

How to Choose Library Resources Library Catalog

Activity: Use your school's card catalog and search for a book on dogs. Remember, non-fiction books contain factual information. Select a non-fiction book that you'd like to look at.

Write down the:

Call number _____

Title _____

Now, go to the shelf and find the book.

Write one sentence about the book you found.

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Encyclopedia - Encyclopedias are the first reference resource you would use when looking for basic information on a research topic.

Activity: Find the encyclopedias in your library. Select the volume that would contain dogs in it. Find the section on dogs. Write down the names of two different dog breeds and tell one thing about each breed.

1. _____
2. _____

Source of information:

Title of the article: _____

Name of the encyclopedia: _____

Volume: _____

Pages: _____

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Dictionary - A dictionary is a book that contains an alphabetical list of words and what they mean.

Activity: Select a dictionary. Look up the word dachshund. Try to pronounce the word.

What is a dachshund? _____

There are also online dictionaries that you can use on a computer. Here is one to try:

[The Little Explorers Picture Dictionary](http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html) at
<<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html>>.

Activity: Look up dachshund in the online dictionary. Draw a picture of a dachshund in the space below:



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Almanac - Almanacs are filled with thousands of facts on hundreds of subjects.

Activity: Find an almanac in your library. Find the general index in the front. Search for dogs, then the American Kennel Club. Find the page that lists the Top 50 American Kennel Club Registrations.

What rank is the dachshund? _____

How many were registered for the year? _____

Source:

Name of the almanac you used: _____

The year of the almanac: _____

There are also online almanacs. Try [FactMonster.com Almanac](http://www.factmonster.com/almanacs.html) at <<http://www.factmonster.com/almanacs.html>>.

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Atlas - An atlas helps you find where places are located.

Activity: Find an atlas in your library. Look through the atlas.
Write down a question that could be answered using the atlas.

Find an atlas in your library that has a map of the place where you were born.

Write the title of the atlas and the page number.

Try the [Map Machine](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/maps/index.html) at <<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/maps/index.html>>.

Try also the [FactMonster Atlas](http://factmonster.com/atlas/index.html) at <<http://factmonster.com/atlas/index.html>>.

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Oregon Blue Book

Activity: Get a copy of the [Oregon Blue Book](#) from your library. Look through it and answer the following questions. Write down the page number where you found the information.

What is Oregon's population? _____

What is the second largest city in Oregon? _____

Write down one interesting fact that you found in the Blue Book.

Activity: Try the [Oregon Blue Book](#) at

<http://www.sos.state.or.us/BlueBook/1999_2000/default.htm>.

Find the tab for kids and click on it. Now print off and answer the questions on this [worksheet](#) (PDF).

(You will need the free Adobe [Acrobat Reader](#) to print the worksheet.)

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People

Activity: Think of a person in your school or neighborhood who has an interesting job or hobby that you would like to learn more about. Write down five questions that you'd like to ask this person. Show your questions to a parent or teacher and ask permission to interview the person.

Some examples of people to interview:

- a grandparent
- your school librarian, principal, or custodian
- the oldest person in your neighborhood
- a person you admire
- a policeman, fireman, or ambulance worker
- a war veteran
- a person from another country

Write down five or more questions that you'll ask during the interview.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.