator demonstrates MAGNOLIA to students.

Winona High School Makes the Most of MAGNOLIA

“In MAGNOLIA, ReadIt! has become a valuable resource for providing reading material for all age groups and reading levels. For research, MAGNOLIA has also become a great resource for up-to-date books, articles, and peer-reviewed journals...MAGNOLIA has become an intricate part of our students' learning.”

-Tina Collins, Winona High School Library, Media Specialist

Ole Miss Promotes MAGNOLIA to Students and Faculty

“These resources are essential to students and faculty seeking quality, peer-reviewed articles on subjects in their field of research. From 2022 to 2025, UML has seen an increase in searches conducted for several MAGNOLIA databases.”

-Melissa Dennis, Head of Research and Instruction Services and Associate Professor, University of Mississippi Libraries

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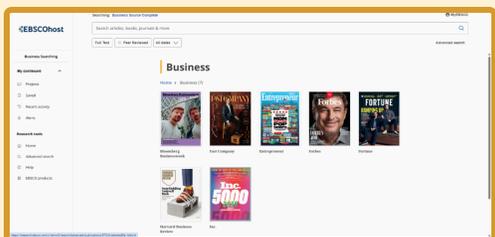
BUSINESS SOURCE COMPLETE

Whether you are a student or a budding entrepreneur, **Business Source Complete** offers free access to in-depth market information. Instead of sifting through unreliable web results, this database provides a direct line to the world's most

VOCATIONAL SEARCH AND CAREER COLLECTION

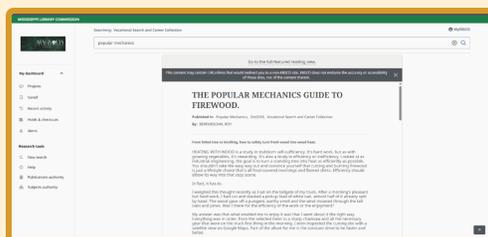
MAGNOLIA is more than an academic tool; it's a high-powered resource for the general public and lifelong learners alike. Whether you are navigating professional

respected business journals and magazines—including recent issues of **Bloomberg Businessweek**, **Fortune**, and **Forbes**. Learn about emerging market trends or take a deep-dive into detailed industry reports and company profiles. No matter the scope of your project, Business Source Complete equips you with the professional-grade resources needed to turn raw data into a competitive advantage.



Screen grab of Business Source Complete showing availability of magazine publications.

challenges or pursuing a personal hobby, these resources provide practical, hands-on expertise that goes well beyond the classroom. For instance, if you've ever spent a cold night camping and wished your campfire would burn just a little longer, the **Vocational Search and Career Collection** offers the perfect solution with articles like Popular Mechanics' "Guide to Firewood." By providing full-text access to a diverse array of trade publications—including Popular Mechanics and Woodworker's Journal—MAGNOLIA ensures that whether you're at a desk or in the deep woods, the right information is always within reach.

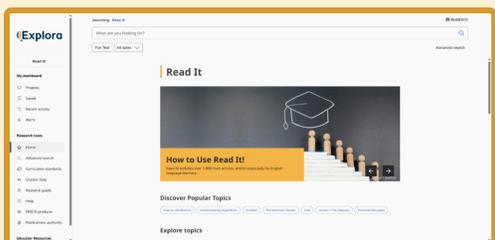


Screen grab of "Vocational Search and Career Collection" showing availability of articles.

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READIT!

ReadIt! is a specialized database designed for English Language Learners (ELL) and individuals with delayed literacy needs. Public librarians and school media specialists can access a wealth of ELL resources all housed within the intuitive **Explora** interface. From explaining the complexities of a 401k to assisting with mathematics assignments, **ReadIt!** delivers essential information using simplified vocabulary and accessible sentence structures. To maximize these tools, use the in-depth "How to Use ReadIt!" guide directly on the database home page.



Screen grab of "READIT!"

CONTENT SHOWCASE

Looking to sharpen your research skills from the comfort of your home or office? Dive into the **MAGNOLIA YouTube channel**, your go-to hub for current trainings, expert tips, and powerful resources designed for all Mississippians.

Our featured video offers an in-depth look at **AGRICOLA**, the premier online database from the **United States Department of Agriculture**. This training is essential for anyone—from students to professional researchers—tracking down academic journals and periodicals across a vast range of agricultural topics.

Whether you're exploring the science of farming or just want to navigate our collections like a pro, our video library has you covered. Visit us on YouTube to explore the full potential of the databases available through **MAGNOLIA**, and don't forget to **subscribe** so you never miss a new update.



ATTENTION EDUCATORS AND LIBRARIANS

FREE CEUS

The Mississippi Library Commission is offering free monthly CEU sessions on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., 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:

March 26 | MAGNOLIA as a Lesson Planning Tool for Junior and High School

April 23 | Explora Research Resources

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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