

PRODUCT UPDATE



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General Updates for Gale resources

Continuously adding new content

There were 1,312 new titles added to Gale resources from December - March. To view these titles, please go here: <http://solutions.cengage.com/Gale/Database-Title-Lists/Change-Lists/>



Remember! For the most up-to-date information and product updates don't forget to visit the Gale blog at <http://blog.gale.com>

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The new version of Gale's *Access My Library (AML) app*, with enhancements that include a faster library search and more intuitive resource display, is now available on Google Play for Android devices, as well as on iTunes for IOS. The two versions are in sync, meaning no matter what the device, users will find the same fast, helpful features.

Product Updates

**INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY.
IMPROVED USABILITY.
PLATFORM UNIFICATION.**

Gale brings responsive design and more to its leading resources

NEW VERSION

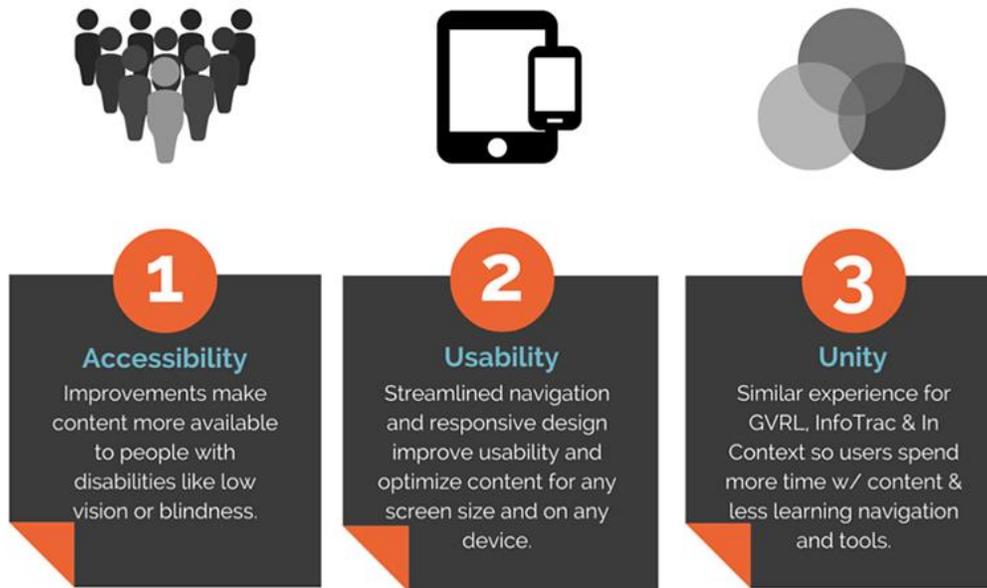
The banner features a blue background with white text. On the right side, there is an illustration of a computer monitor, a tablet, and a smartphone, all displaying the GVRL interface. A blue speech bubble with a white thumbs-up icon and the text 'NEW VERSION' is positioned in the upper right corner.

On April 2, 2015, Gale released enhancements to *GVRL* and the product families of *InfoTrac* and *In Context* (excluding *Global Issues In Context* and *GREENR*)

The changes are largely aesthetic, affecting the layout and design of user tools and navigational elements. The content and functionality for each resource remains unchanged.

Each enhancement has been tested with a statistically significant number of students, academic researchers, and information professionals across public, K-12 and academic libraries by Gale's expert User Experience Research and Product Development teams.

Enhancements at a Glance



Accessibility

Gale complies with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 to make our information available to people with disabilities, including those with blindness or low vision. Each resource will adopt a high-contrast header with white text and tool buttons in bright orange, which makes it easier for users to see content. With this stronger separation of background and foreground, accessibility is improved for those listening to the content as well.

Good for accessibility and overall usability, icons used prevalently across the web and in mobile apps makes it easy for researchers to quickly identify and interpret the use of each tool.

Usability

Each resource will be enhanced using similar banners, tools, icons, language, and color palettes. Applying these changes consistently delivers a seamless experience as users mature from high school to college-level research, or navigate across resources using discovery services and tools like *PowerSearch* or *InterLink*, which connects users to eBook articles on *GVRL* from within periodical content on *InfoTrac*.

Through extensive user testing and product usage reporting, we've identified the most popular user tools and accentuated them in the top header. All other features have been minimized behind a familiar three-bar "More" button and ranked in order of popularity.

Because responsive design optimizes web content for mobile use, the display of the *GVRL*, *InfoTrac* and *In Context* resources will automatically be optimized for any screen size on any device with no app required. This brings a better overall experience to both desktop and mobile users—in addition to optimized display of content and features, traditional elements automatically become touchscreen “swipeable.” Responsive design also seamlessly delivers high-quality and easy-to-use research tools to schools and students participating in BYOD and 1:1 initiatives.

Unity

A shared experience ensures users mature through products seamlessly as they advance from high school to college-level research, without having to learn to navigate an entirely new set of tools,

As users navigate across products through discovery tools like *PowerSearch* or *InterLink*, they’re not distracted by the changing of header banners and the placement of user tools. Users can spend less time learning research interfaces as a result of Gale adopting popular iconography and navigational elements that are prevalent throughout the open web and other mobile experiences/applications.

No action is required for customers or users. Accessing the new, enhancement experience is automatic!

For a walk-through of the new experience, you may **watch short training videos** reviewing the product features:

- [GVRL](#)
- [InfoTrac \(Academic OneFile, General OneFile and all InfoTrac Collections\)](#)
- [Opposing Viewpoints in Context](#)
- [Student Resources in Context](#)



Kids InfoBits Presents: Literature has been added. This is a new content set created exclusively for Kids InfoBits. 63 literary topics are covered, with each topic having a Basic overview aimed at lower elementary students and an Intermediate overview aimed at upper elementary students. Every article has an image representing the topic. Example topics include:

- Adventure Fiction
- American Dream
- Biography
- Caldecott Medal
- Haiku
- Heroes in Literature

- Nonfiction
- Parts of a Book
- Parts of a Poem

- Rhyme
- Short Story
- Villains

Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia -- more than 600 articles have been updated. Examples include:

- Afghanistan
- Alabama
- Hans Christian Andersen
- Maya Angelou
- Canadian Literature (English)
- Jimmy Carter
- Chicago
- Ebola Virus
- Lake Erie
- Football

- Henry Ford
- Mount Hood
- Iraq
- New Zealand
- Parakeet
- Science
- Tortoise
- Vikings
- Whaling

