Accessing *Consumer Reports*
For a video tutorial, visit our YouTube page:
www.youtube.com/lafpublib

To search for a topic in *Consumer Reports*:

- Start by going to our website: www.lafayettepubliclibrary.org
- Click on the green icon at the top of the page that says "Free Stuff for Our Patrons"
- Scroll through the alphabetical listing until you see an icon that says "EBSCOHost" and click on the link provided.
- If you are using this database from home, you will need to enter your library card number and PIN at this time. (For help logging in, call: 337-261-5787)
- After you connect to the database, you'll see a search bar in the middle of the screen. Click where it says "Advanced Search" at the bottom right of this search bar.
- Now you'll see three search bars appear. In the top search bar, type Consumer Reports and use the dropdown menu on the right side of the blank where it says **"All Fields"** and select **"Journal Title/Source"**.
- If you click search at this point, you will see all available articles from *Consumer Reports* on a variety of topics. Both *Consumer Reports* and *Consumer Reports Buying Guide* articles are displayed.
- To find specific items within *Consumer Reports* or *Consumer Reports Buying Guide*, use the second search bar to enter the type of item, such as a refrigerator or laptop.

The list that appears after you complete your search is listed according to relevance. To sort the list by date, click the drop down menu on the right side that says **"Relevance"** and select **Date Newest** to see the most recent articles first or **Date Oldest** to see the oldest articles first.

To filter results by year of publication:

- Find the button that says All Filters under the search bar at the top of the results page.
- A side menu will appear with the list of filters on the right side of the screen.
- Find the heading that says "Date Range" and click on it. You can choose from pre-made options, like past 12 months, past 5 years, etc.
- To enter a specific date range, click the button that says "Custom Range" and enter the dates you would like to search.