



PATHFINDER: BASIC SEARCHING

ALMANACS

Almanacs contain many different kinds of information. Check almanacs for facts about places, events, and people.

A frequently used almanac is
Time Almanac (Reference Desk R 317.3 T583)

DICTIONARIES

Oxford English Dictionary (R 423 O98e) is especially useful when you are looking for the history of words.

You may also want to use other dictionaries in the R 400 area.

Specialized dictionaries in this area include Acronyms, Initialisms, and Abbreviations Dictionary (R 423.15 A187), dictionaries of slang, rhyming dictionaries, and dictionaries that include words in English and in a foreign language.

In the circulating 400s, you will also find dictionaries in English (and in English and a foreign language)

GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS

General encyclopedias often provide basic information about subjects.

You may want to check the index under subjects in
World Book Encyclopedia (R 031 W927)

SPECIALIZED ENCYCLOPEDIAS

If you need more detailed information about a subject, you may want to check specialized encyclopedias. The titles listed below are just a few of the specialized encyclopedias available at the Niles Public Library. Please check with a reference librarian if you would like to learn about additional specialized encyclopedias.

Encyclopedia of the American Constitution (R 342.73 E56)

Encyclopedia of Bioethics (R 174.957 E56po)

Encyclopedia of Religion (R 200.3 E56re)

McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology (R 503 M147)

QUOTATIONS

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations (R 808.882 B289ba) is a good source for quotations. You may also want to use other books in the 808.88 area.

STATISTICS

Statistical Abstract of the United States (Reference Desk R 317.3 U58) is an important source for statistical information about the United States. Reference librarians may be able to help you track down other useful statistical sources.

PERIODICALS -- DATABASE

MasterFILE Premier is a database covering many subjects; includes some full-text articles

INTERNET RESOURCES

These are some popular Internet resources:

<http://www.google.com>

<http://www.ipl.org>

<http://www.yahoo.com>

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