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Connecting to UF Libraries' Electronic Resources from Off Campus

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While the UF Libraries' Catalog and some other resources on the library Web site **<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu>** are freely available to anyone connected to the Internet, **access to most library research databases and E-Journals from outside the Libraries is governed by licenses which restrict remote access to current UF students, faculty, and staff.**

On-campus users will normally be able to connect directly to library-licensed resources as if they were in a campus library. However, **each time you want to access these resources from off campus, you must first connect to the UF in one of the several ways described below. To prepare for verifying your current UF affiliation when off campus, you must do the following in advance:**

- **Activate the library number on your Gator 1 Card**. This 14-digit number beneath the barcode (beginning with 200...) is used for many library services. When you receive your Gator 1 Card (or if you ever replace it), **the library number is NOT automatically activated**. **It becomes activated only if you** 1) check out a library item, 2) bring it to a UF Library circulation desk and ask for it to be activated, or 3) submit the activation request form at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/distreg.html>. *NOTE: Online form requests require one business day.*

- **Set up your free GatorLink account**. You can register for your free GatorLink account at the GatorLink Web page at <http://www.gatorlink.ufl.edu/> or by going to the CSE building, Room E 214 or E520. *NOTE: Many other campus services require use of your GatorLink account.*

Connection Options: The following chart lists the available connection options and provides key points to help you decide what approach may work best in your situation. **To log on to the Library Proxy or link to specific setup instructions for the other options shown**, select *"Off-Campus Access"* under "Services" from the UF Libraries' Home Page or go directly to:

http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/access.html

Connection Method	Key Points
Dial Up to GatorLink	• UF provides free dial-up Internet access. Once connected in this way, access to library-licensed databases is automatic. • 56K modem connection only (comparatively slow); long distance charges may apply.
Library Proxy (EZproxy) *Using any Internet service besides GatorLink Dial-Up*	• Easy to connect; just go to the UF Libraries' Home Page, select *Remote Logon"* (upper right corner) and enter either your GatorLink logon or *activated* 14-digit library number to connect through a special UF computer. • You must follow the navigation instructions in order to remain logged on to your session. • Should work with any Internet Service Provider and Web browser. • This connection approach will NOT work with WebCT services.
UF VPN *Using any Internet service besides GatorLink Dial-Up*	• Download VPN (Virtual Private Network) connection software from UF. • When you want to connect through UF, just click a VPN icon on your desktop; enter your GatorLink username/password. • Once connected in this way, access to library-licensed databases is automatic. • Unlike the Library Proxy, there are no special navigation instructions. • This connection approach WILL work with WebCT services.

Other Connection Options and Information: Any other available connection options (or updated information) may always be viewed by selecting *"Off-Campus Access"* under "Services" from the UF Libraries' Home Page.

TO GET HELP SEARCHING LIBRARY DATABASES -- Visit an appropriate campus library for assistance; library hours are available as a link on the **UF Libraries' Home Page <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu>** (select **"Hours"**). You may also select **"Ask A Librarian"** on the Home Page to find out how to "chat" with a librarian online, telephone to speak with reference/information or subject specialist staff, report database access problems, etc.