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The Orange County Public Library...

The other day I learned about a cover story recently published in *Time* magazine. Nowadays, my first effort to find this story would be to go online and visit the *Time* website. When I did this I found their archives are available to paid subscribers but not free to the general public.

Plan B then was to visit the local Orange County Public Library, located at El Toro Road and Raymond. My visit there again added to my frustration... because the particular issue I wanted was already signed out.

However, the librarian offered another alternative... and that brings us to the reason for writing this column. The librarian suggested that he could, using his computer, visit the **Research Databases** available online at the **OCPL** website and download the particular editorial I was looking for. He did it, then printed it, and gave it to me within minutes... no cost to me. *Guess my taxes actually paid for this one.*

I have never really focused on this resource before and thought it would be useful to bring it to your attention. So, this is how you can do it at home:

1. Go to **www.ocpl.org**
2. Click on **Catalog**
3. Click on **Research Center** on the blue menu bar
4. Click on **Our Online Databases**
5. Choose a database:
 - California Digital Library**
 - Literature Resource Center**
 - Magazine and Reference Databases**
 - Newsbank**
 - Proquest/LA Times**
 - Rand**
 - Reference USA**

NOTE... To use these databases on your home computer, you will be asked to enter your **OCPL Library Card Number**. Enter the numbers with no spaces. (*If your **Card Number** starts with **D**, type **2** instead of **D**.*)

If you have any problems with the website, call your local library branch and ask for the Information Desk for help and assistance.