

Become a BEAR Pro With ProQuest

Let's review some basic searching skills with *BadgerLink* – a collection of online databases that Wisconsin's DPI provides schools and libraries. The search strategies presented here are useful in most other databases, library catalogs, and Internet search tools too.

Proquest provides access to abstracts and full-text of over 800 newspaper, magazine, journal, and trade publication titles including 12 Wisconsin newspapers.



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- When you click on **ProQuest**, you will be given the database choices below. Choose the circled option above, for EBSCOhost Web.



- You will be given choices to what databases to use. There are “pull-down” menus for **Database** and **Date Range**. There are “tick” boxes for **Full Text** and **Scholarly Journal**. Let's just use the **default** setting (multiple databases, All dates, and No ticks)

- We'll start with a **BASIC** search – enter the word **BEARS** in the **Basic Search** text box as circled below. Then click **SEARCH** (circled below too).



- DOES ANYONE WANT TO READ ALMOST A MILLIONS ARICLES ABOUT BEARS?!?! Even if you are a BIG bear fan, I think you will agree – this is just too much information!**



- We are going to need a better search strategy. Assuming we need information about bears in Wisconsin, it will be **EASIER** to use an **ADVANCED** search and control our results. Click on the **ADVANCED** tab and you will see the dialog box below:



- In the first search box, enter **BEARS** and use the pull-down menu next to it, select **SUBJECT** (Subject heading instead of keyword).



- In the second search box, enter **WISCONSIN**. In the pull-down menu next to it, select **CITATION AND ABSTRACT**. This means we will be searching for summaries and sources that refer to Wisconsin.



MUCH BETTER – now we have a manageable number of useful resources!