

Living Books' Ugly Stepsisters: Reference Books!

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Research and Documentation Websites:

http://wps.ablongman.com/long_fowler_lbh_9

Excellent information and exercises. The Research Writing section includes advice and exercises for planning and writing a research project, including finding and evaluating sources, searching electronically, avoiding plagiarism, and working with and documenting sources. Includes video tutorials.

www.aresearchguide.com

The goal of this web site is to provide all the necessary tools for students to conduct research and to present their findings. Site provides a Quick Click to [Search Engines](#), annotated [Research, Writing, and Style Guides](#) (MLA, APA, Chicago, Turabian, etc.), housing some of the best education sites in a [Virtual Library](#) arranged by the [Dewey Decimal Classification System](#).

The site also provides guidelines on: How to write an [A+ research paper](#), How to effectively deliver a [presentation](#), How to [format](#) a research or term paper, How to [quote passages](#), How [not to plagiarize](#), How to write [Footnotes and Endnotes](#) with examples on writing [First Footnotes and Endnotes in MLA style](#) plus a [Footnotes Sample Page](#) and an [Endnotes Sample Page](#).

www.ipl.org/teen/aplus - Internet Public Library – bookmark this site! Great place to find information on all kinds of topics.

www.refdesk.com/homework.html#tools - Reference Desk – Homework Helper – master lists of useful sites! Well organized.

www.writinghelp-central.com - Your one-stop writing help center.

www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html - Need to cite a source? This is an excellently organized, easy-to-use that covers any kind of citation imaginable.

www.bartleby.com/reference - (This is a link to different types of reference books)

Indispensable Reference Books

- Bible
- Bible dictionary/concordance/atlas
- Age appropriate dictionary
- Thesaurus - The one in your word processor doesn't count! I prefer *Roget's International Thesaurus* over an alphabetical one. Learn to use it!
- Almanac – do you know what it contains?! Wow!
- **Age & subject appropriate atlases (Classroom, Answer, Historical, Bible, etc.)

- Either on-line encyclopedia or a hardcopy
- *Merck Manual*
- Your favorite writing reference books, for example: *Writer's Inc*, or *Write Right!* by Jan Venolia (10.95)

Optional, but Exceedingly Useful

- ***Google Pocket Guide* – don't Google without it
- A book of quotations – although there are good quotation sites on-line, I still love to use a book for quotes.
- *The Order of Things: How Everything in the World is Organized into Hierarchies, Structures, and Pecking Orders* by Barbara Ann Kipfer. I love this book! (18.95)

Reference works that Kids will Use and Enjoy

- **Fandex Field Guides
- **Science or Nature encyclopedia
- How --- Works kind of books
- *Pocket Tables: An Everyday Reference* by John O.E. Clark (4.95)
- Visual Dictionaries

** Books sold by Bright Ideas Press

Library Reference Information

Adult Reference Section

016.909

Dictionary of Historic Dates published by Facts on File by George Kohn

From the "ABC" Treaty to the Zurich Treaty of 1859. Includes entries such as "Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus," The Pledge of Allegiance, The Nicene Creed, Pliny the Younger's letters, etc. I wish I had had this! Concise explanations of the document as well as where to look for further reading. This does not include the actual primary source material.

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20,000 Years of Fashion: History of Costumes and Personal Adornments. Not recommending this book specifically, but the Dewey Decimal number is useful for finding similar titles in both Adult and Children's Reference. Costume books are super for history studies. (Be aware that nudity is common in these types of books.)

394.26

Chase's Calendar of Events, A Day-by-Day Directory to Special Days, Weeks & Months. Includes

searchable CD-Rom database. Use this book! Includes:

National & International Holidays
Festivals Worldwide
Historical Anniversaries
Astronomical Phenomenon
Sporting Events
Celebrity Birthdays

Facts about Presidents, States, Territories, Lists of Governors, Senators, US Supreme Court, Special Months, Major Award winners in many categories: Nobel, Pulitzer, Dover Awards, Newbery Books, etc.

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A History of Great Inventions by James Dyson (& other similar books)

Persian ice cream to microchips and Paper clips to the atom bomb.

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The Merck Manual of Medical Information Home Edition

Vital, easy-to-understand info about almost every known medical issue. Includes A-Z listing of brand-name and generic drugs as well as common medical tests, and other highly useful information. Easier than searching on the internet.

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History of Art by HW Janson

Tip: check the same call number in the following sections:
Adult, Oversized, YA (Young Adult), Children

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Master Plots - 1,801 Plot Stories and Critical Evaluations of the World's Finest Literature published by Magill

Vol 1 From Aristophanes to Alice's Adventure in Wonderland

Anna Karenina to Animal Farm, Beowulf to Bambi!

Bambi example:

Type of Work: Novel
Author: Felix Satten
Type of Plot: Fable
Time of Plot: Indeterminate
Locale: a Forest
First Published: Serial 1922, book 1923

Principal Characters:

Bambi – a deer
The Old Prince – a stag who befriends Bambi
Etc.
The Story (synopsis)
Critical Evaluation
Bibliography

Children's Reference Section

011.62 *A-Zoo Picture Subject Access to Children's Picture Books*

011 *Beyond Picture Books*

423 *Visual Dictionary*

510 *Math Dictionary*

513 *Numbers you Need*

582.16 *Trees* DK Eyewitness Handbooks – my favorite field guide series.

909 *NY Public Library Chronologies*

909 *Today in History* DK Publishing

929 *Flags of the World by Country* - Two-page spread per country including a full-page color photo of each country's flag. Go to www.crayola.com to print flags to color. Register. Search for “flags.”)

Facts On File – Wonderful Reproducibles!!!!

The Human Body on File

Junior Science on File

Animal Anatomy

Junior Science on File

(Upper Level Science on File located in Adult Reference)

Other Library Reference Help

Make an appointment with the librarian for a tour of the library with an emphasis on the reference materials available.

Periodicals

Magazines

Newspapers

Computers

On-Line Databases

Leased databases