

Library of Texas

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<http://www.libraryoftexas.org/>

What is the Library of Texas (LOT)?

It is...

- an online search interface that allows users to search multiple library catalogs and databases at the same time
- offered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission – the same organization that administers the [TexShare] <http://www.texshare.edu> program

It includes...

- 76 public library, 52 academic library, and 4 unique library catalogs
- 17 TexShare commercial databases

Some definitions:

Online (electronic) database – a collection of searchable records; includes articles from magazines, journals, newspapers, encyclopedias, and other sources; may include full text or citations and abstracts only; typically requires a subscription

[TexShare] <http://www.texshare.edu/> – a statewide consortium of academic, public, and medical libraries intended for resource sharing; the database component of TexShare provides a selection of electronic subscription databases to member libraries at a reduced cost.

It offers...

- grouping of library catalogs by region- and lets *you* define your own group of favorites
- grouping of resources by 9 subject areas (including Spanish materials)

- a “get it” button to provide easy ILL requests, online resource availability, and even places to purchase items online

Why Do Certain Libraries Show Up on the Search Screen?

LOT rates libraries on a scale of 1 to 5, with those who have the strongest collections in a subject area getting a 5. The LOT entry page displays any library patron’s five closest public and academic libraries with a strength of at least a 3, and automatically checks those with scores of 4 or better.

How Does My Library Join?

- Any willing TexShare library with a Z39.50 server can give the State Library permission to share its catalog on LOT
- Your library’s logo and links to your library home page and web catalog can be included as well
- For technical information about joining go to [LOT Adding your Library] <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/lot/librarianinfo.html> and scroll down to the information you need

How Do I Search LOT?

Here’s a look at the easy LOT interface:

The screenshot shows the 'LIBRARY OF TEXAS' search interface. At the top, it says 'Search in Libraries and Online Resources' and 'Texas State Library and Archives Commission'. The main header includes 'LIBRARY OF TEXAS' and 'Westbank Community Library'. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'Home', 'About LoT', 'Clear', and 'Help'. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Subject Areas:** A list of subject categories with checkboxes, including Business Information, General Information, History & Genealogy, Homework & Education, Librarian Tools, Literature & Criticism, Medicine & Health, Newspapers & Magazines, Science & Technology, and Spanish Materials.
- Personal settings:** Options to 'Build a group of favorites' and 'See your search history'.
- Search - General Information:** A section with a search box and a 'Search' button. It includes instructions: '* Enter words in the box to search the resources that are checked below', '* Choose a subject on the left to see a different group of resources', and '* Build and save your own favorite groups of resources'. There are also checkboxes for 'Advanced search', 'Search libraries only', 'Search article databases only', and 'Un-check all resources'.
- Public Libraries:** A list of public libraries with checkboxes, including Austin Public Library, Bulverde / Spring Branch Library, Comfort Public Library, Round Rock Public Library System, and Taylor Public Library.
- Academic Libraries:** A list of academic libraries with checkboxes, including ACCD - San Antonio College, Austin Community College, Texas Lutheran University, Trinity University, and UT Austin (via OCLC).

Suppose you woke up one morning feeling like something has stung your foot. You noticed a spider scurrying across the floor. You might want to find out more about spider bites.

- Enter the LOT
- Select Medicine and Health from the subject list on the left
- Check some nearby libraries and online databases from the list offered below the search box
- Type “poison ivy” in the search box

Subject Areas

- Business Information
- General Information
- History & Genealogy
- Homework & Education
- Librarian Tools
- Literature & Criticism
- Medicine & Health**
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Science & Technology
- Spanish Materials

Personal settings

- Build a group of favorites
- See your search history

Search - Medicine & Health

Welcome to the Library of Texas! You can:

- * **Enter** words in the box to search the resources that are checked below
- * **Choose** a subject on the left to see a different group of resources
- * **Build** and save your own favorite groups of resources

See the help page for more instructions.

- Advanced search
- Search libraries only
- Search article databases only
- Un-check all resources

Public Libraries

- Austin Public Library
- Bryan and College Station Public Library System
- Comfort Public Library
- Houston Public Library
- Round Rock Public Library System

Online Resources:

- Alt Health Watch

Academic Libraries

- Austin Community College
- Texas Lutheran University
- Trinity University
- UT Austin (via OCLC)
- UTHSCSA - Briscoe Library

Other:

- TSLAC

EBSCO's Health Source Database returned 206 possible items. The first 10 are listed on the search page.

Home | About LoT
Clear | Help

[Back to search page](#)

Search in my selected resources:

- Advanced search

Searching 16 databases 100% finished

Next

Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition (EBSCO)

Results 1 - 10 of 206

- Clinical Quiz. - American Family Physician
- Common Spider Bites. - American Family Physician

The icon indicates this resource is available online.

Click on “Common Spider Bites” and you’ll get a citation, a summary, and sometimes, a link to the article itself.

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Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition (EBSCO)

Summary

Title: Common Spider Bites.

Journal: American Family Physician, 3/15/2007, Vol. 75 Issue 6, p869-8735p

Author: Diaz, James H.


Topical term: BITES & stings -- SKIN -- Diseases -- SPIDERS -- VENOM -- SPIDER bites

ISSN: 0002838X

Online resource: • [Link to Article](#)

Phys. format:

Summary: There are more than 30,000 species of spiders, most of which cannot inflict serious bites to humans because of their delicate mouthparts and impotent or prey-specific

If your article isn’t readily available, there will be a citation, often a summary, and this  “get it” button at the bottom.

“Get it” will take anyone to either:

- An easy ILL form
- Online source for the article
- Online place to purchase the item

When should I recommend it to patrons?

LOT might be useful when a patron...

- is looking for both books and articles on a single topic
- wants to search more than one database for the same topic
- wants to search other Texas libraries’ collections

For more help...

- At any time in your search process, click HELP in the upper-right hand corner. The Help topic will open in a new window.
- Go to [LOT at the State Library] <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/lot/index.html>

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