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INSPIRE ([inspire.in.gov](http://inspire.in.gov)) began in 1998 and is a service of the Indiana State Library. INSPIRE is supported by the Indiana General Assembly through the Build Indiana Fund, the Institute of Museums and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act and in partnership with Academic Libraries of Indiana. Users are granted access to it based on their IP addresses. The state works with many of the internet service providers to determine state residents. If you ever have trouble entering, you can register for a username and password which are mailed to you to prove you are a state resident.

INSPIRE is a collection of many different databases that are useful to all residents from children up to business professionals. Here are just some of the items that you can access from home, work, school, or the library.

-The Testing & Education Reference Center provides in-depth information on colleges and universities, graduate and professional programs, distance learning, corporate training, available scholarships and awards, preparatory entrance tests and much more. TERC includes a resume builder, interview tips and tools to help users match their personality to suitable occupations. GED, SAT, ACT, GMAT, GRE, LSAT, NCLEX, ASVAB, PRAXIS, MCAT, TOEFL are just some of the test prep materials and practice tests available.

-The Small Business Resource Center covers all major areas of starting and operating a business including financing, management, marketing, human resources, franchising, accounting and taxes. Included are the entire Business Plans Handbook series, the Encyclopedia of Business Information Sources, and the Encyclopedia of Management and Small Business Management.

-Newspaper Source provides selected full text for 200 U.S. and 20 international newspapers, 21 newswires and newspaper columns, and 26 TV and radio news transcripts.

-Academic Search Premier provides full text journal coverage for nearly all academic areas of study including social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies and currently includes 3,834 full text scholarly publications.

-MasterFILE Premier has full text articles from over 2,000 general reference, business, health, general science, and multi-cultural periodicals such as Time, Newsweek, Consumer Reports, and many others.

- Health Source Consumer and Academic Editions provides information covering nutrition, exercise, medical selfcare, childcare, and drug and alcohol abuse.

-Over 2,500 NetLibrary E-Books are available in a wide range of topics including essential reference materials, the latest social science, medical, art, Information Technology titles, and more.

This is just a sampling of some of the fantastic information to be found in INSPIRE. While this much information can often times be overwhelming, please know that the Reference staff at the Bartholomew County Public Library is always available to assist you with navigating and evaluating this information. Call, email or visit us and let us show you how to get INSPIREd.

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