This is a tutorial from the librarians at Lone Star College – North Harris. The purpose of this tutorial is to teach users how to access the library databases.

The library has many computer databases that you can use. Many of them contain newspaper, magazine, and journal articles that you can search. Others contain whole books or sets of otherwise unpublished data than you can read.

To access the databases from the library’s homepage, click on Research Databases. Next, if you’d like to see a complete list of all of the databases, sorted by title in alphabetical order, click on Find Databases By Title.

Otherwise, you can find databases by the subjects that they cover. For example, let’s say that you’re looking for information about business. Click on the category marked Business.

Here are the business databases, listed in alphabetical order by title. After some titles, you may see notes about who can and can’t access them. That’s because our database network is maintained by a consortium of the Lone Star College System, the Harris County Public Library, and the Montgomery County Public Library. This is a unified list, and sometimes only Lone Star College users, and sometimes only Harris County Public Library users can access particular databases because each system purchases some databases for use by only its own members.

For example, only members of LSC-CyFair, LSC-Tomball, and the Harris County Public Library can access the Morningstar Investment Research Center.

Also, sometimes different versions of the same database are available to different users. For example, the North Harris library has subscribed to one version of ReferenceUSA, but another group of users has access to a different version of ReferenceUSA.

If you’re on campus, and you want to open a database, just click on the title.

If you’re off campus and try to open a database, the computer will ask you to type in a 14-digit EZ proxy number. The screen will look like this.

The number that you need is the number beneath the barcode on the back of your student, staff, or faculty ID. Just type it in, and you will access the database from off campus.