

EBSCO Resources vs. General Web Search

EBSCO Resources		General Web Search
Library professionals select trusted articles from reliable publishers to meet the needs of students, researchers and library users.	Authoritative Content	Anyone can publish information on the web, and it is not always reviewed for accuracy.
Search results are not influenced by user behavior or geographic location.	Relevance	Search results are often influenced by location and previous searches.
Search using natural language or keywords. AI Insights summarize full-text articles, helping users quickly determine whether an article is relevant.	AI-Assisted Research	Many AI search tools generate answers from web content that varies in quality. Answers may omit sources, introduce errors or make information difficult to verify.
Filter by source type, subject, publication and more to quickly find relevant results.	Search Filters	Limited filtering options compared with library databases.
Save searches and search results in a secure personal folder for future use.	Ability to Save Searches & Search Results	No similar feature available.
View, save, print, email and export citations in multiple formats.	Citation Assistance	No similar feature available.
Interfaces are designed for different users, including students, public library patrons and healthcare professionals. Topic browsing and overview articles help new researchers get started quickly.	Interfaces for Different Users	No similar feature available.
Section 508-compliant resources include accessibility features such as text-to-speech to help more people access and use EBSCO resources successfully.	Accessibility	Many websites do not meet accessibility standards or fully support tools such as screen readers and text-to-speech.
COPPA-compliant. No personal information is required to search EBSCO databases.	Privacy	Many websites ask for your personal information, even when it isn't necessary.
Tutorials, FAQs and help resources support successful research.	Instructional Support	No similar feature available.