

## Recommended Reference Databases for Middle School & High School Students

**Start at the Santa Cruz Public Libraries' Home Page: [www.santacruzpl.org](http://www.santacruzpl.org)**

You will need a Library Card and a PIN number to access our databases from home or school. All databases are free, and you can use them, *even if you have fines*.

You can get to the complete list of Reference Databases from our Home Page under "Internet Resources".

Also visit our TEEN page → HOMEWORK HELP → DATABASES or PATHFINDERS for report info.

Read the info online, email it, copy to a disk or flashdrive, or print it out.

### Current Issues

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center

SIRS

### Magazines and News

General OneFile

Ebscohost - MasterFILE Premier

### General Info & Reference

Encyclopedia Britannica

World Book Encyclopedia

### Books and Reading

Literature Resource Center

What Do I Read Next?

### Biography

Biography Resource Center

HeritageQuest Online

Student Resource Center

### History and Culture

History Resource Center: U.S.

History Resource Center: World

The People's Chronology

### Health and Wellness

Consumer Health Complete (Ebscohost)

Health and Wellness Resource Center

For local information search our COMMUNITY INFORMATION DATABASE under the LOCAL INFORMATION tab.

# Public Library Resources for Science Projects

## Project Ideas & Background Information

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- **Science Reference Center**
- **Student Resource Center**
- **World Book Online**

### BOOKS

- **Browse** the **507's** for ideas
- If you know your subject, do a **Keyword Search** in the **Library Catalog** with your topic and "experiment?"

### INTERNET

- **For Kids** from the **SCPL Home Page**  
Click on Math & Science, then on Science Fair Projects  
(Science Buddies has a "Topic Selection Wizard")
- **lil.org** (Librarians' Internet Index)  
Search for "Science Experiments" or "Science Projects"
- **ipl.org** (Internet Public Library)  
Click on KidSpace, then on
  1. Science Fair (on the left sidebar)
  - OR 2. Math & Science, then Experiments & Science Fair Projects
  - OR 3. Enter your topic in the Search Box at the top
- **science.santacruz.k12.ca.us** (SC County Science Fair home page)
- **Reference Websites** from the **SCPL Home Page**  
(Science websites are in the 500's and 600's.)
- **http://science.gov** (science info provided by U.S. Government agencies)

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Biography Resource Center  
EbscoHost (includes Newspaper Source and Alt HealthWatch)  
Encyclopedia Americana  
Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia  
Grolier Online Atlas  
Grolier Online Dictionaries  
InfoTrac One File  
Lands & Peoples  
New York Times Newspaper Database (1999-Current)  
New York Times Historical Newspaper Database (1851-1998)  
Newspaper Clipping File  
Literature Resource Center  
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Student Resource Center

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### Sources for Controversial Topics:

#### Book series:

The Santa Cruz Public Library has most of the books in these series. Do a keyword search with the series name (in "quotation marks") and your topic (in "quotation marks," if more than one word) to find the call numbers.

1. At Issue
2. Contemporary Issues Companion
3. Current Controversies
4. Opposing Viewpoints