

Database Selection: Academic, Public and K-12

To simplify usage reporting, we are trying to standardize the ProQuest account set-up by market type. The suggested market defaults for database selection are noted below. You are still free to select any/all of the ProQuest databases regardless of recommendations. Please record your selection on the data sheet.

Compressed View / Expanded View:

Each library must decide how users will see the list of available databases. The Compressed view lists the different databases you have selected for your package (e.g., ABI Trade & Industry, Discovery, Washington State Newsstand, Teacher Journals, etc.) The Expanded view also itemizes the modules that comprise those databases (e.g., General Interest, Military, Psychology, etc.)

ProQuest Information and Learning strongly recommends the use of the compressed view for three reasons:

1. The subject modules used to classify journals are in a general subject area whereas the subject headings within the article are very specific. Because of this, Searching by limiting to a subject module is not the best search strategy to obtain all the articles for a given subject.
2. Because the modules display in alphabetical order, the addition of all 16 of these modules to the database selection screen will require the library patron to scroll down in order to get to the Washington Newsstand 5 content and many users may not realized that additional newspaper content is there.
3. The statistics on usage on a statewide level will be difficult to compile since individual libraries using the expanded modules will receive many statistical reports instead of a roll-up report for Discovery or Researcher.

Database Selection:

Regardless of which view you elect to use, you must select from the databases available under the State Contract and build your library's package.

1. Reference Database: The first option available to your library is your selection for a General Reference Database (periodicals). There are two options to chose from, Discovery Library, which is smaller and geared towards the Public Library and Educational Market and the larger Research Library, which is designed and geared towards the academic market.

Option 1: General Reference Database

- 1A *Research Library* Split by Periodicals / Newspapers (Compressed).
(Academic Market Default)
- 1B *Research Library* with all 16 modules listed (Expanded).
- 1C *Discovery Library*.
(Public Market Default)
- 1D All of the packages listed above.

2. Newspaper Database: The second option is the selection of which Washington Newspaper Package you would like. Again, two options are available. The first option available is to get the complete Washington State Newspapers database that includes some newspapers with selective coverage. The second option is to only include the 6 newspapers in the Washington State Newspaper database that have complete coverage. Both packages automatically receive the national newspapers package which includes 5 full-text titles.

Option 2: Washington State Newspaper Database

- 2A *Washington State Newspapers (All newspapers in WA package including selected coverage titles) (Academic/Public Market Default)*
- 2B *Washington State Newspapers (5) (Only the 5 Full Coverage Newspapers--Seattle PI, Seattle Times, Tacoma News Tribune, Vancouver Columbian, Spokane Spokesman Review) (K-12 Market Default)*

3. Other Databases: Though the optional databases are generally used for the K-12 market, the Washington State contract allows access to all databases from customers in any market. Therefore Academic and Public customers have the option to include any of the K-12 databases available to WA2000. Because each of these choices is highly specialized, there is no market default suggested for any type of library.

Option 3: Optional Databases (included as part of package)

Non-K-12 libraries may select any of these if desired. **The K-12 market will receive them all by default.**

- 3A *Platinum Full Text* – Recommend for K-12 students, teachers and administrators
- 3B *Gold Full Text* – Recommended for High School and Junior High / Middle School Students
- 3C *JuniorQuest* – Recommended for Junior High / Middle School Students
- 3D *Reference Module* – Includes, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Ethnic Cultures of America, and CIA Factbook.
- 3E *Teacher Journals* - Selected professional educator's titles covering current issues in education.
- 3F *eLibrary* – Selected full-text magazines, newspapers, books and TV transcripts. Plus thousands of maps, pictures, web links, and audio/video files.
- 3G *eLibrary Elementary* - A sub-set of eLibrary, but with an easy-to-use graphical interface designed specifically for elementary students.

Option 4: New Optional Databases

- 4A *CultureGrams* – A major source reference for concise, reliable, and up-to-date cultural information on the countries of the world. It goes beyond mere facts and figures to deliver an insider's perspective on daily life and culture, including the history, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people.
- 4B *Ethnic News Watch* - An interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of newspapers, magazines and journals from ethnic, minority and native presses.
- 4C *Alternate Press Watch* - A full text database comprised of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the alternative and independent press.