



BadgerLink Resource Hunt

How do I use BadgerLink at home?

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What is BadgerLink?

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What should I do if I'm having technical problems accessing BadgerLink from home?

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What does BadgerLink have for parents?
I need training!

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Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Click *About BadgerLink* on the right side. Click *Back To BadgerLink home* once you've finished reading the page.
- Badgerlink provides access for all of Wisconsin residents to articles from thousands of newspapers and periodicals, image files and other specialized reference materials and websites.
- Click the *BadgerLink FAQ* to read *What Is BadgerLink?* and *What Resources are Available on BadgerLink*.
- Click *Back* to access the BadgerLink homepage.
- Explore the resources by clicking on *[more info]* to the right of each listed resource.
- Click on *Resources for Elementary and Middle School Students | Teachers and Librarians* to lead you directly to resources for children and those working with children and students.

Search Strategy

- You are able to access BadgerLink automatically from any public school library in the state of Wisconsin.
- Watch for bookmarks and other material your school or library sends home with the BadgerLink address (www.badgerlink.net).
- Remember this address, save it as a Favorite or post the bookmark near your computer so you can access BadgerLink from any computer with a web browser and Internet access from your home, your office, your college or university.
- You must have a service provider registered with the Department of Public Instruction or a library card from a registered public library.
- If you're not sure, click on *Registered ISPs* or *Library Card Access* on the right side of the BadgerLink homepage.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Click *Training & Documentation* on the right side of the screen.
- Download the *BadgerLink Quick Reference Card* and keep it next to your computer.
- Or, scroll down and select a resource or database for specific help using their web-based tutorials or quick training guides.
- Example: under *EBSCO Training and Documentation*, click *EBSCO Web-Based Tutorials*. Scroll down to *Product-Specific Tutorials* and click *Searchasaurus* to view a Flash video. Audio is included so be sure to turn up your speakers.
- For fast access to resources geared to children and students, go to www.badgerlink.net, locate the *Resources for* section and click *Elementary and Middle School Students*.
- ¿Habra español? Look for tutorials in Spanish.
- Check the BadgerLink page from time to time as more information for parents is being added.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Click *Registered ISPs* on the right side of the screen to see if your Internet service provider is listed.
- If you do not have BadgerLink access at home through one of the listed Internet service providers, attempt access using your public library card.
- Click *Library Card Access* on the right side of the screen.
- If your community is listed, you may access BadgerLink resources by clicking the link for your library and using your library barcode number as the login ID.
- Still having problems? Click *Support Request Form* on the right side of the screen, fill out the form and click *Send*. BadgerLink technical staff will reply to your email.
- For a more detailed explanation, click *BadgerLink FAQ* and scroll down to read additional information about Internet service providers and browser requirements.



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Where can we find pictures for my kids to use in projects?

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Does BadgerLink have any encyclopedias?

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BadgerLink Resource Hunt

My child or student is an English Language Learner. Is there anywhere to hear his assigned book read in English?

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My child is a reluctant reader. Is there any way to encourage his interest in a school-assigned book or author?

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Search Strategy

- Yes. Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Click *EBSCOhost (All Databases)*.
- Scroll down the list of databases to *Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia* and click to access the resource.
- Enter your topic in the *Find* box and click *Search*. Articles may be added to a folder and later printed, emailed or saved.

For Children & Students

- *Kids Search* and *Searchasaurus* also lead to the *Funk & Wagnall's New World Encyclopedia* with kid-friendly screens. Click either of these resource links located next to EBSCOhost.
- Within *Kids Search*, click the *Encyclopedia* button at the top of the homepage and enter your topic in the *Look Up* box. Articles can be printed, emailed or saved in a session folder.
- In *Searchasaurus*, click the *Encyclopedia* button at the top of the homepage and enter your topic in the *Look Up* box. Articles can be emailed or printed.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net. Most of the resources and databases contain image files of some sort.
- For younger students, locate *EBSCOhost* and click *Searchasaurus*.
- Click *Pictures* at the top of the *Searchasaurus* page.
- Enter your topic in the *Find* field and click *Search*.
- Your search term must exactly match a word in the title, caption or keywords of an image. For example, the search term *mountains* does not yield the same results as the search term, *mountain range*.
- You may have to experiment with your search terms based on whether your term returned too many images or none at all.
- There are 235,000 images in the collection. Subjects covered in EBSCO's Image Collection include history, politics, animals, topical news photos, science-related photos as well as maps, cityscapes, landmarks and entertainment.
- Right-click your selected picture and you can either print it, save it as a file or send it in an email.

Search Strategy

- Yes! Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Click *TeachingBooks* in the *Resources for Wisconsin Residents* list.
- Search for an author in either *Author Programs* or *Author Websites* in the task bar located at the top of the screen. If *Author Websites* doesn't appear, click *Valuable Links* to bring up a new page and then click *Author & Illustrator Personal Websites*.
- Seeing an author read their work or talk about the writing or creating process can be very engaging for a reluctant reader.
- Click *Book Guides* which leads to a variety of discussion questions, vocabulary and background information to assist you in helping your child understand the book.
- If you need extra assistance in navigating *TeachingBooks*, click *Training* at the top of the task bar and view available movies or slideshows located under *Individual Training Resources*.

Search Strategy

- Yes. Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Click on *TeachingBooks* in the *Resources for Wisconsin Residents*.
- *TeachingBooks* has close to 1,800 book readings or excerpts. This is a great activity for both English language learners and voracious readers wanting to enjoy hearing a professional reading of a favorite book.
- Search by book title or author name and click *Go*.
- In the results window, scroll down to *Book Readings* to see whether your specific book is listed.
- In some instances, your search may lead you to a company's online catalog for book read-alongs. You may either purchase the audio or use this information to search your public library catalog and borrow the audio version from your library.
- If you need extra assistance in navigating *TeachingBooks*, click *Training* at the top of the task bar and view available movies or slideshows located under *Individual Training Resources*.



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My child is excited about the public library's Summer Reading Program. Where can we find more mystery books at her reading level?

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BadgerLink Resource Hunt

I am searching for recommended booklists at a child's interest and reading level. Where would I find such lists?

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BadgerLink Resource Hunt

Where could my student find information on legislation that Wisconsin senators have recently introduced to the United States Congress?

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BadgerLink Resource Hunt

My student is preparing a poster on the history of our community. Are there any historic photographs that can be added to the poster?

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Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Click on *TeachingBooks* in the *Resources for Wisconsin Residents*. To gain access to all of the site's resources you may need to register in the *Educator's* area which is free. If you are not an educator, register as *Other* to gain unlimited access.
- Once you are authenticated, click either *Thematic Booklists* or the *Book Awards* tab at the top of the screen. If the tabs are not present, click the *Educator Area* button to access these resources.
- Under each category you may search by age level.
- Many of the available lists consist of authors and titles. However, under the *Thematic Booklist*, the *100 Favorite Children's Books* produced by the New York Public Library provides a short synopsis of each recommended title.
- In the *Books Awards* section, the *Editor's Choice From Booklist* contains previous years' top titles in adult & youth books, media and reference. All are sorted by age and topic, and include a short synopsis.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Click on *TeachingBooks* in the *Resources for Wisconsin Residents*.
- Under the Search box on the right, click *Subject / Advanced Search*.
- Enter the term *mystery* in the Search box.
- Click the *All Fields* radio button. You may also specify more details such as chapter books or grade level.
- Click *Go*.
- This should lead you to authors, book guides or reading programs. Use these for reading enrichment or as a suggestion for authors and titles to find at your public library.
- If you need extra assistance in navigating TeachingBooks, click *Training* at the top of the task bar and view available movies or slideshows located under *Individual Training Resources*.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Scroll down until you reach *Wisconsin Heritage Online*, a digital collection of Wisconsin's history, heritage, culture and people, and click the link.
- Look at the help provided by clicking *Sample Searches*.
- Select *Guided Search*.
- Input your community in the search box.
- To limit your search, use the dropdown and select either *Stillimage* or *Photograph*.
- Click *Search* to begin the query.
- Click the image of any of the returned photographs for more detailed information.
- Click *Save This Record* for storage in your personal workspace.
- You can access your workspace by clicking *Saved Records* at the top of the screen. Materials can be selected and emailed, including citation information.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select *Government Sites*.
- From the list of government sites, select Thomas, a site at the Library of Congress dedicated to making Federal legislative information freely available.
- When the search page appears, select *Browse Bills by Sponsor* and use the appropriate dropdown box to select the representative or senator. Wisconsin officials will contain a *WI* within the square brackets after their name.
- Click *Go* to begin the search process.
- Each bill comes up with the bill number, summary of the bill, cosponsors, any associated committees and the latest major action on the bill.
- Clicking the bill number provides additional information, including the actual text of the legislation, related bills and more.



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I am searching my genealogy. Some of my ancestors may have been featured in older newspapers. Is there a way I can search for these articles?

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My high school student has to write a research report. The teacher requires his students to cite sources in a specific format. Does BadgerLink include a variety of ways teachers commonly ask students to use for source citations? Is it possible to make certain she is accessing the full article and not simply an abstract?

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BadgerLink Resource Hunt

My intermediate student is working on a geography project on a specific country. Where can I find current political, demographic, and cultural information about this country at her reading level?

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BadgerLink Resource Hunt

As a parent or after school program provider, we often get questions about math homework that are difficult to answer. Is there a good site that provides tools to help kids learn math?

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Search Strategy

- Yes. Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Search the *EBSCOhost* database.
- Enter your search term(s). Limit your results to full text only before clicking the *Search* button. It is also possible to add other limiters such as a date range.
- From the result lists in both databases, one can *mark* or *save* the best articles to a folder.
- After examining the returned results and saving them to the folder, click on the folder icon which is located near the top of the screen.
- Click *Create Your Bibliography* and select one of several standard citation formats, including 1) AMA, 2) APA, 3) Chicago/Turabian, 4) MLA and 5) Vancouver.
- The bibliography or list of citations may be emailed, printed or downloaded. Both databases have *Help* buttons with search tips and additional online citation information.

Search Strategy

- Yes! Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Locate and click *Access Newspaper Archive*. This source contains tens of millions of articles in historical newspaper pages dating back to the 1700s.
- The archive is searchable by date, newspaper, location, personal names or events.
- Input your search term. For example, use a first and last name.
- Click *Search*.
- In the *Advanced Search Mode* you can limit the date range, choose specific newspapers and other search items.
- In the results windows, click the source link (top line) to view the article.
- Excerpts from your returned pages will highlight your search terms for easy reference.
- The full newspaper page may either be printed or saved using the associated icons located at the top of the screen.

Search Strategy

- Yes. Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- At the bottom of the screen in the *General Resources* box, click *Web Portals*.
- Click the *Librarians' Index to the Internet* which is a searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 9,000 Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians for their usefulness.
- Enter the phrase *homework help* or your exact topic such as *math* in the *Search* box and click *Search LII.Org*.
- Your results will link you to web sites you can trust such as *The Math Forum* or *Ask Dr. Math*.
- Here it is possible to search for formulas, learning tools for arithmetic, multiplication, algebra, geometry and even trigonometry. Questions are searchable by grade level and topic. If you do not find your answer, pose a question to Dr. Math. Although they will not do a student's homework, Dr. Math's staff can provide guidance and assistance based on the work performed by the student.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Under *EBSCOhost*, locate and click *Searchasaurus*.
- Click *People and Places*.
- Click *Countries*. If your country is listed, click the associated flag. If not, enter the country's name in the *Find* box and click *Search*.
- Some information on countries comes from the *CIA World Fact Book* which is written at a fifth grade reading level. Lexile scores indicating a level of reading difficulty are provided for most articles or reference books. Articles can be printed or emailed.
- To enhance your student's report with associated graphics, click *Pictures* in the *Filter results by* section. Photographs, maps and flags associated with your student's country may be printed or sent by email to be used in her report.



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My student is learning a foreign language. No one in my household speaks this language. Where can I get homework help outside of my school classroom?

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Does BadgerLink provide a list of safe sites for children?

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BadgerLink Resource Hunt

My student in second grade needs help in deciding on a science fair project. Is there any place to find some ideas for an appropriate project?

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Where can I find information on how the schools can help my student with his food allergies?

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Search Strategy

- Yes! Go to www.badgerlink.net. Badgerlink is a portal to reliable Internet sites for children.
- At the bottom of the screen in the *General Resources* section, click *Web Portals*.
- Click the *Librarians' Index to the Internet* which is a searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 9,000 Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians for their usefulness.
- There are several other massive research centers on the *Web Portal* list that are also worth searching which include LibrarySpot.com and the Virtual Learning Resource Center.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- At the bottom of the screen in the *General Resources* section, click *Web Portals*.
- Click the *Librarians' Index to the Internet* which is a searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 9,000 Internet resources selected and evaluated by librarians for their usefulness.
- Enter the specific language in the *Search* box or, for a broader search, enter the term *foreign language*.
- Click the *Search LII.Org* button to begin your query.
- Your search should take you to dictionaries, some with word and phrase pronunciation by native speakers, flash cards, vocabulary lists, verb conjugations, translations of English to a foreign language, cultural information and even online tutorials for beginning learners or travelers.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Scroll down to *Resources by Type* and select *Health & Medical*.
- Check the box in front of *Health Source - Consumer Edition* and click *Continue*.
- On the search page, click the *Full Text* box. This will limit your results to articles that are printed in their entirety.
- Input your search terms in the *Find* box located at the top of the page. For example, type *children and food allergies and schools*.
- Scan the articles for results. To narrow your results to a specific category, click one of the filter links located on the far left side of the results screen.
- You may select individual articles to add to your workspace by clicking on the *Add* icon located in the right column of each article.
- Access your selections by clicking the *Folder* icon located at the top right area of your screen. At this point you can either print, email or save your articles by clicking the associated icon.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Locate *EBSCOhost* and click *Searchasaurus*, the database for young students.
- Enter your topic in the *Find* box. For example, input the phrase *science fair* and click *Search*.
- Look over the citation information for relevance by clicking the titles returned in the results window.
- You may print or email found articles.
- Below are two other helpful web sites:
 - <http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral> - Hosted by Discovery Channel. This site features tips and instructions for a successful and meaningful science fair experience.
 - <http://www.scifair.org> - A site developed and maintained by a computer science professor. It is designed for teachers and students as an all-purpose resource.



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Where could my student find out how the unemployment rate in Wisconsin compares to the national rate?

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Where could my student find a selection of poetry based on a certain theme? Where can she find biographical information on a poet?

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- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Locate and click the *LitFinder* button.
- Input a theme selection (example: *war*) in the *Basic Search* box. Check the *Poems* box to limit the results to poetry.
- Click the icon with the double-arrow to begin searching.
- Returned poems with a boxed *T* contain full text of the poem. Click the title to view the poem.
- To obtain biographical information on the poet, click the poet's name which is located next to *Author* near the top of the screen.
- To print, select the *Print Text Only* option that appears on the bottom of the page.
- Be sure to save the citation information. For help in citing sources, click the *Help* button at the top of the page and select *Citing Information*.

Search Strategy

- Go to www.badgerlink.net.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and select *Government Sites*.
- Click *FedStats*, a Federal Government web site that provides access to a broad range of statistical information.
- Locate and click *MapStats*.
- Click the state of Wisconsin on the map of the United States.
- Scroll down the list of statistics until you see a section titled *Business MapStats*.
- As you scroll down, you will find information for Wisconsin compared to the rest of the United States.

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