

Reference Materials

General Information

The Reference Collection is on the first level north of the Halle Library building. It consists of books that provide brief factual information or that provide references to other information sources.

Examples of reference books are dictionaries and thesauri, almanacs, biographical dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks and manuals, and bibliographies.

General Reference Collection: Most of our reference materials are in this collection. Subject areas covered include art, religion and philosophy, history and politics, the biological and physical sciences, and languages and literature.

Business Reference Collection: The Business Reference Collection is located behind the Information/Reference Desk on the first level. Business directories, the *Value Line Investment Surveys*, and *Morningstar Mutual Funds* are among the materials in the Business Reference Collection. Materials in this collection will have the location "Business Reference Collection - 1st Level Atrium" in our local catalog.

Law Reference Collection: Law dictionaries and encyclopedias, U.S. and Michigan codes and statutes, digests and reporters are located on the first level south. Their catalog location code is "Law Reference Collection - 1st Level South."

Other reference materials are housed in the Government Documents Collections and in the Map Collection.

Borrowing Guidelines

Materials in the Reference Collection cannot be checked out. However, you are welcome to use our reference books anywhere in the Halle Library building. We do ask that you return any reference materials you use to the first level.

Online Reference Sources

There are hundreds of reference sources on the Web. We recommend starting at the following sites:

Best Information on the Net: Reference Sources (library.sau.edu/bestinfo/Online/onlindex.htm)

Internet Public Library: Reference Sources (www.ipl.org/ref)

MEL: Reference Desk (mel.org/reference)

Yahoo! Reference (dir.yahoo.com/reference)

Help

If you need advice about what reference books would be helpful to you or if you need help using any items in our Reference Collection, please stop by the Information/ ReferenceDesk on the first level. If you are unable to come to the Information/Reference Desk, please call us at 734.487.0020, x2100 or e-mail us at libref@online.emich.edu.