

# Library Research Sources

The following is a listing of research sources normally found in a library.

Library Resources	
<b>General Encyclopedia</b>	A <a href="#">book</a> or <a href="#">numbered set</a> of books that provides basic <a href="#">information</a> on a broad range of <a href="#">subjects</a> but treats no single subject in depth
<b>Subject Encyclopedia</b>	An <a href="#">encyclopedia</a> in one or more <a href="#">volumes</a> devoted to a specific <a href="#">subject</a> , <a href="#">field</a> of study, or academic <a href="#">discipline</a> . <a href="#">Entries</a> in a subject encyclopedia are usually written and <a href="#">signed</a> by an expert on the topic and may include a brief <a href="#">bibliography</a> or list of suggested reading.
<b>Dictionaries</b>	<a href="#">Reference work</a> containing brief explanatory <a href="#">entries</a> for <a href="#">terms</a> and <a href="#">topics</a> related to a specific <a href="#">subject</a> or <a href="#">field</a> of inquiry, usually arranged <a href="#">alphabetically</a>
<b>Thesaurus</b>	A type of Dictionary that lists groups of synonyms
<b>Atlas</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A book or bound collection of maps, sometimes with supplementary illustrations and graphic analyses.</li><li>2. A volume of tables, charts, or plates that systematically illustrates a particular subject</li></ol>
<b>Gazetteer</b>	A <a href="#">separately published dictionary</a> of <a href="#">geographic names</a> that gives the location of each <a href="#">entry</a> . Also, an <a href="#">index</a> of the names of the places and geographic <a href="#">features</a> shown on the <a href="#">maps</a> contained in an <a href="#">atlas</a> , usually <a href="#">printed</a> in a separate section following the maps, with locations indicated by <a href="#">page number</a> (or map number) and <a href="#">grid coordinates</a> . Some gazetteers include <a href="#">information</a> about major geographic features such as rivers, lakes, mountains, cities, etc
<b>Almanacs</b>	An <a href="#">annual compendium</a> of practical <a href="#">dates</a> , facts, and statistics, <a href="#">current</a> and/or <a href="#">retrospective</a> , often arranged in <a href="#">tables</a> to facilitate comparison.
<b>Handbook</b>	A book of advice and instructions
<b>Directory</b>	A book or database which lists the names and details of people or companies in a specific geographical or subject area.
<b>Magazine or Periodical</b>	A regular weekly, monthly or quarterly publication containing articles, stories, photographs and advertisements. Periodicals can be Professional, Industrial & trade or special interest in content
<b>Newspaper</b>	A daily or weekly publication consisting of a number of large sheets of folded cheap paper containing printed news articles and pictures
<b>Expert</b>	Somebody with a great deal of knowledge, or skill or experience in a particular subject or activity
<b>Open Web</b>	Online websites that are public and viewable by everyone

<b>Databases</b>	Software which enables the user to organize data for easy retrieval. A collection of data stored in a computer which can be easily and quickly retrieved.
<b>Museums</b>	a place or building where objects of historical, artistic, or scientific interest are exhibited, preserved, or studied
<b>Government &amp; Non – Government Agencies Publications</b>	A publication with information which is written and published by government departments, often of a statistical nature.