

## **Exercise #3**

### **Explain a Database**

In this exercise you will work with a partner to practice taking what you know about a database and explaining it to a library user.

#### **PART I**

**Using your completed Learn a Database form and the key points you determined in Exercise 1, write a clear two to three sentence description of this database appropriate for a general user who asks you, “What is databaseX?”**

#### **PART II**

**With a partner, each play the role of a library staff member and a library user once.**

**User:** Ask the staff member which database they profiled, then ask a question from the question list provided that might be answered using that resource.

**Staff Member:** Explain the database you have profiled to the user. Explain what the database is, what it contains, and why you are recommending it. Do not work on answering the question: the goal is to explain the database to the user.

**Switch:** Reverse roles so that you both have an opportunity to be the staff member.