Virtually every course of study — from history to science to literature — is ultimately tied to the study of people.

Today, more than ever, public libraries are a hub of community activity. Now, the Gale In Context family of online portals helps meet the needs of your community with remarkable, media-rich resources that provide homework help, promote lifelong learning and enhance information literacy.

Hundreds of portal pages are curated by editors who hand-select reference results, images and more. Within each portal, topic overviews commissioned by subject-area experts provide patrons with contextual information critical to understanding each topic.

Additionally, Gale In Context resources keep your library relevant by delivering authoritative content with a Web-like functionality that attracts and motivates patrons of all skill levels.

Scope and depth
The challenges, motivations, successes and failures of yesterday’s and today’s notables can educate and inspire patrons. Biography in Context is built on a foundation of more than 600,000 biographies designed to draw patrons into new perspectives on familiar topics.

Authoritative content
- Contemporary Black Biography
- Dictionary of American Biography
- Europe, 1450 to 1789
- Historic World Leaders
- And hundreds more titles from Gale and its publishing partners

Engage patrons with multimedia
- Biography in Context brings patrons face-to-face with their subjects via video, audio clips and images of yesterday and today’s most-studied figures
- Daily newspapers and newswires, including The New York Times, USA Today, Daily Mail and other widely read publications keep patrons up to date
- A Web-like experience meets the needs of today’s patrons

Spotlight feature: Factbox
Biography in Context delivers at-a-glance information on newsmakers and historical figures alike, helping patrons gain a foundation for further discovery.
Premier portals support 21st century learning

Gale In Context is the result of patron input and a study of research processes. Our findings revealed that patrons prefer resources that combine web-like functionality with high-quality information. To help patrons streamline their efforts and identify the most relevant content, we created eye-catching, engaging topic pages that seamlessly integrate authoritative reference from Gale and its partners with media-rich, curriculum-aligned content that spans core subjects and 21st century themes like civic literacy, health literacy and global awareness.

Gale In Context resources:
- Engage and motivate patrons with a web-like experience that promotes information discovery
- Include tools to support differentiated learning and diverse patron populations
- Deliver helpful topic pages and enhanced search results to streamline the research process

Technology enhances the learning experience

Gale In Context knowledge portals deliver authoritative content complemented by intuitive features:
- Web-like interface design and intuitive navigation with thousands of portal pages to aid content discovery
- Media-rich content – images, audio clips, video, maps and interactive resources – enhance patron ability to evaluate and apply information
- ReadSpeaker text-to-speech technology and ability to adjust font size support struggling readers, the elderly and the visually impaired
- Document translator instantly converts any document into French, Spanish, Japanese, German, Italian, Portuguese, Korean and simplified Chinese – ideal for libraries serving diverse communities
- Customizable RSS feeds deliver information automatically to patrons
- Web 2.0 sharing allows linking through social networks and bookmarking tools
- Print, e-mail, download and bookmark tools help patrons tailor information to their needs
- Citation tools are mapped to MLA7 and APA6 standards