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Using EBSCOhost 

Go to the Santa Cruz Public Library site: <http://www.santacruzpl.org/> on this page click [Reference Databases](#) then [Magazines and Newspapers](#) and finally [Ebscohost - MasterFILE Premier](#) at this point you will need your Public Library card number and PIN. If you do not have that information, let me know and you can use mine.

Login and you are ready to search.

This is an online database that will help you find magazine articles and newspaper articles. The Santa Cruz Public Library pays to use this database because most of what you will find here is **not** available directly on the internet.

Look around the screen. Notice that you are in the Advanced Search screen. Here you can add **up to** three search terms but you can also enter only one if you choose.

1. At **Find** type **surfing**. Click the **Search** button. How many "hits" (articles) do you get in your result list? \_\_\_\_\_

2. You probably got over 4,000 hits, many of which have nothing to do with the sport of surfing. Click the back button. Now let's "limit" our search by adding on the second line **santa cruz**. How many hits did you get this time? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Since we would like to read the entire article now click the back button and put a check mark in the **Full Text** box. How many hits this time? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: When doing research, the more information you give a search tool to search, the fewer (and more specific) results you will get.)

4. What is the title of the article in **USA Today**? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What date was it published? \_\_\_\_\_

Notice that you can use the "drop down" menus to change the Boolean Operators to AND, OR, or NOT. Doing this can further limit your search if necessary.

6. Now try your own search. On a topic of interest to you or a topic you need to research for school, perform your own search. Your search must include at least two search terms. Once you have limited your search to a reasonable number of hits, click on an article and email me this article. My email address is: [mabritto@cabrillo.edu](mailto:mabritto@cabrillo.edu).

7. How does this information compare to what you might find if you did a search on the same topic in Google?

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8. In which of your classes this semester would EBSCOhost help you do research? Why?

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