Basic Resources and Current Events

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When starting research for a paper, speech or presentation, several resources are available to lead the researcher to factual and current information. The following list outlines basic reference resources, which can be used in starting research or finding answers to questions.

**Atlases and Gazetteers**

- **Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide**
  G 1019 R22 Ref. Atlas Case
- **Louisiana Atlas and Gazetteer**
  G 1360 D45 Ref. Atlas Case
- **NASA Atlas of the Solar System**
  G 1000 G7 Ref. Atlas Case
- **Oxford Atlas of the World**
  G 1021 A7545 1997 Ref. Atlas Case
- **World Fact Book**
  JN 1 C25 Ref.

**Current Events**

- **CQ Almanac** – Annual publication compiling the highlights from the *CQ Weekly Report*. JK 1 C66 Ref.

- **CQ Researcher** – Weekly publication; each issue deals with a current newsworthy topic. *Available online through databases.*

- **CQ Weekly Report** – Weekly publication covering happenings in government and politics. JK 1 C15 Ref.

- **Facts on File** – A weekly publication summarizing national and international news events. D 410 F3 Ref.

**Databases and Indexes**

- **Academic Search Complete** – Large multi-disciplinary database including some full-text. Available through the library’s web page.


- **LexisNexis Academic Universe** – Full-text journals, newspapers, & magazines with some local coverage. Available through the library’s web page.

- **Newspaper Source**-selected full text for nearly 30 national (U.S.) and international newspapers. The database also contains full text television & radio news transcripts, and selected full text for more than 200 regional (U.S.) newspapers.

- **New Orleans Times-Picayune Index**
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- **New York Times Index**
  Index Table 2B

- **Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature**
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Dictionaries

Random House Dictionary of the English Language PE 1625 R3 Ref.
Webster’s Third International Dictionary PE 1625 W36 Ref.

Encyclopedias

Encyclopedia Britannica AE 5 E363 Ref.
McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology Q 121 M3 Ref.
World Book Encyclopedia AE 5 W55 Ref.

Facts

Europa World Year Book JN 1 E85 Ref.
Famous First Facts AG 5 K315 Ref.
Guinness Book of World Records AG 243 G85 Ref.
Time Almanac (continues Information Please Almanac) AY 64 I55 Ref.
Whitaker’s Almanac (British) AY 754 W5 Ref.
World Almanac and Book of Facts AY 67 N5 W7 Ref.
World of Learning AS 2 W6 Ref.

Quotations

Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations PN 6081 B27 Ref.
Home Book of Quotations PN 6081 S73 Ref.
Respectfully Quoted PN 6081 R4351 1989 Ref.