



GETTING IDEAS

Take a look at:

- ◆ Current issues of magazines
- ◆ Indexes of subject encyclopedias (see below)
- ◆ Issues of *CQ Researcher* (see below)

Search “Anywhere in Record” within the Century Library Catalog for the keywords “Opposing Viewpoints.” You’ll get a list of books on many relevant topics.

Think about your interests and hobbies.

LIBRARY CATALOG

Start from the Library’s Home Page, <http://www.century.edu/library>, type keywords into the search box and click “Find.”

INDEXES

Online Indexes & Articles

Click on *Databases A- Z* on the library’s homepage, to select from a wide variety of databases. A few are only indexes; many include articles you can print.

Print indexes

Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, Art Index, Social Sciences Index, etc

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES

In addition to general encyclopedias such as *World Book*, many subject encyclopedias and dictionaries are available. To find one on your subject, do a Subject Term search. Use a term for your topic plus the word “encyclopedia” or “dictionaries” for example “music dictionaries”.

STATISTICS & FACTS

<http://www.census.gov> Census Home Page

Ref HA202 .S8 *Statistical Abstract of the United States*

Ref AY67.N5 W7 *World Almanac and Book of Facts*

NOTE: Current magazine and newspaper articles are also good sources for current statistics.

Do a subject search for “Statistics” and your topic.

- Example - the subject search: **women AND statistics** retrieves 29 items including: *Quotas for women in politics: gender and candidate selection reform worldwide: QH1236 .K76 2010.*
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TOPICS, PEOPLE OR EVENTS

Ref H35 .E35

CQ Researcher

Ref D840 .D389

Day by Day, the Forties, Fifties, Sixties, Seventies & Eighties

FINDING VISUALS

ARTstor – from *Databases A- Z* on the library’s homepage.

Camio – from *Databases A- Z* on the library’s homepage.

Ebsco’s MegaFILE – from *Databases A- Z* on the library’s homepage.

- ◆ *Google*, click “Images” above the search bar
- ◆ Ref P361 .M28 1994, *Macmillan Visual Dictionary*
- ◆ Ref AZ108 .D74 1972, *Symbol Sourcebook*

OTHER

Ref PN6081 .B37 2002 *Bartlett Familiar Quotations*.

(One of many books of quotations in this call number area.)

Minnesota Statutes – Search our catalog for this Internet resource

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Online: Select, *Lexis-Nexis*, or *ProQuest Newspapers* – from *Databases A- Z* on the library’s homepage.

Print:

- *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, current 3-4 months
- *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, current 10-12 months
- *New York Times*, current 2 months
- *USA Today*, current 1-2 months
- *Wall Street Journal*, current year

Microfilm:

- *New York Times*: 1851-74, 1929 - present
- *Pioneer Press*: 1972-84, 1989-1991.
- *Minneapolis Tribune*: 1974-1987

PAMPHLET FILES

Brochures, government publications, etc. are put into subject files. They may be checked out for one week.

This is good source for Minnesota materials on a variety of topics.

MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Microfiche Document Cabinet: selected documents –1980-1995, comprehensive –1996-2002.