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## Highlighted Databases

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  - [Book Connections webinar](#) for public library staff
  - [TeachingBooks webinar](#) for school staff
- **Explora:** An interface designed for public and school libraries with a focus on the arts, literature, biography, business and careers, current events, geography and culture, health, history, math, science and more.
- **Biography Reference Center:** This database offers a collection of full-text biographies and unique narrative biographies. The database includes coverage of several of the most popular and heavily-researched biographies and genres, including those contained within Biography Today and Biography (both dating back to the first issue published).
- **Points of View Reference Center:** Containing resources that present multiple sides of an issue, this database provides rich content that can help students assess and develop persuasive arguments and essays, better understand controversial issues and develop analytical thinking skills.
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