

## **Sources: Print vs. Database vs. Website**

### **Print= Published on paper—books, magazines, newspapers**

#### Pros:

- Reviewed by experts for authority and accuracy
- Tangible
- Don't need any sort of technology to read it
- Available at any [Kansas City Public Library location](#)
- Free with a [Kansas City Public Library Card](#)

#### Cons:

- Can be outdated
- Can only search via the table of contents and index

### **Databases= E-info paid for by the library**

#### Pros:

- Current/ constantly updated
- Searchable using keywords
- Contain information from multiple types of print resources (books, magazines, newspapers) and related digital sources (like authoritative video)
- Reviewed by experts for authority and accuracy
- Cite original sources
- Available at The Kansas City Public Library website's [Digital Resources and Databases page](#)
- Free with a [Kansas City Public Library Card](#)

#### Cons:

- Need an Internet-enabled computer or device to access
- Often confused with websites since both are electronic, even though many database materials used to be in print form
- Need Library card number and PIN to access

### **Websites= Information on the Internet**

#### Pros:

- Easy to find using keyword search in a search engine (like Google)
- Do not require a Library card to access

#### Cons:

- Need an Internet-enabled computer or device to access
- Hit found in a search may not be relevant
- Not necessarily authoritative or accurate
- Anyone, even people with ulterior motives and/or no authority, can post
- Content on site can change