

Magazines and Databases in School Libraries

Janet Miller, Media Specialist at La Junta High School Library, initiated a libnet inquiry regarding magazines and databases.

The original inquiry was,

I have found out that students do not want hard copies of magazines anymore. I have one magazine database EBSCO and I am thinking of ordering another magazine database and not ordering the magazines anymore. I will probably still order Newsweek, Time, US News etc. Also, I will still get pleasure reading magazines, Seventeen, Four Wheeler, etc. Is this happening in your libraries, where students just want to look up info on the databases? If you have a good not too expensive magazine database, what is it?

15 people responded to this inquiry. Based on the results received, Ms. Miller notes, “libraries are ordering magazine databases and cutting back on the hard copies of the scholarly magazines. But they are still ordering Newsweek, Time, U.S. News, etc. They all are increasing their orders for pleasure reading magazines.”

The most common databases being used are:

Contemporary Authors online
CQ Reporter
CQ Researcher
EBSCO Host
Elibrary (ProQuest)
Facts.com
Findarticle.com
Government Reporter
Infotrac
Learn A Test, Learning Express Library
Lit-On-Line
Newsbank
Newsbank Science Source
ProQuest
SIRS Researcher
Worldbook online