

# Consumer Reports

Consumer Reports is a monthly magazine and database that helps the general public find unbiased reports on products and services.

Consumer Reports is free (with your library card).

## How Do They Do It??

Consumer Reports does not accept advertising and doesn't have shareholders. They are unbiased and test all products in house. Because of this, they have been a trusted source and buying guide for consumers.

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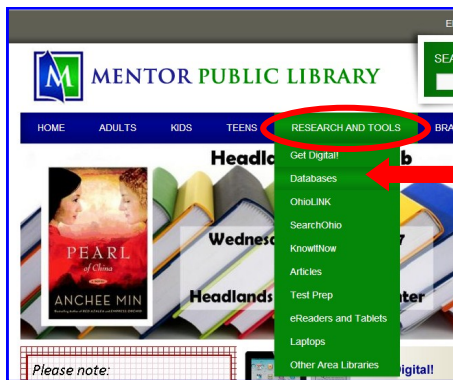
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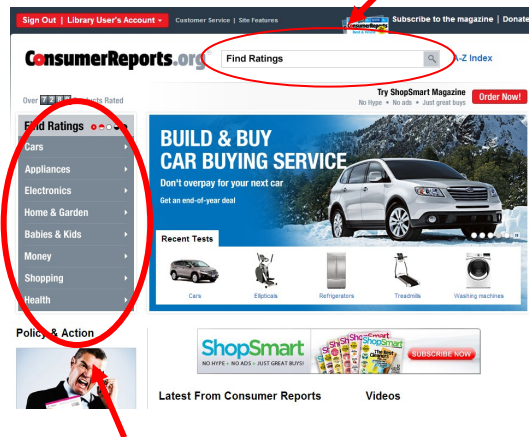
## How To Get There:



Go to [www.mentorpl.org](http://www.mentorpl.org) under 'Research and Tools' find 'Databases' in the drop down menu, click on it, and choose **Consumer Reports!**

A screen will pop up and all you need to do is click on 'Consumer Reports'. At this point you should be prompted to enter your library card number. Once entered, it should open to the home page.

## Explore!

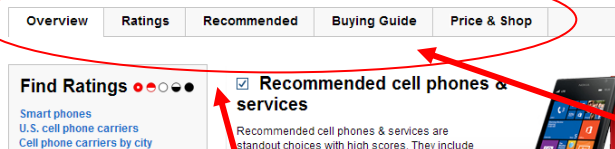


Use the Search box to search for a specific product.

The box on the side lets you browse different product and service areas.



## Cell phones & services



After clicking on a specific product, you are given options as to what you want to read about. For example you can see what Consumer Reports recommends or a rating of different products.

Within the ratings screen, the products and services are organized by best overall score. There is a guide to what the circles mean at the top of the page. From there, the website breaks down test results and other ratings.

| Brand & Model                | Price | Ratings and Test Results |             |           |              |                 |               |       |              |                       |                       |             |                             |                    |                |                  |
|------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                              | Price | Overall score            | Base of use | Messaging | Web browsing | Display quality | Value quality | Phone | Battery life | Camera: Image quality | Camera: Video quality | Portability | Display diagonal size (in.) | Display resolution | Keyboard/dts   | Operating system |
| AT&T smart phones            |       |                          |             |           |              |                 |               |       |              |                       |                       |             |                             |                    |                |                  |
| Samsung Galaxy S 5 (AT&T)    | \$200 | 79                       | ●           | ●         | ●            | ○               | ●             | ●     | ●            | ●                     | ●                     | ●           | 5.1                         | 1080x1920          | LTE, HSPA+, 4Q | Android          |
| Samsung Galaxy S 5 Active    | \$200 | 79                       | ●           | ●         | ●            | ○               | ●             | ●     | ●            | ●                     | ●                     | ●           | 5.1                         | 1920x1080          | LTE, HSPA+, 4Q | Android          |
| LG Q3 (AT&T)                 | \$200 | 78                       | ●           | ●         | ●            | ○               | ●             | ●     | ●            | ●                     | ●                     | ●           | 5.5                         | 2560x1440          | LTE, HSPA+, 4Q | Android          |
| Apple iPhone 6 (64GB) (AT&T) | \$300 | 77                       | ●           | ●         | ●            | ○               | ●             | ●     | ●            | ●                     | ●                     | ●           | 4.7                         | 750x1334           | LTE, HSPA+, 4Q | iOS              |

You can also compare specific products to others by clicking on the box on the sides.

The 'Buying Guide' breaks down all the features of buying a specific product or service. For example where to start, different brands, shopping tips, etc.