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Account Configuration and Optimizing Curation Tools – Maine State Library

Proactive Strategies for
Developmentally and Educationally
Appropriate Content for Students

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Overview

To support our state and consortia partners, [the EBSCO team has developed some best practices relative to K12 student-facing profile set up and configuration](#). We share this in light of allegations and claims by “morality in media” groups that library and information services companies are providing inappropriate content to student researchers and to support those states who may be facing legislation that threatens their users' access to online databases.

[EBSCO's policy is to ensure all K12 student-facing products are configured and presented to student users in a way that prevents access to developmentally inappropriate content](#). This is done through a combination of content selection at the database level and the implementation of proprietary search technology aligned with industry-standard practices.

The following slides share our findings and recommendations resulting from the review of a number of state sites to ensure alignment with the policy above and our shared goal of safeguarding student users.

Maine State Library – EBSCOadmin

Auto Repair Source (autorepso) - autorepso
Biography Reference Source (brc) - brc
Business Book Summaries (bbs) - bbs
Consumer Health Complete (chc) - chc
ebooks (ebooks) - ehost
EBSCO Discovery Service (eds) - eds
EBSCOhost Web - All Databases (ehost) - ehost
EIT: Web Service (Follett) - DISABLED CONTACT TIM PELLETT (eitws1) - eit
English Language Learner (ell) - ell
Explora for College Prep (expcolprep) - src_ic
Explora for High Schools (explora-hs) - src_ic
Explora for Middle Schools (explora-ms) - src_ic
Explora for Primary Schools (explora-es) - ehk5
Explora for Public Libraries (explora-pl) - ehpl
Exploring Race in Society (psr) - psr
Full Text Finder (ftf) - ftf
History Reference Source (hrc) - hrc
Hobbies and Crafts Source (hcrs) - hcrs
Home Improvement Source (hirc) - hirc
Legal Information Source (lirc) - lirc
Literary Reference Plus (plus) - lrc/plus
MasterFile Complete on EBSCOhost (mfp) - ehost
MyHeritage Library Edition (mhlbed) - mhlbed
New Publication Finder UI (pfui) - pfi
Novelist K-8 Plus (novpk8) - novpk8

- Ensure K12 Curation controls are enabled on all student-facing profiles.
- Target database profiles for the right developmental and educational level, e.g., Primary, Middle, High, and College Prep.
- Curation controls enabled on green-outlined profiles.

Novelist Plus (novplus) - novp
Poetry & Short Story Reference Source (prc) - prc
Points of View (pov) - pov
Publication Finder Interface (pfi) - pfi
Science Reference Source (scirc) - scirc
Small Business Source (sbrs) - sbrs
Small Engine Repair Source (serrc) - serrc
Teacher Resources (explora-ed) - ehed
Z39.50 Client (z3950) - z3950

Best Practices – EBSCOadmin

- Review profile configuration suggestions (choosing the right databases) provided, based on your database purchases.

Customize EBSCO services ?

Edit profiles for your library that determine which search options, databases, and collections are available to your patrons.

Choose Profile: Explora Primary Interface: Grades PreK-5 (explorak5) - ehk5
Description (Profile ID) - Interface

Searching Databases Viewing Results Linking Delivery Options Multilingual

Show : Enabled New Content Automatically Enabled

Order	Customize Databases on Current Profile
2	American Heritage Children's Dictionary (dch)
6	Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia (funk)
11	Primary Search (prh)
15	Topic Overviews K-5 (t5o)
20	Primary Search Reference eBook Collection (e867sww)
24	Associated Press Video (VAP)*

Customize EBSCO services ?

Edit profiles for your library that determine which search options, databases, and collections are available to your patrons.

Choose Profile: Explora Secondary Interface: Grades 6-8 (explora68) - src_ic
Description (Profile ID) - Interface

Searching Databases Viewing Results Linking Delivery Options Multilingual

Show : Enabled New Content Automatically Enabled

Order	Customize Databases on Current Profile
12	Middle Search Plus (mih)
13	Newspaper Source (nfh)
19	Topic Overviews 6-12 (t6o)
21	Vocational and Career Collection (voh)
23	Middle Search Reference eBook Collection (e866sww)
25	Primary Search Reference eBook Collection (e867sww)
35	Associated Press Video (VAP)*

Customize EBSCO services ?

Edit profiles for your library that determine which search options, databases, and collections are available to your patrons.

Choose Profile: Explora Secondary Interface: Grades 9-12 (explora912) - src_ic
Description (Profile ID) - Interface

Searching Databases Viewing Results Linking Delivery Options Multilingual Options Branding

Show : Enabled New Content Automatically Enabled : Yes No

Order	Customize Databases on Current Profile
1	Academic Search Premier (aph)
2	Computer Source (cph)
3	Consumer Health Complete (cmh)
4	eBook Collection (EBSCOhost) (nlebk)
5	ERIC (eric)
7	GreenFILE (ggh)
8	Health Source - Consumer Edition (nh)
9	Literary Reference Center (lth)
10	MAS Ultra - School Edition (ulh)
12	Middle Search Plus (mih)
13	Newspaper Source (nfh)
14	Points of View Reference Center (pvh)
16	Professional Development Collection (pth)
17	Science Reference Center (sch)
19	Topic Overviews 6-12 (t6o)
20	TOPICsearch (tth)
21	Vocational and Career Collection (voh)
23	Middle Search Reference eBook Collection (e866sww)
25	Primary Search Reference eBook Collection (e867sww)
27	Science Reference eBook Collection (e869sww)
29	MAS Reference eBook Collection (e865sww)
31	MasterFILE Reference eBook Collection (e864sww)
33	Literary Reference eBook Collection (e870sww)
34	Consumer Health Reference eBook Collection (e872sww)
35	Associated Press Video (VAP)*

Best Practices – Considerations

Maine has a nice selection of content for Schools, Academics, and Public libraries. We have provided some core database suggestions for your review, [but you know your students and educators best](#).

Some things to consider:

- We recommend [turning off AP video for primary/elementary](#) school students as it contains some news clips that are not a full narrative, and the content is often beyond the understanding of this age group. We have a [Primary and Middle School video collection for primary students](#) and suggest the [Washington Post video collection for middle and high school students](#).
- Middle School is often a challenge because librarians must provide content for typical, struggling, and high-performing students — all at the same time — during a somewhat messy chapter of life. Often, it depends on whether a District embraces a true middle school model or a Jr. High model. [We suggest that a middle school librarian advise on this](#).
- We have created two high school profiles — one for [high school general ed](#) and another for [college-bound students](#). You can choose to specialize profiles even further or add academic databases to the College Prep profile.
- If you want students to leverage EBSCOhost and EDS, [we suggest limiting that to the high school level](#). If you want to provide an EDS search box, we suggest that it is [clearly marked for student use](#) and that it is [separate from the general use/all inclusive EDS](#) search box available to Academic and Public Library users.

Core database suggestions for student-facing profiles

(Based on your purchases)

Primary (Explora)	Middle (Explora)	High (Explora & ehost)	College Prep (Explora & ehost)
Primary Search	Middle Search Plus	MAS Complete	<i>All High School databases +</i>
Primary Search Reference eBook Collection	Middle Search Reference eBook Collection	MAS Complete Reference eBook Collection	Academic Search Complete
Primary and Middle School Video Collection	Primary and Middle School Video Collection	AP Video	GreenFILE
Topic Overviews K-5	Topic Overviews 6-12	Topic Overviews 6-12	
EBSCO eBooks Cricket Media Subscription Collection	Read It!	Read It!	
Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia	Newspaper Source Plus	Newspaper Source Plus	
	Reference Sources: Biography, History, Literature, Poetry and Science	Reference Sources: Biography, History, Literature, Poetry and Science + ebook collections	
	EBSCO eBooks Cricket Media Subscription Collection	Vocational & Career Collection	
	Exploring Race in Society	Associates Programs Source Plus	
	AP Video & Washington Post video (?)	Exploring Race in Society	
	Middle School is complicated. Consult your librarian for overlap in Primary and High School resource sharing.	Washington Post Video Collection	

Specialized database profile suggestions

(Each district can tailor Academic products to their specific curriculum)

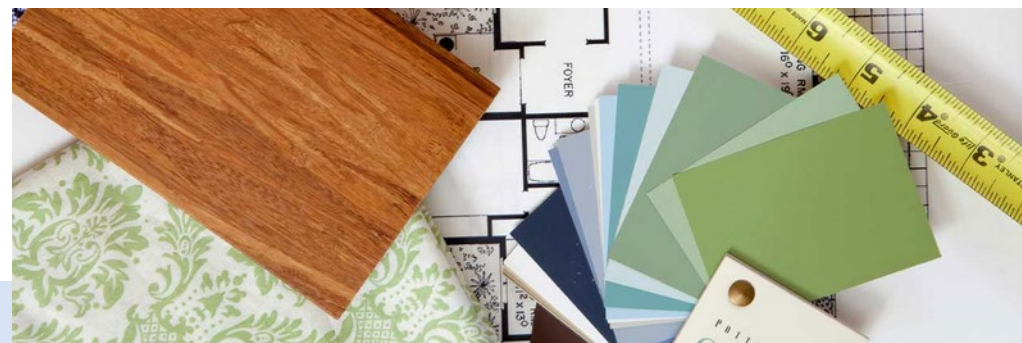
Educator & Librarian Resources (can also be leveraged for students pursuing careers in education)	Business-focused profile for students studying Marketing, Sales, Small Business, etc.	Health-related profile for students pursuing nursing, skilled healthcare, pre-med, etc.	STEM-related profile
Academic Search Complete	Business Source Complete	Academic Search Complete	Academic Search Complete
Professional Development Collection	Academic Search Complete	Consumer Health Complete + eBook Companion Collection	Topic Overviews, 6-12
Teacher Reference Center	MasterFILE Complete + eBook Companion Collection	Alt HealthWatch	Science Reference Source + eBook Companion Collection
ERIC	Topic Overviews, 6-12	Health Source: Nursing-Academic Edition	Applied Science & Technology Source
Academic Search Complete	Associates Programs Source Plus	MEDLINE with Full Text	Engineering Source
Newspaper Source Plus	Academic Search Complete	Vocational & Career Collection	Environment Complete
Topic Overviews, Public	Accel5 Business Book Summaries & Videos		Food Science Source
Associates Programs Source Plus	Entrepreneurial Studies Source		GreenFILE
	Small Business Source + eBook Companion Collection		
	Vocational & Career Collection		

Possible arrangement of your Reference Sources



Discipline-specific Resources:

- Consumer Health Complete
- History Reference Source
- Literary Reference Source
- Science Reference Source
- Points of View Reference Source
- Read It!



DIY and Community Resources:

- Hobbies & Crafts Source
- Home Improvement Source
- Small Engine Repair Source
- Auto Repair Source
- Legal Information Source

Best Practices – Local Controls

Local Controls Allow Libraries to Respond to Content Challenges

- Some communities may wish to implement local controls.
- EBSCO enables individual libraries and school districts to control the content they provide and to adjust results based on keywords or subjects, as well as at the article, issue, volume, title/publication level.
- Maine can work directly with our team to enable local controls, which can be applied at the profile level.

Best Practices – Your Site

Website Review

- Ensure your landing page delineates between student research resources and other the needs of other researchers.
 - Some sites have created a completely separate site for school users to avoid confusion.
- Provide clear wayfinding for student users.
- Consider providing direct access to specific learning levels from the site.

Examples of Note: Indiana INSPIRE

<https://inspire.in.gov/>

Indiana INSPIRE serves
school and public libraries

INSPIRE
Find journal articles, news, educational resources and more...

Research Test & Career Prep Indiana News & History Search by Subject Databases A-Z Advanced Search

INDIANA'S TRUSTED ONLINE RESEARCH RESOURCE

Search by...

- Grades K-4
- Grades 5-8
- Grades 9-12
- Adults

Rosetta Stone
Learn a World Language
Increased access for 24 languages, with full access to nine languages.

Consumer Reports
Consumer Reports
Unbiased product ratings and reviews.

Health and Medicine
Featured database: Medline with full text.

EBSCO Job & Career Accelerator
Build a resume, find a career match, search for jobs and internships, prepare for an interview and more!

Current News
Featured database: Newspaper Source
Current news.

Hoosier State Chronicles
Historic Newspapers
Historic newspapers from Hoosier State Chronicles.

Indiana Memory
Digital Collections
Digitized books, manuscripts, photos and more.

Indiana Legacy
Genealogy
Birth, marriage, death, divorce information and more with Legacy.

TeachingBooks for Libraries
TeachingBooks for Libraries
Book Connections is designed to meet the needs of public libraries and their communities.

TeachingBooks for Schools
TeachingBooks for Schools
TeachingBooks is designed to serve pre-K through 12th grade school communities and their families.

Newspapers.com
Visit the archives of several Indiana newspaper titles in the INSPIRE collection.

EBSCO LearningExpress®
LearningExpress Library Complete
Test preparation and more from LearningExpress Library Complete.

explora
Search by grade level

- K-4
- 5-8
- 9-12

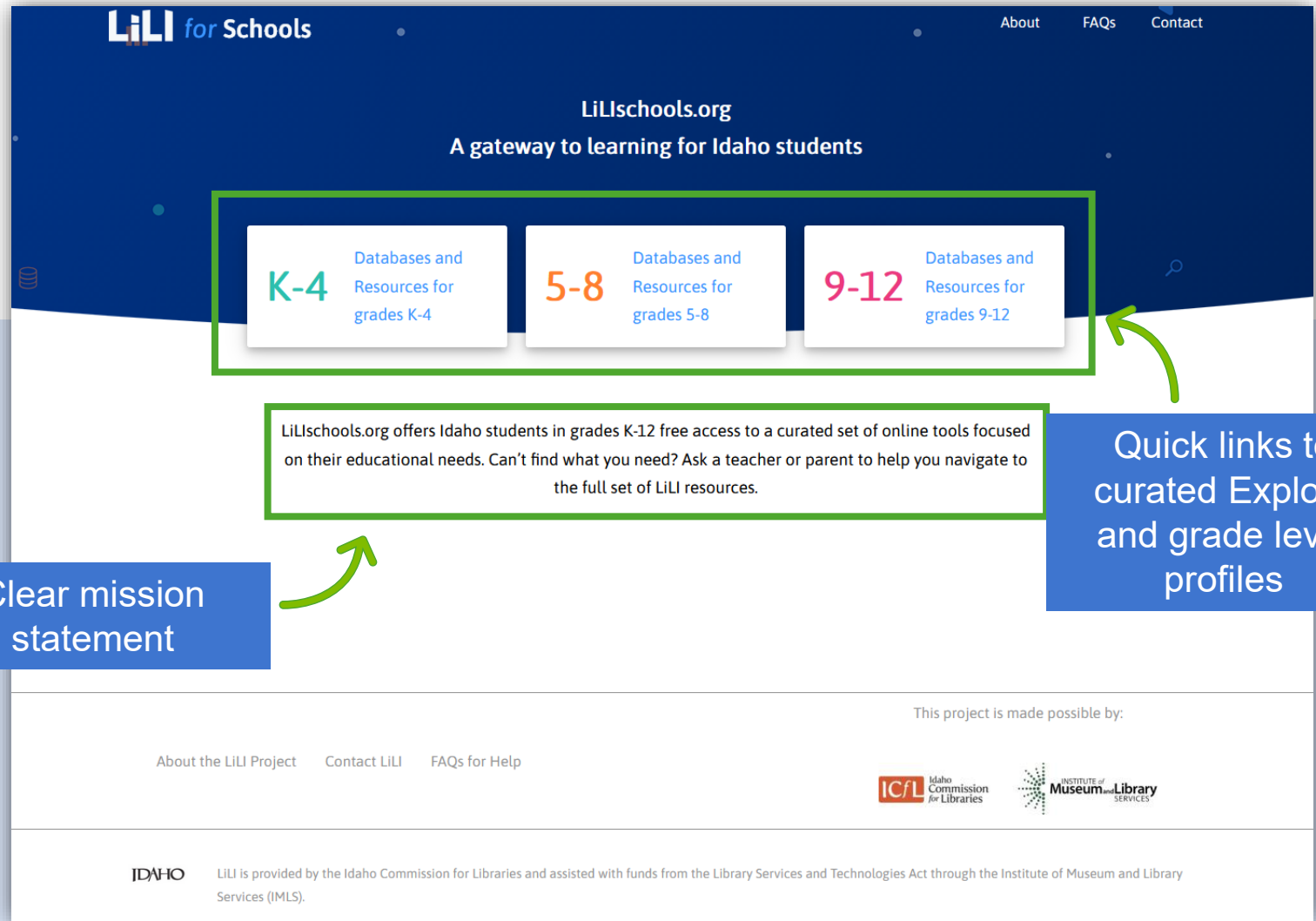
Presents clear
portals for Kids,
Students, and Adults

Quick links to
curated Explora
and grade level
profiles

Examples of Note: LiLI for Schools

www.lilischools.org

Idaho wanted to clearly establish a separate website for K-12 users as they had homeschoolers accessing databases



Best Practices: BadgerLink

<https://badgerlink.dpi.wi.gov/>

- Clear wayfinding
- Differentiation among educational cohorts

The screenshot shows the BadgerLink website, which is Wisconsin's Online Library. The header includes navigation links for "All Resources", "For Library Staff", and "Login". The main banner features the BadgerLink logo and a section titled "What Is BadgerLink?" with a description: "From personal interest to educational research, BadgerLink provides Wisconsin residents with licensed trustworthy resources." and a button to "WATCH THE BADGERLINK VIDEO". Below the banner is a "Top Resources" section with a grid of buttons for various categories: Elementary School, Middle School, High School, Educators, Higher Education, Newspapers, Popular Magazines, Encyclopedias, Genealogy, Auto & Engine Repair, Health & Wellness, and ALL RESOURCES. The "News" section follows, with a sub-header "Get all news and updates on BadgerLink in your inbox by subscribing to our Bulletin." and four news items, each with a megaphone icon and a title: "UPDATE Access Restored. BadgerLink Resources Currently Down", "Upcoming EBSCO Maintenance", "LearningExpress Library No Longer Available July 1, 2024", and "Auto Repair Source No Longer Available July 1, 2024".

All Resources | For Library Staff | Login

BadgerLink Wisconsin's Online Library

What Is BadgerLink?

From personal interest to educational research, BadgerLink provides Wisconsin residents with licensed trustworthy resources.

[WATCH THE BADGERLINK VIDEO](#)

Top Resources

Elementary School	Middle School	High School	Educators
Higher Education	Newspapers	Popular Magazines	Encyclopedias
Genealogy	Auto & Engine Repair	Health & Wellness	ALL RESOURCES

News

Get all news and updates on BadgerLink in your inbox by subscribing to our Bulletin.

 UPDATE Access Restored. BadgerLink Resources Currently Down As of Monday, July 22,	 Upcoming EBSCO Maintenance Notice from EBSCO Beginning Friday, July 26, 2024, most EBSCO	 LearningExpress Library No Longer Available July 1, 2024 LearningExpress Library is no longer available as of	 Auto Repair Source No Longer Available July 1, 2024 Auto Repair Source (EBSCO) is no longer
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Next Steps

- [We have created education-level student profiles](#) and ensured that the databases offered are developmentally and educationally appropriate for those students.
- We have ensured [all student-designated profiles have curation tools](#).
- On your end, ensure links to databases/interfaces within the designated K-12 space are [distinct from those for adults](#).
- Consider database configuration suggestions from EBSCO and [work with us](#) to tweak and edit profiles now and in the coming months to ensure that the reference databases are truly supporting the curriculum.
- [Consult school librarians](#) to gauge how they want to leverage ehost and EDS search experiences with high school students.

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Thank you

Questions?



Resources

- EBSCO Connect: [Content in EBSCOhost Databases is Diligently Selected by Subject Matter Experts](#)
- EBSCO Connect: [How does EBSCO Information Services curate its content?](#)
- EveryLibrary Legislation Tracking: <https://www.everylibrary.org/billtracking>
- ALA's United for Libraries Division which now has an Intellectual Freedom Committee
 - United for Libraries intellectual freedom resources:
<https://www.ala.org/united/advocacy/challenges>
- Get Ready Stay Ready, a community action tool kit:
<https://sites.google.com/view/getreadystayready/home>.