This is a tutorial from the librarians at Lone Star College – North Harris. The purpose of this tutorial is to teach users how to use the EBSCO eBook Collection.

The eBook Collection is a database of electronic books. You can read books in the database interface or download them and read them offline.

Before you make full use of the database’s capabilities, you must do three things.

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Next, click on Create a new account.

Then fill out and submit the form provided.

The remainder of this tutorial video assumes that you have done all three of these steps.

Here is the homepage of the EBSCO eBook Collection. To search, type keywords into the search bar. As an example, let us look for information about James Madison.

Type James Madison into the search bar and click on Search.
Here is the search results page. The database found 59 titles. [Pause]


Here is item record for this particular book.

At the top, you can find information about who wrote it, who published it, and when.

Further down, click on the first plus sign to see short excerpts from the book where your search terms can be found.

Scroll further down and click on the next plus sign to view a table of contents. You can use it to read specific chapters.

Now let’s try to read the book itself. Scroll to the top. Click on eBook Full Text.

Here is the front cover of the book. You can turn the pages forward and back by clicking on the arrows at the bottom of the window.

You can also search within the book by clicking on the magnifying glass icon.

When you click on the magnifying glass icon, a simple search form appears at the top of the window. Let’s type in Montpelier, the name of Madison’s house. Now click on Search.

The database has returned 14 search results. Let’s open the first one by clicking on it.

The database has now turned to that particular page in the book.
If you’d like to make a note about something you’ve found in a book, you can do so by clicking on the Create Note icon.

The Notes pane appears at the top of the window. Click on New Note. Now type in any information that you’d like.

After you’re done talking, click on Save.

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