



## General Reference Center Gold

**Scope:** General interest database that combines a variety of source materials including magazines, trade publications, newspapers and reference books. It contains articles on current events, business and industry trends, sports, popular culture and more.

### How to Access:

- Click on the word “Chicopee CLIC” on the Chicopee Public Library homepage ([www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org](http://www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org))
- Click on the label “Reference”.
- Click on “General Reference Center”.
- Log on using the CLIC username and password or your library card number. (Check the “Homework Helper” bookmark, or see the librarian, if you forget the username and password) or your library barcode.

### How to Search?

1. **Basic Search:** allows you to search for words or phrases in keyword [default], subject or an entire document.

Example: “bullying”

Refining your results:

Results can be narrowed by selecting a document type (ex. report, abstract or interview), publication title, or subject on the left side of the page. Tabs at the top allow you to select from the following: “Academic Journals”, “Magazines”, “Books”, “News” or “Multimedia”. With the check boxes (below the tabs), results can be limited to “full-text”, “peer reviewed” or “with images”.

The screenshot shows the search interface for General Reference Center Gold. At the top, there is a blue header with the title "General Reference Center Gold". Below the header, there are navigation links: "Bookmark", "Dictionary", "Title List", and "Help". A search bar is present with tabs for "Basic Search", "Subject Guide Search", "Publication Search", and "Advanced Search". The "Basic Search" tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a search box with the text "Find:" and a "Search" button. Below the search box, there are radio buttons for "Subject", "Keyword" (which is selected), and "Entire document". At the bottom of the search box, there is a link for "More search options".



2. **Subject Guide Search:** This search allows you to find the right terms or vocabulary for your search by offering subdivisions and related searches. Refine your results further by using the limiters at the bottom of the page.  
Example: "Computers"

Subdivisions: access control, accidents, accounting and auditing.

Related Subjects: Analog Computers, Biocomputers, Digital Computers

3. **Publication Search:** Use this search to select articles from specific publications. Refine your results further by using the limiters at the bottom of the page.

Click on "all publication titles" to see an alphabetical list of all titles included in this database. Or, click on "Browse Publication Subject" to focus your search.

Example: education

4. **Advanced Search:** Use the drop down boxes to set up your search terms (keyword, author or abstract). Add in the Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT). Then refine your results further by using the limiters at the bottom of the page.

### **Questions??**

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