**USING LIBRARY DATABASES**

**What Will a Research Database Do?**

A research database will give you the information you need to find a magazine, newspaper, or journal. Once you locate an article in a database, the following three elements may be included:

- **Citation**
  
  Although the database may not contain the article itself, the **citation will provide the information that you need** to find the article.

- **Abstract**
  
  It may also include an **abstract or brief summary** of the article's content.

- **Full text**
  
  Sometimes a research database will link to the **complete text** of the article.

**Locating Research Databases**

The Library manages over 100 research databases for current students and employees to access from on or off campus.

To find the library research databases:

Go to the MDC Library website: [http://www.mdc.edu/libraries](http://www.mdc.edu/libraries)

Select the "Library Databases" link

Click  **Databases A-Z**
Enter your student I.D. number and 4 digit PIN (last four digits of your student I.D. number)

Borrower ID: 

PIN: 

Log on

What are my ID and PIN? What about privacy?

What resources are available for Guests?

From the list, choose the database or group of databases that is best for your research topic.