



# MAGNOLIA NEWS



## Mississippi Alliance for Gaining New Opportunities through Library Information Access

### How Do I Access the MAGNOLIA Databases?

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The public and community college Library page was designed so that each library will have their own MAGNOLIA web page. The links to the MAGNOLIA database are setup so that each library will continue to obtain statistics for their library. The first time someone accesses the public and community college library web page, they select their library and it creates a web page for their library. This newly created page can be bookmarked or used on a library web site to provide easy access to the MAGNOLIA products.

In addition to the links to the MAGNOLIA Databases, the new web pages contain information about new software releases, new MAGNOLIA products, a documentation center which provides links to documentation for most of the MAGNOLIA products, information on how to access the MAGNOLIA products from home, a link to the MAGNOLIA web page and much more.

Public/Community College page: <http://library.msstate.edu/magnolia/public.asp>

### Need Documentation?

If you need documentation for the MAGNOLIA databases, try going to the MAGNOLIA Documentation Center. The center was developed to provide easy access to the documentation for the many products offered by MAGNOLIA.

<http://library.msstate.edu/magnolia/documentation.htm>

### Need Training?

If you or someone in your district needs additional training in how to use the MAGNOLIA databases, contact Catherine Nathan, First Regional Library System, [cnathan@first.lib.ms.us](mailto:cnathan@first.lib.ms.us). Catherine will be more than happy to setup a district-wide training session in your area.

### How you can help?

As you probably know, MAGNOLIA is supported solely by funding from the Mississippi state legislature. Please let your local legislative members know what MAGNOLIA project means to your school. This is probably the single most important thing you can do to support MAGNOLIA.

You can also assist in spreading the word about MAGNOLIA. Please be sure to talk to your teachers and encourage them to incorporate the MAGNOLIA products into their teaching. Also, talk to other librarians in your area to be sure they are using MAGNOLIA and encourage them to do so if they are not using these products.

In the future, we will post some sample public service announcements that you can use to

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While *Dictionary of Literary Biography* will continue to be an important reference work in print, the addition of online access extends the functionality of this rich reference resource and make it available to smaller collections. *Dictionary of Literary Biography* addresses your patrons' needs for overall indexing and subject term accessibility of this extensive series, helping them locate multiple entries for the same author within the print series or enter a subject term to find writers by a genre or topic.

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