

Did you know...

that a database, in this brochure referred to as an e-resource, is a collection of many items arranged to be easily searchable? The e-resources that are available to you online through your TRAC library card contain digitized versions of material that had been published in print format originally. Many of the sources of this information, journals, magazines and books, have been reviewed by experts in the field. This ensures that the information you read is factual and accurate.

That's why e-resources are so much better for finding information than a search engine like Google. With the e-resources provided through your library, you can be assured of quality information that is organized in such a way as to help you easily find what you need, wherever you have an internet connection, whenever you want it.



To access E-Resources...

- Go to the Northern Lights Library System website:

<http://www.nlls.ab.ca>

- Click on the "TRAC" library catalogue link in the shortcuts menu on the left
- Click to login to your account (top right), using your library barcode and PIN (the last four digits of your phone number)
- Either do a general keyword search, or click on the "E-Resources" tab to select the subject area you wish to search
- Search to your heart's content! (If you need assistance, be sure to talk to your local library staff!)

Another service brought to you by
your local public library and:



Northern Lights Library System

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Do It Yourself

A guide to resources



A world of information at your fingertips!



Northern Lights Library System

www.nlls.ab.ca



Do It Yourself Resources



Guess what! Through your local library and your online library catalogue, TRACpac (www.tracpac.ab.ca), you have access to thousands of items that will help you with all your do-it-yourself projects!

In your library, look in the non-fiction section in the 700 number range is home to the arts and crafts. Sewing, quilting, knitting and crocheting are at 746. You will find home improvement books in the 640 section; gardening books in 635; electrical repair in the 621.3 section, carpentry in 694 and plumbing in 696. For automotive repair, look for 629.2. Your library may also carry magazines on a topic you are interested in. If you can't find one, ask!

In the online catalogue (TRACpac), type in the search bar the topic you are interested in. You may wish to change the "Search by" field to "Subject." What your local library doesn't carry, you can get through intra library loan.

Remember: if your library doesn't own the book, or you can't find the one you're looking for, your library staff will help you borrow it from another library.



Online E-Resources



Hobbies and Crafts Reference Centre provides comprehensive content for many of the most popular hobbies, crafts and recreation activities today. Including more than 960 magazines and books, as well as access to more than 720 videos and 140 hobby reports, this database offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast.

Subject areas include arts & crafts; collecting; games & electronics; model building; home & leisure; needlework; outdoors & nature; and scrapbooking & paper craft. The database also features extensive information on over 140 topics.

Home Improvement Reference Centre provides home improvement assistance, including: maintenance, remodeling, electrical work, plumbing, wood projects, outdoor improvements, decorating home & garden, etc.

It contains full articles, with more than 10, 000 images of the step-by-step processes described. It also has almost 100 videos of popular home repair projects, as well as access to magazines like *This Old House*.

Small Engine Repair Reference Centre supplies small engine repair assistance, including: ATVs, commercial mowers, farm tractors, generators, motorcycles, boats, outdoor power equipment, personal watercraft/jet ski, snowblowers, snowmobiles, tillers and other small engines.

The Auto Repair Reference Center

contains solid information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles, with repair information for most vintage makes starting as far back as 1945. Database content includes more than 33,800 vehicles; nearly 800,000 drawings and step-by-step photographs; approximately 83,200 technical service bulletins & recalls issued by the original equipment vehicle manufacturer; over 99,800 enhanced wiring diagrams for easy viewing and printing; specifications & maintenance schedules; Labor Time Guide & Estimator; AutoIQ; Quick Tips; and a complete guide to vehicle repair.



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