



How to Access Power Library

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1. Visit our Online Reference Resources page at 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.



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General Reference



[EBSCOhost](#)

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

[\[full description\]](#)



[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. You will need to enter your library barcode number no matter what resource you choose.

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Mercer Area Library card barcode number:

(Please enter numbers only. Do not enter any spaces or punctuation.)

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[Click here to send a message to the Mercer Area Library.](#)

3. After you submit your barcode number, you have the ability to perform searches on any given topic. Suggested areas for research will also appear.

The screenshot shows the Explora search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'Van Gogh' entered and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar are links for 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Search History'. The main content area displays 'Search Results: 1 - 10 of 8,141'. On the left, there is a 'Refine Results' sidebar with sections for 'Current Search' (showing 'Van Gogh' and 'Full Text' limiters), 'Limit To' (with checkboxes for 'Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals' and 'Full Text'), and 'Source Types' (with checkboxes for 'All Results', 'Academic Journals (33)', 'Trade Publications (145)', and 'Magazines (336)'). The main results list includes a 'Topic Overview' for 'Vincent van Gogh' with a small portrait image and a brief biographical snippet. Below this are three numbered search results, each with a small document icon, a title, author information, a brief description, and options for 'HTML Full Text' and 'PDF Full Text'.

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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