

DIGITAL PRAIRIE TRAINING WORKSHOPS

EBSCO

Ebsco Basic – in this introductory workshop, participants will learn the basic search functions of the Ebsco database. They will select a database to search, perform a simple search and save, print or email the results. In addition, participants will also run a publication and visual search. (approximately 3 hours)

Ebsco Advanced – prerequisites Ebsco Basic or a working knowledge of the Ebsco interface. In this workshop, participants will learn the more advanced search functions in Ebsco. They will perform an advanced search, add filters, revise search criteria, build a citation and save, print, or email the results. They will do this in the regular and visual search modes. (approximately 3 hours)

Ebsco Medical – prerequisites Ebsco Basic or a working knowledge of the Ebsco interface. In this workshop, participants will focus on the Medline and Consumer Health Complete databases. They will learn to search these databases to retrieve useful medical information, apply filters and save, print or email the results. (approximately 1 - 2 hours)

Ebsco Kids – in this workshop, librarians will get an overview of the databases offered for kids: Student Resource Center, Searchasaurus and Kids Search. They will learn how to search in several different ways then print, email or save the results. (approximately 3 hours)

SIRS DISCOVERER AND E-LIBRARY

Discoverer - in this workshop, participants will learn the basic search functions of the Discoverer database. They will perform a basic search then print or email the results. They will also execute an advanced search and look in-depth at the other database features like Country Facts. (approximately 3.5 hours)

E-Library Elementary – participants will learn to search and bookcart materials in E-library, as well as, saving, printing and emailing. (approximately 1-2 hours)

BOOKS IN PRINT 2.0

Books in Print Basic – in this introductory workshop to Books in Print 2.0, participants will learn the basic search function of Books in Print, read a record, print, email or save a record and discover reviews. They will also be introduced to the new Discovery bar. (approximately 3 hours)

Books in Print Advanced – in this workshop, librarians will use the more advanced features of Books in Print including resources for collection development, lists and rss feeds.
(approximately 3 hours)

Fiction Connection– this workshop focuses on the Fiction Connection database. Librarians will learn how to search the databases, refine results and more. Recommended for all interested in reader's advisory. (approximately 1-2 hours)

ALL THREE DATABASES

Ebsco, SIRS, BIP Basic – in this 'all or nothing' style workshop, participants will get the Basic search workshops for all three databases. They will spend some time comparing and contrasting the databases in exercises on which database to choose in varying situations. (all day)

Introduction to Digital Prairie and Electronic Searching – with the understanding that more and more paraprofessionals are taking on the role of librarian, this workshop will focus not only on the basic search functions of the three databases but an introduction to information theory, how to search with operators, differences in Boolean and free text, etc. (all day)

TRAIN THE TRAINER

This workshop is for those who currently train or are going to take on the role of trainer for their library or system. Besides quick overviews of the database, strategies for presentation, exercises and the product training sites will be discussed.

ONE ON ONE

One-on-one training is also available in all the databases. Please allow time and a quiet space with access to the databases for the person who is receiving training to work. This training is most effective in person but can be done over the phone.

DIGITAL PRAIRIE FOR PATRONS

Any of the basic searching workshops can be presented as a program for patrons. Libraries requesting this program will be responsible for promoting and hosting the program. The workshop can be tailored to the patrons needs (i.e.: a business club, teen advisory board, homeschoolers, etc.)

COMBINING WORKSHOPS

Any combination of workshops can be offered. Any combination of workshops lasting over 6 hours will take two or more days.

CUSTOM WORKSHOP

A workshop covering specific topics, databases or within a different time limit (i.e.: 30 minutes) can be requested. Please be specific as to the library's needs, audience, time restraints and experience levels.

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