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## How to Get Started

BHCC has many different databases, each with their own focuses, strengths, and weaknesses. You need to use your research topic to guide your database selection. Visit our Articles Online page at [www.noblenet.org/bhcc/databases.htm](http://www.noblenet.org/bhcc/databases.htm) to get started.

1. **Choose a Database by Subject:** Select the subject from the “subjects” menu that relates to your topic. You will see a list of recommended databases. These are the key resources for your topic. These databases are good places to start, however, do not limit yourself to only these databases. Be sure to check the “General” databases as well.
2. **Explore the “General Topics” Databases:** If your subject is not in the list, or if you need more information, select “General” from the subjects menu. The General Topics databases are very powerful research tools that cover most common research topics.
3. **Explore the A-Z list of Databases:** It is a good idea to scan the A-Z list and see if there are any resources that may be useful to you. Some resources may be filed under subjects that you haven’t explored yet.
4. **Ask a Librarian:** If you cannot find a database that is appropriate to your topic, be sure to ask a BHCC librarian for help.