Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records

Statewide Databases

September 2018
Agenda
All about Nevada Statewide Databases

• Why Statewide databases? (history)
• Current titles & target audiences → Statewide Databases LibGuide
• How they’re selected (RFP process, Scope of Work, expiration dates, etc.)
• User Interfaces (searching individual vs bundled databases)
• Usage statistics
• Help Training
• Help Tech Support
• NOT on the Agenda: database demos
History

1999 Database Demonstration Project

• SB 482, 69th legislative session, 1997
• “ACT relating to education;... creating a commission on educational technology”
  • Q: how to use technology to improve student achievement?
  • A: information databases in school and public libraries
• $385,000 added to State Library budget for educational databases for k12 & public libraries, 1999
• New appropriations each year; databases added as a line item to State Library Budget around 2012
• Database budget has varied each year; SFY 19: $210,456. Must be approved by legislature.
• Federal LSTA has been used to expand titles and reach. Must be approved by SCLL and State Librarian

SB 482: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/69th1997s/SB/SB482_EN.HTMAN
What are they, what’s in them?

Contract Expiration dates

New contract

- EBSCO: June 30, 2020 (2x1 year renewals left)

Expiring Contracts

- ABC-CLIO: June 30, 2019
- LearningExpress: June 30, 2019
- World Book: June 30, 2019
Database Selection Process

- Request for proposal (RFP) posted containing a Scope of Work
- Vendors submit bids
- Committee evaluates bids based on: competence, experience, conformance w/RFP, expertise, cost
- State awards 2 year contract (subject to Board of Examiners approval)
- Contracts can be renewed twice for 1 year (total of 4 years)
Volunteer to be on Database Committee!

contact Sulin Jones: sulinjones@admin.nv.gov

- Representatives of Public, K12, Academic Libraries, small and large
- Representatives from Rural, North, South, East
- November/December time frame
- Conduct survey & write Scope(s) of Work
- May also serve on RFP evaluation committee (about 5 people)
Access & User Interfaces

Individual databases vs Interfaces
What’s standard, what’s customizable, what’s best for your target audience
LearningExpress & World Book
ABC-CLIO

Welcome, Nevada State Library
Go directly to one of your databases by clicking a link, below right.
Or, to search across all or any combination of your ABC-CLIO databases, enter a word or phrase in the box, below left, and check the databases you wish to search before clicking the search button.

ABC-CLIO all databases

ABC-CLIO American History database
EBSCOhost vs Explora Interface

Customizable!!

EBSCOhost Interface w/4 databases selected

Elementary School Explora searches 4 databases

Explora default title list: https://nsla.libguides.com/ld.php?content_id=44444707
Usage Statistics

• Usage is :/
• People (including staff) find information differently than 20 years ago
• People (including staff) need to be able to find these resources & know what’s in them
• Add links and/or icons to multiple web pages
• Add links and/or records to ILS
• Check existing links to see if they work!
• When adding database links or interfaces or icons to your websites/ILS, consider the target audience

Promotional items, curriculum, guides, etc., plus training are available!

• Contact Sulin or Vendor reps for usage stats
Q4 Training: How can we help you learn more about the databases? How can we help you help your users? Comment on preferred dates, times, length, method, and subjects.

**Answered:** 137  **Skipped:** 2

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How to get promotional items
(bookmarks, posters, graphics, kits, etc.)

LibGuide-Promotional Items
https://nsla.libguides.com/databases-librarystaff/home#s-lg-box-wrapper-22228305
How to get help/training

ABC-CLIO, LearningExpress, EBSCO
• Janeen Gieseke: JGieseke@EBSCO.com

World Book
• Rob Geertsen: robert.geertsen@worldbook.com

or Contact Sulin, she will forward your request to the right person

Contact info is on LibGuide
How to get technical help

ABC-CLIO, LearningExpress, EBSCO
- 800-758-5995

World Book
- 800-338-8382

or Contact Sulin, she will forward your request to the right person

Contact info is on LibGuide
Takeaways for NV Statewide Databases

- They’ve been a part of your collection for 20 years
- State and federal allocations must be reapproved each session/year
- Promotional materials are available!
- Training is available!
- Volunteer to be on the Database Committee to write Scope of Work for new contracts!
Survey: https://nsla-nv.libwizard.com/statewidedatabases

LibGuide: https://nsla.libguides.com/databases-librarystaff

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