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Using the Library Catalog: Key Words & Phrases




A good starting point is the Library Catalog. Use the following subject searches.

Save time by using the subject search instead of words and phrases. Enter one of the terms listed below and click on "subject."

Term to use: Explorers.
Term to use: Explorers—Juvenile literature.

If you already know the name of your explorer, type in his last name only and then click on "subject."

Browsing the Shelves: Call Numbers




Browsing by CALL NUMBER is also a great way to get ideas. Remember like books sit on the shelf next to one another. If you find a book on your topic, look at what is sitting next to it. Chances are there will be other books on your topic nearby.

- Browse the Biography section under the last name of your explorer.
- Browse shelves at 970.01 in Nonfiction section and in J Reference
- Browse shelves at 910.9 in Nonfiction section and in J Reference

You can also go to the adult shelves to seek Young Adult books using the same numbers!


Some Titles We Have



Books to use in the library or take home.

- [Historical Atlas of Exploration JREF 912 Atl](#)
- [Who was Who in World Exploration JREF 910 Wal](#)
- [The Look-it-Up Book of Explorers JREF 910 Kim](#)

Research Databases




Great for finding magazine and encyclopedia articles, images, audio and video clips.

- Biography in Context
Sample Search Term: "Magellan"
- Encyclopedia Britannica
Sample Search Term: "Eriksson"

See the handout on getting into the databases from home or in the Library.

Selected Websites That Might Be Useful



- <http://www.thinkquest.org> Use the search term "early explorers" to find award-winning websites.
- <http://www.biography.com> A&E Channel's biographical database. Enter the name of your explorer in the search box.
- <http://www.history.com> The History Channel's interactive websites' name of your explorer.

DVDs



- Try the same search in the library catalog (see above) but limit your search to DVDs in the dropdown menu!