

REFERENCE RESOURCES

Subject areas and suggested sources of information

—→ ITEMS IN RED ARE ACTIVE LINKS ←—

*Additional sources & information is available from the
Regional Reference Service in Springfield at
800/323-7776 or 413/746-6729*

and

Springfield Library's Reference Desk Bookmarks

<http://www.springfieldlibrary.org/RRSS/bookmarks.html>

SUBJECT | SUGGESTED SOURCES

READY REFERENCE OR QUICK FACTS

- World Almanac
- Dictionaries
- Telephone Books
<http://www.switchboard.com>
- World Book
- Encyclopedias
- Statistical Abstract of the U.S.
- First Call for Help (Regional Social Services)
800/339-7779

CURRENT EVENTS

- World Almanac
- Statesman's Yearbook
- Newspapers
- General Reference Center
(Infotrac)
- CIA World Fact Book
- Boston Globe/SpringfieldUnion
(Newsbank)

SOCIAL ISSUES

- Newspapers
- General Reference Center and
- Expanded Academic ASAP
(Infotrac databases)

LAW

- Annotated Laws of Massachusetts
- Statewide Legal Reference Service
<http://www.slrsonline.org/>
- Massachusetts State Government Website
<http://www.mass.gov/portal/index.jsp>
- General Laws of Massachusetts
<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/laws/mgl/index.htm>
- Martindale-Hubbell
<http://www.martindale.com/xp/Martindale/home.xml>
- Trial Court Law Libraries
 - Berkshire County - 413/442-5059
 - Franklin County - 413/772-6580
 - Hampden County - 413/748-7923
 - Hampshire County - 413/586-2297

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GOVERNMENT

- Phone Books
- World Almanac
- U.S. Government Manual
- Massachusetts Government Manual
- Congressional Directory
- Commonwealth Communities
<http://www.mass.gov>
- Massachusetts Municipal Profiles
- Massachusetts Government Online
<http://www.mass.gov>
- Federal Government Online
via Springfield Ref Bookmarks -
<http://www.springfieldlibrary.org/RRSS/bookmarks.html>
- Government Printing Office
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/>
- Massachusetts State Government Website
<http://www.mass.gov>

SCIENCE

- Dictionaries/Encyclopedias (McGraw-Hill Concise Encyclopedia of Science and Technology, for example)
- Internet Public Library
<http://www.ipl.org>
- Agricola
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/ag98/>
- Access Science - CWMARS Database

CONSUMER INFORMATION

- Telephone Books
- Repair Manuals
- First Call Directory
- Better Business Bureau
- Citizen Information Service
800/392-6090
- General Reference Center (Infotrac databases)
- Massachusetts Government Consumer Information
<http://www.state.ma.us/cns.htm>

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MEDICAL & HEALTH INFORMATION

- Medical Dictionaries
- Physician's Desk Reference (PDR)
- Merck Manual
- Consumer Health Reference Center
<http://www.mgh.harvard.edu/library/chrcindex.html>
- Health Reference Center (Infotrac Database)
- Health and Wellness Resources Center (Infotrac Database)
- Tufts Nutrition Navigator - rates nutrition health sites
<http://navigator.tufts.edu>
- PUBMED
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>
- Healthfinder.gov

BUSINESS

- Thomas Register
<http://www.thomasregister.com>
- Telephone Books
- Mass Bedrock
<http://www.massbedrock.org>
- PROMPT, Business and Company Resource Center & General Business File ASAP (Infotrac databases)
- Hoovers
<http://www.hoovers.com>

ARTS & THE HUMANITIES

- World Book
- Dictionaries of Religion, Philosophy, Art etc.
- Groves Dictionary of Art - CWMARS Database

LITERATURE

- Book of Quotations
- 19th Century Literary Criticism and 20th Century Literary Criticism (Springfield Library owns this)
- Your own library's 800's section
- Contemporary Authors (Infotrac database)
- Contemporary Literary Criticism (Infotrac database)
- Internet Public Library
<http://www.ipl.org>
- Expanded Academic ASAP (Infotrac databases)
- Bartleby, Great Books Online
<http://www.bartleby.com>

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HISTORY

- World Book
- Encyclopedias
- World Almanac
- Travel Books
- Archives U.S.A.
- General Reference Center (Infotrac database)
- Expanded Academic ASAP (Infotrac database)
- American Centuries
<http://www.americancenturies.mass.edu>
- American Memory
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ammemhome.html>

BIOGRAPHY

- World Book
- Biographical Dictionaries
- Biography and Genealogy Master Index
(Springfield Library owns this)
- Infotrac Databases

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