

## DATABASE VENDORS AND CONTRACT INFORMATION

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On July 1, 2018, the Maine State Library will begin contracts with new and current providers:

- **Gale/Cengage** will be the new provider for core periodical and reference content (see below). Gale will also provide new content in addition to or as part of the statewide package. This includes the renewal of the Literature Resource Center.
- **EBSCO** will continue to provide Environment Complete, Food Science & Tech Abstracts, Hobbies and Crafts Resource Center, Learning Express Library / Computer Skills, NoveList Plus and K-8 Plus with the addition of the new **MyHeritage (Library Edition) – to do genealogical research from home!**
- **ProQuest** will continue to provide ASFA: Aquatic Sci & Fish Abstracts, Econlit, GeoRef, and **Business Premium Collection.** Ancestry Library Edition will be enhanced with additional access for K-12. Contract will upgrade from US Newsstream to Global Newsstream to get the broadest newspaper coverage (including full text to NYT, WSJ and WP)
- **World Book** will provide encyclopedia resources
- **Value Line Investment Survey** for public and academic libraries
- **Pronunciator** for an online language learning resource
- **Niche Academy** for ready-to-use tutorials for common library services
- **Springer** will continue to provide Nature

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The contracts will run up to five years, with an initial two-year contract followed by three one year renewals. Renewals will depend on ongoing funding availability as well usage data.

### GALE STATEWIDE PACKAGE

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Academic OneFile with InfoTrac Collections

Books & Authors

Career Transitions

**ChiltonLibrary**

Educator's Reference Complete

**Gale LegalForms**

**Gale Virtual Reference Library (Hosting & 25+ Titles)**

General OneFile with InfoTrac Collections

GREENR

Health & Wellness Resource Center

Health Reference Center Academic

Informe Academico

**InfoTrac Newsstand**

Kids InfoBits

**National Geographic Kids**

**Opposing Viewpoints in Context**

Research in Context

Scribner Writers Online

**Small Business Resource Center**

Student Resources in Context

Twayne's Authors Online

### **Gale InfoTrac Collections:**

Agriculture  
Business  
Business Economics and Theory  
Communications and Mass Media  
Criminal Justice  
Culinary Arts  
Diversity Studies  
Environmental Studies and Policy  
Fine Arts and Music  
Gardening, Landscape, and Horticulture  
Gender Studies  
General Science  
Home Improvement  
Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure  
Information Science and Library Issues

Information Science and Library Issues  
Military and Intelligence  
Nursing and Allied Health  
Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine  
Pop Culture  
Popular Magazines  
Professional Collections  
Psychology Collection  
Religion and Philosophy  
Small Business  
US History  
Vocations and Careers  
War and Terrorism  
World History

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## **AGRICOLA, ERIC, LISTA AND MEDLINE**

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These databases provided free online from the federal government. The RFP evaluation team determined the cost to pay a vendor to integrate them into the search platform was not a proper use of state money for statewide implementation. We will link to these resources as we do to other federally funded or freely available content.

## **HOW TO ACCESS THE NEW STATEWIDE DATABASES**

Beginning July 1, 2018, you will be able to access new content on the MARVEL. Geolocation/authentication will be the primary method of access for libraries and home users. We will begin this transition with Gale content and then additional vendors between now and September. Beginning September 1, 2018, you will have access to the new content through a re-designed and re-branded page. For the new Gale/Cengage statewide package, each library can set up direct access to content from their webpage and collect usage statistics using the Gale support portal. MSL will offer webinars and online assistance to aid in this set up for libraries.

## **TRAINING**

Training will be provided in three ways. Gale and other vendors will be offering webinars as well as some in-state training. Niche academy has been purchased statewide to provide video training for much of the purchased content. MSL will also provide training for any gaps in the above. Gale, MSL and Maine InfoNet will provide technical assistance via the web form and phone when needed.

## ONGOING COMMITTEES

MSL will be putting together three committees for ongoing work with digital content.

### FOCUS GROUP FOR WEB PORTAL RE-DESIGN (JUNE 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2018)

Online Meetings Via Zoom or Onsite Meetings in Augusta.

At least 2 meetings per month for a total of approximately 8 meetings

- This committee will review design of new portal and branding that has just begun development.
- Focus is on usability for a variety of audiences and incorporation of new ways to present online resources.

### E-RESOURCES COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT (OCTOBER 2018 THROUGH APRIL 2019)

Online meetings via Zoom or onsite meetings in Augusta.

Six monthly meetings (no meeting in December)

- This committee will look at usage reports, prepare a winter survey around content satisfaction
- Make recommendations of changes in content based on usage a library community needs

### MARKETING AND PROMOTION (AUGUST 2018 – JUNE 2019)

Option for a 2- year appointment

Six to 8 meetings during the commitment period

- This committee will assist in the statewide promotion of MARVEL to the identified sectors: Public libraries, K-12 libraries, academic libraries and Maine citizens access at home.
- Help develop best strategies to reach these sectors
- Make recommendations on promotional materials for each sector

### TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION (JUNE 2018 AND ONGOING)

MSL and Maine InfoNet staff will work with all vendors on the technical implementation and transition of the new content and newly branded web portal.