

USING KYVL'S BRITANNICA DIGITAL LEARNING DATABASE AND MORE

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Quick and Easy Research

- Provide basic information on variety of subjects
- Short, easily readable articles
- Written by knowledgeable experts
- Can provide other search terms
- Well-organized
- Understandable format
- Online versions regularly updated
- General Encyclopedias
 - *World Book Encyclopedia*
 - *Encyclopedia.com*
- Subject-specific Encyclopedias
 - *The Kentucky Encyclopedia*
 - *Adult and Adult and Children's Health Encyclopedia*
 - *Encyclopedia Smithsonian*
- Crowdsourced
 - *Wikipedia*

Using Encyclopedias

Advantages

- More detailed than dictionaries
- Reliable
- Organized
- Readable content
- Various formats

Disadvantages

- Short on details
- May be academic restrictions
- Outdated information



<http://kdla.ky.gov/>

A screenshot of the website for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. The page features a navigation bar with links for Librarians, Archivists, Researchers, State Employees, and Records Management. A red box highlights the State Employees dropdown menu, which includes links such as 'Kentucky State Government Employees - Welcome!', 'Ask a Librarian', 'Research Databases', 'Training Events Calendar for State Employees', 'Archived Training Sessions', 'Library Account Application', 'Collections', 'Downloading Audiobooks and Ebooks', 'Technology Training for State Employees', 'Resource Lists', 'Kentucky State Publications', and 'KDLA WorldCat Discovery'. The main content area features a banner for 'NEW TITLES for February' with portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson. Below the banner, there is a section for 'Upcoming Events & Closures' listing 'April 14 - Good Friday' and 'May 29 - Memorial Day'.

Research Databases for State Employees

Desktop access to licensed databases is provided free of charge, exclusively to state government employees. All databases are accessible to the general public at the State Library.

	3000+ full-text U.S. newspapers; 50+ Kentucky sources including the Lexington Herald-Leader.
	300+ full-text U.S. newspapers including the Louisville Courier-Journal.
	20+ databases including EBSCO and WorldCat; multi-disciplinary coverage; strengths in business, education, medicine and news.
	Directory of U.S. businesses and individuals enhanced with financial and organizational information.
	KDLA WorldCat Discovery offers quick and easy searching of KDLA's collections, and other libraries worldwide.
	80,000+ full-text federal, state and local policy documents, and news on homeland security.

- Home
- KDLA Catalog
- e-Archives
- Ask a Librarian
- Public Library Directory
- Kentucky Library Jobs List
- Records Retention Schedules
- Kentucky Talking Book Library

Login Procedure

- Select a database.
- When prompted, type in your KDLA account number and password.
- NOTE:** Our login procedure has changed and you may be required to reset your password. The following short video will walk you through that process:
[How to reset your KDLA library account for WorldCat Discovery and KDLA Databases \(5 minute video\)](#)
- For assistance contact the State Library's Reference Desk: 502.564.8306, or toll-free 800.928.7000; or online at [Ask A Librarian](#).

Who is Classified as a State Employee?

This classification includes persons working in executive, legislative and judicial agencies, commissions, boards, etc.

Employees of public school systems and public higher education institutions can be served by their public and institutional libraries.

KENTUCKY VIRTUAL LIBRARY

ABOUT KYVL / ASK | **DATABASES** | For College & Adults | For K12 Students

- A to Z databases
- Britannica
- EBSCO
- LearningExpress
- Novelist
- ProQuest
- Scholastic GO!
- WorldCat (DCLC)
- KY Digital Library (link)
- Timeline calendar

CRE - KYVL - Home

Chat with KYVL

Main Blog
Member assessments, F2018
Courier claim checks being processed
[Go to Blog](#)

Quick clicks
 A to Z list of resources

Showing 6 Groups

About KYVL

Databases

- Britannica Digital Learning
- EBSCO
- LearningExpress Library
- Novelist

ENCYCLOPEDIAS @ KYVL

<http://www.kyvl.org/>

Encyclopedia in Ebsco

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Databases website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'About KYVL / Ask', 'Databases', 'For College & Adults', 'For K12 Students', 'For Librarians', and 'For Professionals'. Below the navigation bar, the 'EBSCO' logo is displayed. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Databases', lists various database titles. The entry 'Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia' is highlighted with a red rectangular box. The right column displays details for selected databases, including 'Academic Search Complete', 'Agricola', 'AHP's Consumer Medication Information', and 'Business Source Premier'. Each database entry includes a logo, a title, and a 'more...' link.

Funk and Wagnalls New Encyclopedia

- Part of Ebsco databases group
- For children and adults
- Features over 25,000 entries on variety of subjects
- Contains images,
- Offers brief biographies
- Updated annually



Scholastic Go (Grolier Online)

The screenshot shows the Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL) website. The header includes the KYVL logo and navigation links: About KYVL / Ask, Databases, For College & Adults, and For K12 Students. Below the header, there is a chat section, quick clicks (A to Z list of resources, Ask KYVL, Courier service, Kentucky Digital Library, KYVL legacy website, Password request, Research Rocket (K5), Training calendar), and a 'Showing 6 Groups' section. The 'Databases' group is expanded, listing: Britannica Digital Learning, EBSCO, LearningExpress Library, Novelist, ProQuest, Scholastic GO! (Grolier Online) (highlighted with a red box), and WorldCat (OCLC).

Scholastic GO! (Grolier Online)

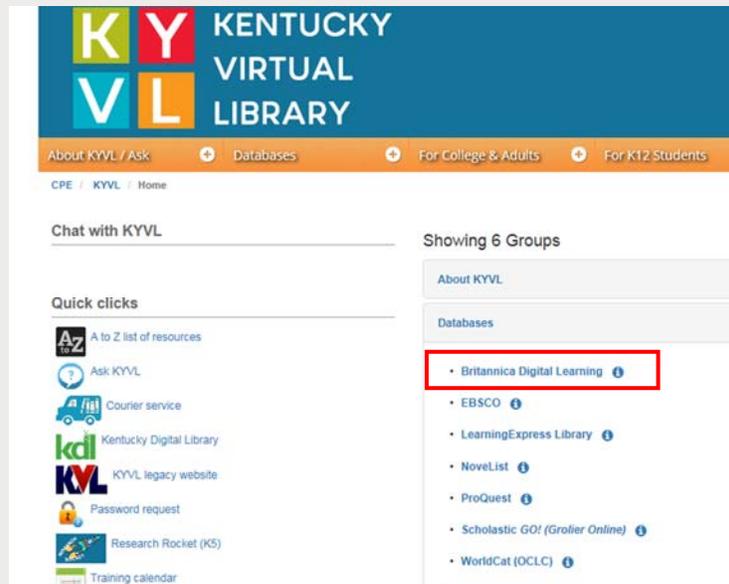
- *Amazing Animals of the World*
- *Encyclopedia Americana*
- *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*
- *New Book of Knowledge*
- *Scholastic GO for*
 - *Elementary School*
 - *Middle School*
 - *High School*
 - *Adult Patrons*
 - *Librarians / Educators*



The screenshot shows the Scholastic GO! website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Scholastic logo, the text "FIND IT FAST", a search bar, and a "Search" button. Below the search bar are tabs for "ELEMENTARY SCHOOL", "MIDDLE SCHOOL", "HIGH SCHOOL", "ADULT PATRONS", and "LIBRARIANS/EDUCATORS". The main content area is divided into several sections:

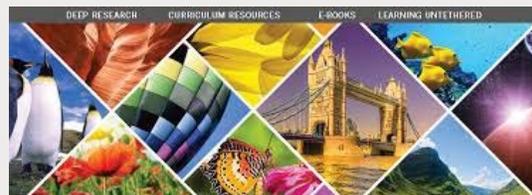
- What's New This Month:** Features a "Jump to:" section with thumbnails for "THE NEW BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE", "GROLIER MULTIMEDIA ENCYCLOPEDIA", "ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA", and "AMAZING ANIMALS OF THE WORLD".
- Pro/Con Debates:** A section titled "What's your point of view?" with a speech bubble icon.
- Today in History:** A section titled "On this day in 1955, Steve Jobs, the 'think different' marketing genius behind Apple computers, iPod, and Finding Nemo, was born." with a "More on This Day" link.
- go Tube:** A video player showing a Saturn planet with the text "Want to know more? Click on Saturn to see a list of articles to explore." and a "Credits" link.
- Interactive Tools:** A row of icons for "Interactive Maps" (1200+ maps), "World Newspapers" (73 languages), and "Dictionaries" (Look up a word).

Britannica Digital Learning



Britannica Digital Learning

- *Annals of American History*
- *Britannica Academic Edition*
- *Britannica Escolar*
- *Britannica Learning Zone*
- *Britannica Library*
- *Britannica Moderna*
- *Britannica School*
- *Britannica World Data Analyst*



ANNALS OF AMERICAN HISTORY

- Explore history through speeches, historical accounts, memoirs, poems, images and multimedia
- Search by time period, author or featured topics



Britannica Library

- Three sites in one:
 - Children
 - Young Adults
 - Reference Center
- Easy to conduct research, complete homework assignments, and work on special projects
- Store research in own personal My Britannica account
- Works on any device—PC, laptop, tablet, or smart phone



World Data Analyst

- Combines detailed statistics with powerful tools for analysis and display
- Allows you to create comparative charts and tables
- *Country Snapshots*—statistics on demography, vital statistics, national economy, transportation and communication, education and health, and military for individual countries
- *Country Comparisons*—analyze data using charts and tables. Offers current statistics or chronological comparisons
- *Ranked Statistics*—compile information for all countries and allows you to view the countries with the highest or lowest rates, totals, or percentages for selected categories

Britannica Academic

- Over 100,000 new and revised articles
- Contributions from Nobel laureates, heads of state, Pulitzer Prize winners, leading professors and experts in all fields of human endeavor
- “Article History” for tracking updates
- Includes news feeds from *New York Times* and the BBC
- Interactive atlas and *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary*
- Thousands of photographs, videos, tables, graphs and illustrations
- Improved search capabilities



Finding Britannica Academic

A screenshot of the Britannica Digital Learning website. The top navigation bar includes links for "About KYVL / ASK", "Databases", "For College & Adults", "For K12 Students", "For Librarians", and "For Professionals". Below this, a breadcrumb trail shows "CPE / KYVL / Databases / Britannica Digital Learning / Databases". The main heading is "Britannica Digital Learning". On the left, a "Databases" sidebar lists various resources, with "Britannica Academic" highlighted by a red box. The main content area shows three database cards: "Annals of American History", "Britannica Academic" (highlighted with a red box), and "Britannica Escolar". Each card includes a logo, a title, and a "more..." link. The "Britannica Academic" card also lists "Britannica Academic Fact Sheet" and "Britannica Academic Guided Tour".

BRITANNICA ACADEMIC Your Britannica Reso

My Reso

Advanced Search

- ARTICLES
- DICTIONARY
- PRIMARY SOURCES
- JOURNALS / PERIODICALS

- ARTICLE BROWSE
- MEDIA BROWSE
- BIOGRAPHIES

RESEARCH TOOLS

World Atlas

Search thousands of maps, flags, articles and statistics in this interactive World Atlas.

Compare Countries

A unique geography tool that gives you quick facts and statistics on any two countries side-by-side.

World Data Analyst

Comprehensive statistics on every nation of the world. Perform statistical comparisons between countries or explore changes over time.

ON THIS DAY



Glasnost

In 1931 **Mikhail Gorbachev**—the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (1985–91) whose policies helped end the Cold War—was born.

[Read more](#)

INTRODUCING MY RESEARCH!

Create a personal account to save, organize and annotate your favorite content and media

[Login / Register](#)

NEW AND UPDATED ARTICLES

[VIEW MORE](#)

<p><i>March 2, 2017:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sydney • Rajasthan • financial statement NEW 	<p><i>March 1, 2017:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. David • Five Civilized Tribes NEW • LEGO • Mary Ann Cotton • Molière • Australian Aborigine • Yao Ming
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RECOMMENDED PRIMARY SOURCES

Find letters, speeches, and other primary source material.

- Christopher Columbus's Letter to the King and Queen of Spain
- Mary Wollstonecraft's Vindication on the Rights of Woman
- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels's The Communist Manifesto
- Thucydides' History of the Peloponnesian War
- Monroe Doctrine
- Marco Polo's Travels
- Declaration of Rights for Women

NEWS FROM NEW YORK TIMES

- Key Republicans Ask Jeff Sessions to Recuse Himself in Russia Case
- Jeff Sessions's Testimony on Russia Contacts
- Obama Administration Rushed to Preserve Intelligence of Russian Election Hacking
- Republican Unity on Health Care Is Elusive, Despite Trump's Support
- Economic Trends: What Booming Markets Are Telling Us About the Global Economy

BRITANNICA CONTRIBUTORS

Britannica's contributors include eminent scholars, experts, Nobel laureates, and world leaders, such as:



Bill Clinton
Former President of the United States



Desmond Tutu
South African Anglican Cleric



Brian R. Greene
Professor of Physics and of Mathematics, Columbia University



Judith L. Fridovich-Keil
Professor in the Department of Human Genetics,

NEWS FROM BBC NEWS

- Trump Attorney General Jeff Sessions urged to step aside from Russia probe

Search Results

The screenshot shows the Britannica Academic search interface. At the top, the search bar contains 'Kentucky derby'. Below the search bar, a sidebar on the left lists various content types: ARTICLES, IMAGES, VIDEOS, DICTIONARY, JOURNALS / PERIODICALS, WEB'S BEST SITES, PRIMARY SOURCES / E-BOOKS, and YEAR IN REVIEW. The 'ARTICLES' option is circled in red. The main content area displays search results for 'Kentucky derby', including a featured article 'Kentucky Derby (horse race)', a profile of 'Eddie Arcaro (American jockey)', and a section for 'Louisville (Kentucky, United States)'. Below the text, there are four small images related to the search, with a 'SEE ALL IMAGES' link. The top navigation bar includes the Britannica logo, the search term, and a 'Help' link.

Article Tools

The screenshot shows the 'Kentucky Derby' article page. At the top, the title 'Kentucky Derby' is followed by a navigation bar with tabs for 'Article', 'Images & Videos', 'Related', and 'Article History'. The 'Article' tab is selected. To the right of the navigation bar is a toolbar with icons for favorite, print, email, share, and other functions. Below the navigation bar, there is a table of contents on the left with links to 'Introduction', 'Records', 'History', 'Traditions', 'Winners', and 'Additional Reading'. The main content area features an 'Introduction' section with a photo of a horse race and a paragraph of text. Below this is a 'Records' section with another photo of a horse race and a paragraph of text. The left sidebar also includes 'RELATED RESOURCES FOR THIS ARTICLE' and a search box for 'View search results for: Kentucky Derby'.

My Research Account

When the Login box opens up, click "Sign up now!"

charter school

My Research : My Content | Log Out | ▶

Article Images & Videos Related Article History

Introduction
Origin and operation
Rationales and critiques

RELATED RESOURCES FOR THIS ARTICLE

Articles
Primary Sources & E-Books
Web's Best Sites

View search results for:
charter school

Introduction

Charter school, a publicly funded tuition-free school of choice that has greater autonomy than a traditional public school. In exchange for increased autonomy, charter schools are held accountable for improving student achievement and meeting other provisions of their charters. Charter schools are most often new schools that were not in existence before the charter was granted; a traditional public or private school may also convert to charter school status. The term *charter school* is used almost exclusively to describe government-funded and largely autonomous schools in the United States and in the Canadian province of Alberta.

Origin and operation

In the United States, where charter schools are most prevalent, state laws dictate a range of activities, including school funding, student and staff recruitment, and charter attainment status. Although the details vary by state, some generalizations can be made. For example, charter schools are not typically constrained by traditional public school requirements, such as certain bureaucratic and union rules. In some states such flexibility includes the freedom to hire teachers (including those who lack state certification) on the basis of the schools' own standards and to adopt specific curricula. Some charter schools may even create their own calendars and set the length of their school days.

The first charter school law was passed in 1991 in Minnesota, and the first charter school was established there in 1992. By 1995 an additional 18 states had passed charter school legislation. The charter school movement then experienced tremendous growth. From the 2003–04 to the 2013–14 school year, the number of charter schools in the United States doubled, growing from 3,000 to 6,000, with the proportion of students enrolled in the schools increasing from 1.6 to 5.1 percent. Charter schools have an open admissions process. When more students apply than can be accommodated, officials typically rely on lotteries to select students randomly.

My Research : My Content | Log Out

My Content

Welcome, nancyhouseal

★ All Favorites
2 items

Create a new resource pack!

What are Resource Packs?

Bluegrass
0 items

Britannica favorites
0 items

★ Favorites and Resource Packs

You have 2 items in your Favorites:

Filter by content type: ▾

charter school

ARTICLE

a publicly funded tuition-free school of choice that has greater autonomy than a traditional public school. In exchange for increased autonomy, charter schools are held...



bluegrass

ARTICLE

in music, country and western style that emerged in the United States after World War II, a direct descendant of the old-time string-band music that had been widely played...

What is a Resource Pack?

★ All Favorites
2 items

Create a new resource pack!

What are Resource Packs?

Education
1 item

Bluegrass
0 items

Britannica favorites
0 items

Education
Grade 9th - 12th

Rename Pack | Delete Pack | Email Pack | Share Pack

Information about education in the United States

In this pack: 1 Article

Edit / Add Content

Filter by content type: ▾

charter school

ARTICLE

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Add your notes here

Sharing Your Research

★ All Favorites
5 items

Create a new resource pack!
What are Resource Packs?

Coal
3 items

Education
1 item

Bluegrass
0 items

Britannica favorites
0 items

Coal

In this pack: 2 Articles, 1 Image

Rename Pack | Delete Pack | Email Pack | Share Pack

Edit / Add Content

Filter by content type

coal classification
ARTICLE

any of various ways in which coal is grouped. Most classifications are based on the results of chemical analyses and physical tests, but some are more empirical in nature....

coal mine
IMAGE

Schematic diagram of an underground coal mine, showing surface facilities, access shaft, and the room-and-pillar and longwall mining methods.

Add your notes here

coal mining
ARTICLE

extraction of coal deposits from the surface of Earth

Add your notes here

CONCLUSION

Time to Brainstorm

What topics would you be looking for in Britannica?



Time to Brainstorm

How could your agency use the Britannica Digital Learning database?



Contact Information

■ By Phone:

- 502-564-8306
- 800-928-7000, option #3



■ By Email

- Ask a Librarian
- <http://kdla.ky.gov/employees/sgasklib/Pages/default.aspx>

Remember

Check the State Government Employees Training Calendar

- <http://kdla.ky.gov/employees/Pages/TrainingEventsCalendar.aspx>

Look for follow-up email with

- *Training certificate*
- *Evaluation survey link*

(May take 1-2 weeks to arrive)



Download Presentation

In the File Share box:

- Click “Using KYVL’s Britannica”
- “Save to my computer”
- In the pop-up window:
 - “Click to Download”
 - “Save”
- Choose where to save it
- “Save”

