

Did you know that your library gives you a free online gateway to the “hidden Web?” Any time of day or night, you can use the Internet resources the pros turn to when they need reliable, high-quality information. Reading for fun? That’s there, too.



YOUR ONLINE HOME FOR RELIABLE ANSWERS...



Your public library offers free, 24/7 access to online resources that can help you answer all sorts of questions:

- My son has Asperger’s syndrome. Is there a parents’ support group in the area?
- If I write my own holograph will, is it valid?
- I need some quick stats on import/export trends over the past 15 years.
- I like pirates. Do you have any pirate stories? With pictures? How about pirate movies? Is there a song about pirates?
- What’s the verdict on the new Chevy sedan?
- I’m doing a school project on the Harlem Renaissance. Do you have anything?
- What’s the best way to tell my daughter she’s adopted?

Now you can research your questions online and get reliable answers, right in your home or office. And it’s free of charge.

QUESTIONS? TRY THE LIBRARY FIRST

There are millions of answers online — the library has the right ones.

Homework help, health issues, small business solutions; reading for recreation or researching whatever you want, your library’s online gateway is the place to begin.

If you start with the usual search engines instead, you’re taking a chance. You might find nothing at all. You might find answers, but you don’t know if they’re the right ones. Or your child might end up at a site that’s not quite safe.

Our online library brings you answers you can trust, from digital sources that are safe, authoritative, and easy to use. It puts the best online resources in the world at your fingertips, around the clock.

The library has the kind of resources that professional researchers rely on most — information sources that would typically cost thousands of dollars. Consulting these “hidden web” resources doesn’t mean leaving your computer or pulling out your credit card. They’re available free of charge to anyone with a library card. They’re so user-friendly that almost everyone can be a skilled researcher after using them once or twice. Best of all, you can access all this information from your own home at any time of day or night.

HOW DO I START?

It’s easy. Just follow the prompts at your library website.

OUR GATEWAY VS. SEARCH ENGINES

If all you’ve ever done is quick searches on a free search engine, our online resources will look different at first. But sometimes different is better.

It’s like going to the supermarket if you’ve always shopped at the corner Quickmart before. You might be disoriented for a moment, or two, but you soon see that the supermarket’s selection and quality far outweigh the Quickmart’s convenience.

You wouldn’t trust the Quickmart to cater a dinner party, so why trust your child’s homework to the free Web?