

# New Student Orientation



**ASHTABULA**

**KSU  
Proxy**

## Why do I need KSU Proxy?

Many of the databases, electronic journals, eBooks and streaming media services to which the University Libraries subscribe are governed by license agreements that restrict access to current Kent State University students, faculty and staff ONLY.

Most content vendors control access to their resources by limiting it to computers on campus. KSU Proxy serves as an intermediary by passing information between off-campus users and restricted resources. In other words, it verifies for the vendor that you're a current student, faculty or staff member entitled to access even though you're not on campus.

## What do I have to do to use KSU Proxy?

KSU Proxy requires no configuration on the user's part. In fact, all you need to use KSU Proxy is your name and password.

## How does KSU Proxy work?

The connection to KSU Proxy is coded within the links to databases, electronic journals, eBooks and media on the library's web pages and in Kent LINK. When you click on a link to an online resource, KSU Proxy checks whether your computer is on or off campus.

- If you're on campus, you'll bypass KSU Proxy and be sent directly to the resource.
- If you're off campus, you'll be presented a Kent State University login page and prompted to enter your FlashLine username and password. Once entered, you'll be linked to the resource.