

REFERENCE SOURCES

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Reference Sources



- The Reference term means it is where something is referred or it is where somebody is referred.
- It is a sympathetic and informed personal aid in interpreting Library collections either for study or research.

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- Reference Sources references to other sources of Information.
 - It provides background information, quick access to factual and statistical information.
 - According to Okoro, “ Reference sources includes everything and everywhere that a piece of information could be gotten to meet the information needs of the clientele.


Different types of Reference Sources



- Bibliographical Sources
- Geographical Sources
- Biographical Sources

Bibliographical Sources

- According to Edoka (2010), “A bibliography is a written list of books, subjecting every aspect of each book listed that is printing, paper binding, illustration and publishing.”
- Bibliography may be Universal and National bibliography.
- Bibliotheca Universalis is an example of Universal Bibliography.

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- National bibliography originate from specific countries and cover items from concern countries.
 - National bibliographies are official publications of the country's National Library.

For example- British National Bibliography and Indian National Bibliography.

Some bibliographies are subject bibliography that list information materials in specific subjects, parts of subject or a group of related subjects.

For example- Trade bibliographies such as Books in Print and British Books in Print published in Britain.

Geographical Sources

- Geographical sources are used
 - reference to location
 - point to locate something
 - tell something about location
 - represent how to get somewhere

Geographical Sources includes:

- Maps
- Atlases, Globes
- Gazetteers
- Travel Guides

- According R.A.Skelton, “A map is a graphic document in which location, extent and direction can be more precisely defined than by the written words; and its construction is a mathematical process strictly controlled by measurement and calculation.”
- According The Library of Congress, “ All forms of cartographic materials normally added to the collections of the library including flat maps and charts, collection of maps in atlas form, terrain models, globes etc.

- Atlas- According to ALA Glossary, “ a volume of maps, plates, engravings, tables etc with or without descriptive letter press. It may be an independent publication or it may have been issued to accompany one or more volume of text.”
- Globe- It is a spherical representation of the earth’s surface. It is a hollow ball of metal bearing a world map on its surface and its mounted on an axle which permits its rotation. It is called in cartography as a scale model of the earth.

Biographical Sources

- Biographical sources provides information about notable persons, usually arranged in alphabetical manner.
- According Harrods Glossary of Library and Information Science, Biographical dictionary as “ a collection of lives of people arranged in alphabetical order.”
- It is a very important part of collection of reference books in any established Library.

- Biographical Information Sources can answered following questions i.e
 - Name of Eminent persons
 - Date of birth and place of birth
 - Date of death
 - Educational qualification of eminent persons
 - Awards, Fellowship, Achievements, any discovery
 - Regarding publications of concerned eminent persons
 - Address of persons
 - Professional affiliations
 - Personal information like spouses details and other members of family

Some examples of Biographical Sources

- International Who's Who published by Europa from London, 1935 and periodicity is Annual.
- Who's Who in the World published by Marquis from Chicago, 1971-72 and periodicity is Biennial.
- India Who's Who published by INFA from New Delhi, 1970 and periodicity is Annual.
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