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ENCYCLOPEDIAS - Such general works as the World Book, the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and the Encyclopedia Americana are supplemented by specialized publications like the Encyclopedia of World Art, the Encyclopedia of World Biography, the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology, and the International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences. These and many more are found in the **Reference Section**. **Consult Sandy Pac for call numbers.**

ETHNIC NEWSWATCH - Available on the computers in the **Reference area**, this resource provides the full text of articles covering a wide variety of topics published by ethnic, minority, and native magazines, journals, and newspapers in the U.S. A similar product, **GenderWatch**, contains material on gender and women's issues.

INTERNET - All terminals in the LRC provide access to the **World Wide Web** and all the information it contains. Care should be exercised in using this tool. While there is much excellent material, the accuracy of the information should be verified before being included in any research paper.

NEWSPAPERS - Current issues of The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the San Diego Union-Tribune, USA Today, and the Wall Street Journal are on the **newspaper display rack**. All other copies are kept at the **Lobby Check-Out Desk**. Back years of The New York Times and the Los Angeles Times are also available on **microfilm**, with print indexes on **Index Table 6**. Listings and full-text for these titles and others are also available on **EbscoHost** and **ProQuest** (see below).

ONLINE MAGAZINE/JOURNAL INDEXES - Available on computers in the **Reference area**, these are general listings of citations and abstracts for magazine and journal articles on just about any subject, a good portion of which are also provided in full-text format. In addition, **ProQuest Newspapers** contains the full text of over 300 newspapers and wire services, including The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, and the San Diego Union-Tribune. **EbscoHost** offers full-text Magill book reviews. To determine if Mesa has a specific title, consult the online **Mesa College Journal and Newspaper List**.

ONLINE REFERENCE DATABASES - Available on all computers in the LRC, subject-specific resources such as CountryWatch, ChemMatters, and Literature Resource Center reside next to more general material.

PRINT INDEXES - A variety of specialized periodical indexes, such as Art Index, contain topically arranged information on articles in subject-specific, scholarly journals. Biography Index lists both book and magazine material. Essay and General Literature Index lists essays found in collections. All are found on the **Index Tables** in the **Reference area**.

READERS' GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE - An author, subject, and (when necessary) title listing of articles in approximately 200 general interest magazines covering all subjects. Covering 1900 to the present, this is an excellent source for less recent material. It is found on one of the **Index Tables**.

SANDY PAC - Available on the computers in all parts of the library, this is a computerized listing of all books, non-electronically available periodical titles, and audio-visual materials found in the Mesa, City, and Miramar College libraries. Allows searching by author, title, subject, series, call number, and publisher.

Course Reserves lists material teachers have placed aside for class assignments.

SPECIALIZED REFERENCE WORKS - The **Reference Section** contains a wide range of specialized reference materials dealing with the entire spectrum of possible subjects. These include The Dictionary of Art, The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, Contemporary Literary Criticism, Roget's Thesaurus, West's Annotated California Codes, Current Biography, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, Europa Yearbook, the CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, the World and Time almanacs, The Oxford English Dictionary, and many more. In addition, the Hammond Ambassador World Atlas and other current and historical atlases are found in a separate **atlas case**.

THERE ARE MANY MORE MATERIALS AVAILABLE IN THIS LIBRARY THAT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR RESEARCH. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE HOW TO USE ANY MATERIALS WE HAVE, CONSULT THE "HELP" SCREENS ON THE ELECTRONIC ITEMS OR THE "HOW TO USE" AIDS IN THE BOOKS.

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