

Hi, I'm Patrick one of the librarians in Belk Library and today I am talking with Jamane Yeager, electronic resources librarian. She works with the library databases.

Jamane we have so many databases. Can you highlight several of our databases?

**First I would like to say that we have at least one database for every research need. We have several new databases this year. I would like to mention one that I think is really interesting and addicting! Ancestry Library is a great tool for researching your family history. It allows you to do basic and advanced genealogy research. You can find lots of documentation such as birth records, death certificates, as well as marriage and divorce records. You can also search through picture archives and find old yearbooks photographs and postcards.**

It sounds like you have possibly been researching your family! Often students are looking for images that they can use in presentations.

**I am glad you asked about images. We have had ARTstor for a couple of years. It contains a wide variety of images related to art, photography, design, as well as visual and material culture. Also AP Images is a good photo and print library dating from the 1840's.**

There are always business related questions. What's new for business?

**We now have ABI Inform Complete. It is a premier business database. It is a great addition to all of our other business resources. ABI covers business and economic conditions, corporate strategies, management techniques, and product information.**

What about a database for streaming videos? I would really like to see a source for streaming feature films!

**We do not have a source for streaming feature films but I bet we will in the future. However, PBS videos contain documentary and educational video programs produced for the Public Broadcasting System (PBS). And as long as I am talking about television let me tell you about Vanderbilt Television News Archive. It contains individual network evening news broadcasts from the major U.S. national broadcast networks: ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN. Coverage begins in 1968. It is fun to view the broadcast network news from the day you were born. You can see how much television news has changed!**

Ok well if we haven't reached the world of streaming feature films what about legally downloading music?

**Well if you are talking classical then we have got you covered. Naxos is the world's largest online classical music library. It offers streaming access to more than 17,000 CDs with more than 250,000 tracks. On average, 500 new CDs are added to the library every month.**

What do you think is one of the most overlooked databases?

**One source that I think gets overlooked is Gale Virtual Reference. It contains a variety of e-books including encyclopedias, biographical collections, business plan handbooks, company history compilations, consumer health references and specialized reference sources on many subjects.**

What exactly are e-books?

**E-books are books that you can read online. You just click a link. Gale Virtual Reference is a good database to use if you are off campus. To use any of our databases off campus you just click the “access databases from off campus” link on the first page of our website.**

Jamane is there anything else you would like to share?

**There always seem to be research topics dealing with the environment. Green File is one of our databases that provides information about environmental concerns, global warming, energy conservation and more. A great place to start for environmental topics.**

Jamane you have covered a lot of information about databases provided through Belk Library. It can be overwhelming.

**That is why you can always find a librarian at the information desk. You can also IM us at askbelk or give us a call at 278-6599. We can help you find just the right databases for your topic.**