



RESOURCES: HOME ECONOMICS/DOMESTIC ARTS

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WHY THIS TOPIC?

- Patrons' interest in these topics at the branches where I usually work (very rural area)
- Cultural resurgence of interest in crafts (third-wave feminism & stress therapy): see handout for sample articles
- Current economy has made it necessary for many people to do home improvement, cooking, and other tasks for themselves

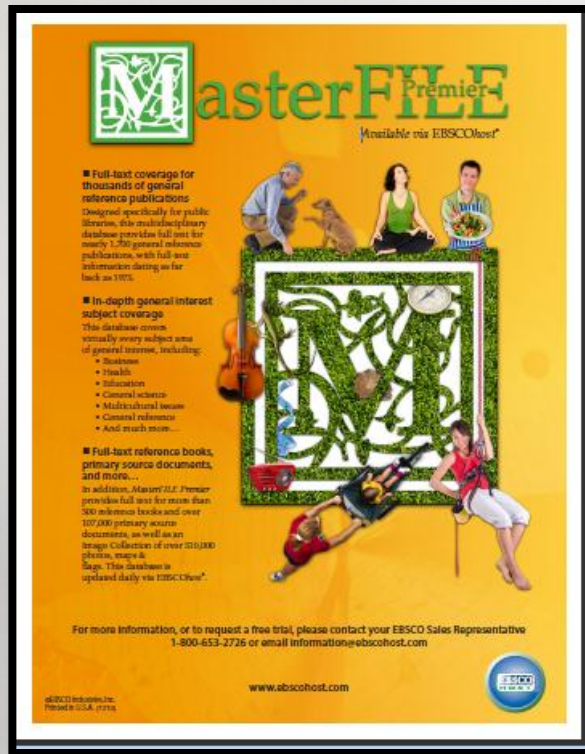


❖ **MASTERFILE Premier**: general reference database (EBSCO)

❖ **Proquest**: Web-designed general reference database; world's largest aggregator of newspapers and journals

❖ **Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center**: new database created at request of librarians (EBSCO)

❖ **DIYnetwork.com**: gold-standard tv channel & website devoted to home improvement & home repairs



http://www.ebscohost.com/uploads/general/MFP_PreSaleFlyer_121010.pdf

MASTERFILE PREMIER

- Full-text coverage of periodical going back to 1990
- Abstracts going back to 1986
- PDFs of some journals goes back to 1975 (Science News, Library Journal, Foreign Affairs)
- Also include book (p)reviews, primary source docs, photos, maps, flags, country reports, pamphlets, biographies, and reference books
- *Alternate: Academic Search Premier*

GREAT RESOURCE FOR FINDING INFO ON EBSCO DATABASES

The screenshot displays the EBSCO Publishing website. At the top, the EBSCO logo is followed by "Provider of EBSCOhost®". Navigation links include "EBSCO.com", "About Us", "Contact Us", and "Careers". A language selection dropdown is set to "Select a Language". Below this is a horizontal menu with categories: "Colleges & Universities", "Hospitals & Medical Institutions", "Corporations", "Government Institutions", "K-12 Schools", and "Public Libraries". A secondary row of links includes "Request a Free Trial", "Title Lists", "Success Center", "Support & Training", and "For Publishers".

The main content area features a large banner for "Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text" (Available via EBSCOhost), highlighting "More than 200 full-text journals and magazines—including more than 180 peer-reviewed journals—covering essential areas related to criminal justice and criminology".

Below the banner are four featured sections:

- EBSCO Publishing (EBSCO) and The H.W. Wilson Company (Wilson)**: A text block stating they have merged in what is being viewed by the companies as an ideal match.
- eBooks on EBSCOhost**: A text block explaining that users can learn more about collection development, acquisition options, and the user experience on the EBSCOhost platform.
- EBSCO Discovery Service™**: A text block stating it will harvest metadata from internal and external sources, creating a centralized pre-indexed service of unprecedented size and speed.
- Own a Piece of History**: A text block encouraging users to enhance their special collections with EBSCO's diverse array of digital historical archives.

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<http://www.ebscohost.com/>

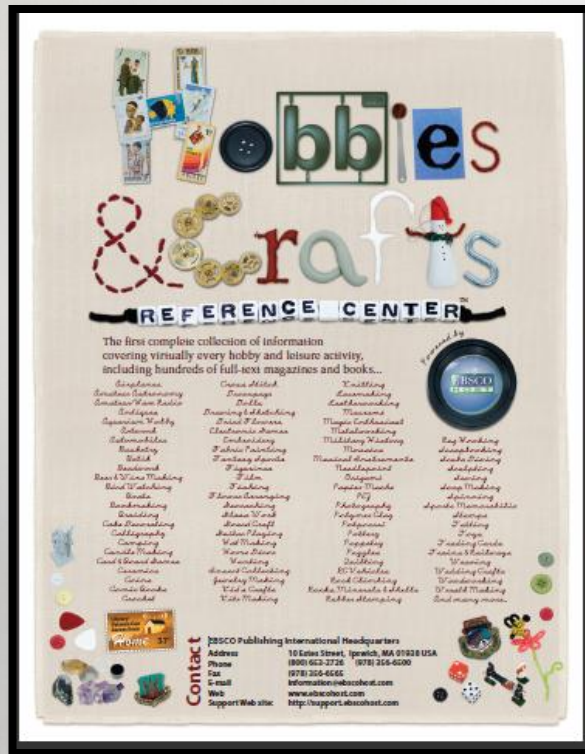


http://www.proquest.com/assets/literature/products/databases/pq_central.pdf

PROQUEST

- World's largest aggregator of journals & newspapers; general reference dBase
- Coverage back to 1905
- 160+ topics
- Excellent social networking tools (widgets, public tagging, list sharing with others)
- Winner of 9 CODiE awards (given by the Software and Information Industry Association for excellence in software)
- *Alt: Gale's General OneFile*

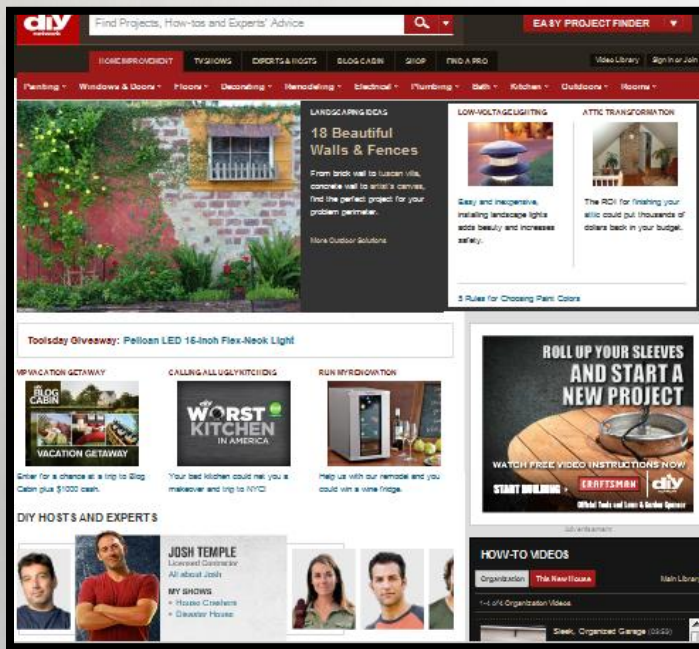
HOBBIES & CRAFTS REFERENCE CENTER



<http://www.ebscohost.com/public/hobbies-crafts-reference-center>

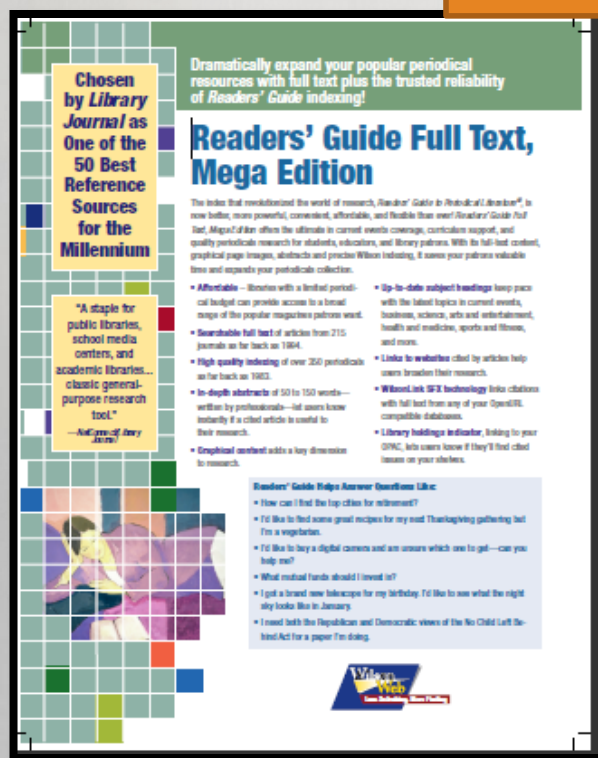
- Very new (2011)
- Created specifically because of requests from public librarians
- Full-text for 1200+ magazines and books
- 720+ videos
- 160 hobby profiles
- 3,000+ recipes from various health organizations
- Extremely friendly user interface
- *Alt: marthastewart.com*

DIYNETWORK.COM



- Devoted entirely to Home Improvement and Home Repair
- Experts provide authority to content, making it the gold standard of this type of sites (handpicked as “the best of the best” at my library for DIY resources
- Site is easy to use, nicely laid out and tabs provide sensible subject headings
- *Alt: Home Improvement Reference Center (EBSCO Database)*

ONE RESOURCE I WISH WERE AVAILABLE!!!



<http://www.hwwilson.com/Databases/flyers/ReadersGuideflyer.pdf>


Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

When I saw what this resource offered, I thought, "Wow, that's perfect!!!"

Unfortunately, I cannot find a library that uses it ☹

Many have the Retrospective (which gave me amazing results, and it was quite satisfying as well as quite fun to do my searches and see what came up), but coverage ends at 1982.

So if you're ever have the capacity to order this database for a public library, I would heartily recommend considering it.



Now (if we have time) let's go visit
Proquest see all the cool things they
have...