

## How to Access Power Library without a Library Card

Power Library is a great, free resource for all Pennsylvania residents, even if they do not have a home library or a library card. This website provides access to thousands of full-text journal, magazine, and newspaper articles from verified sources. Find current and accurate information on virtually any subject with the click of a mouse. You will need your library barcode number to access these resources

1. Visit our Online Reference Resources page at [www.mercerarealibrary.org](http://www.mercerarealibrary.org) and select "Power Library." You will be redirected to Power Library's E-Resources page. From there, you may choose any of the resources in the listed categories. Public Library Search will serve as the example for this guide.



POWER LIBRARY is an amazing resource for PA full text periodical articles, newspapers and a major source of information on authors and literature, history. This valuable resource provides verified, peer-reviewed



General Reference



[EBSCOhost](#)

This e-resource provides a single location from which to simultaneously search most of the Access PA EBSCO e-resources.

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[Public Library Search](#)

Use this fun, easy-to-use resource that's powered by EBSCO Explora to discover reliable information on thousands of topics covering a wide range of subjects including art and music, literature, language arts,

2. You will be redirected to a sign-in page where you will be prompted to enter your 14 digit barcode number on the back of your library card. If you do not have a card, you can select “get an eCard now!”

Get ready to find a world of information! Please enter your library card number or if you do not have a library card, [get an eCard now!](#)

Mercer Area Library card barcode number:

3. You will be asked to register with Power Library.

**You are almost there! Please complete the form and you will have access to a world of information.**

First Name:

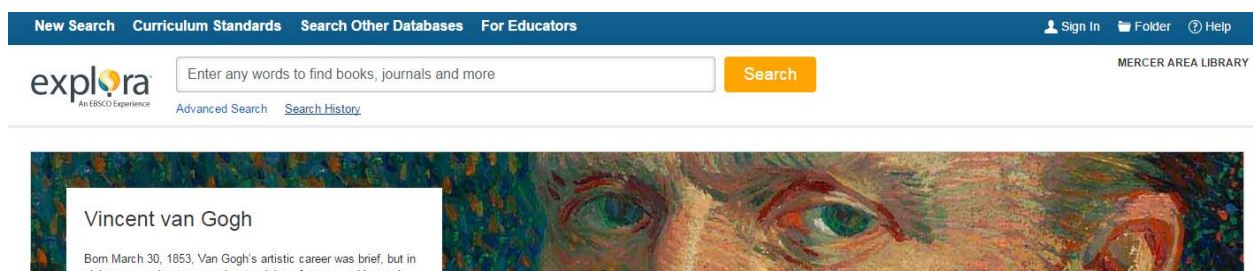
Last Name:

E-mail:

Zip code (5 Digits):

City:

When you have completed this step, you will have access to all of Power Library’s resources. The home page for the Public Library Search Database will look similar to this:



4. After you register with Power Library, you have the ability to perform searches on any given topic in any of the databases. Suggested areas for research will also appear.

The screenshot displays the EBSCO Explora search interface. At the top, the search bar contains 'Van Gogh' and a 'Search' button. The page title is 'Search Results: 1 - 10 of 8,141'. On the left, a 'Refine Results' sidebar includes sections for 'Current Search' (Boolean/Phrase: Van Gogh, Limiters: Full Text), 'Limit To' (Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals, Full Text, Publication Date: 1985-2016), and 'Source Types' (All Results, Academic Journals (33), Trade Publications (145), Magazines (336), News (8,224)). The main results area shows a 'Topic Overview' for 'Vincent van Gogh' with a small portrait image and a brief biographical snippet. Below this are three numbered search results:

- 1. VAN GOGH'S HOLLAND.**  
By: KADUSHIN, RAPHAEL. *Saturday Evening Post*. Jul/Aug2014, Vol. 286 Issue 4, p50-55. 6p.  
The article presents information on painter Vincent van Gogh focusing on his Dutch origins. Topics include details on Van Gogh's work featured at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam.  
Subjects: NETHERLANDS; GOGH, Vincent van, 1853-1890; PAINTERS; DUTCH art -- 19th century; VAN Gogh Museum, Amsterdam  
HTML Full Text PDF Full Text (7.3MB)
- 2. JAPANESE INSPIRATIONS.**  
By: Martin, Colin. *Craft Arts International*. 2015, Issue 94, p78-80. 3p.  
The article reviews an art exhibition held at the Kunsthaus Zürich in Switzerland from February 20-May 10, 2015 featuring art works by various artists including "The Courtesan (Eisen)" by V...  
Subjects: ART -- Exhibitions; GOGH, Vincent van, 1853-1890; MONET, Claude, 1840-1926  
PDF Full Text (2.7MB)
- 3. VAN GOGH'S EAR.**  
By: Gopnik, Adam. *New Yorker*. 1/4/2010, Vol. 85 Issue 43, p48-55. 8p. 1 Color Photograph. Reading Level (Lexile): 1260.  
The article explores the story of the self-mutilation of painter Vincent Van-Gogh on Christmas Eve, 1888. Van Gogh's removal of his ear, his relationship with the painter Paul C...

The side panel will give you the ability to refine your research based on your needs. You may look for information based on date, length of article, article type, and more. Each entry will include bibliographic data, and you may read the article in HTML Full Text or in PDF form.

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