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1. Visit our Online Reference Resources page at www.mercerarealibrary.org and select any of the GALE resources. They are Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL), GALE Testing and Education Resource Center (TERC), and Pricelt! Antiques and Collectibles.



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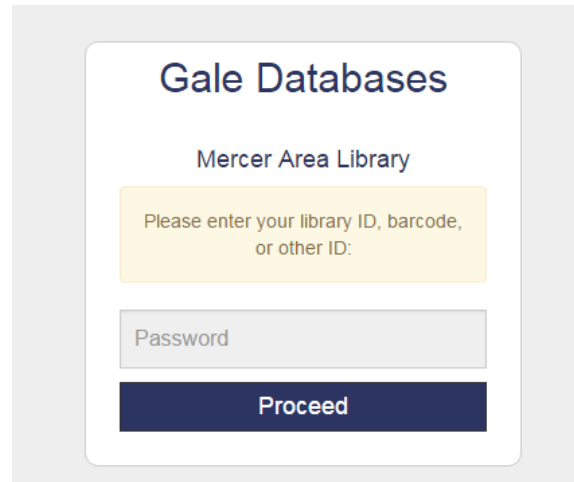
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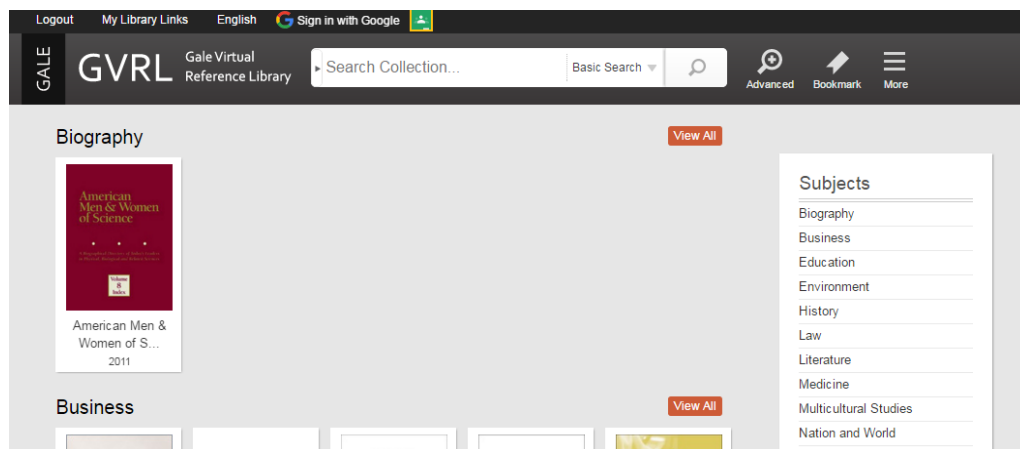
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2. You will be redirected to a sign-in page where you will be prompted to enter your 14 digit barcode number on the back of your library card. You will need to enter your library barcode number no matter what resource you choose.



The image shows a sign-in page for Gale Databases. At the top, it says "Gale Databases" in a large blue font. Below that, it says "Mercer Area Library" in a smaller blue font. There is a yellow box with the text "Please enter your library ID, barcode, or other ID:". Below this is a grey input field labeled "Password". At the bottom, there is a dark blue button with the word "Proceed" in white text.

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. You may search by subject, and you may also use keywords to locate information on a particular topic. In Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL), you may see a page similar to this:



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