

MLS School Libraries Grades K-8 Recommended Reference Sources

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The Metropolitan Library System (MLS) School Libraries Grades K-8 Recommended Reference Sources was developed by a task force of MLS school and public youth services librarians. There are many fine and useful reference resources that are not on this list; exclusion from the list should in no way be construed as a vote of no confidence. The committee attempted to be selective and provide a few excellent resources even when many good resources are available. Every effort was made to select currently available resources, but some sources were so valuable they were included even though they are out-of-print. Many of the titles on the list are available in print as well as in electronic format. The balance of type and cost of resources depends solely on the needs of each library. Librarians should choose the format most useful for their collections. Electronic sources should be selected using the same evaluation criteria as for print tools, while paying special attention to access, copyright, and licensing issues. An addendum has been included listing recommended subscription databases.

(For use in conjunction with the MLS Youth Services Recommended Reference Sources.)

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A. Selection Aids

1. Books

Children's Catalog. Anne Price, ed. 19th ed. with annual supplements. H.W. Wilson, 2006.

Guys Write for Guys Read. Jon Scieszka, ed. Viking Press, 2005.

Middle and Junior High School Library Catalog. Anne Price, ed. 9th ed. with annual supplements. H.W. Wilson, 2005.

2. Periodicals

Book Links. American Library Association, bimonthly.

Booklist. American Library Association, semimonthly.

School Library Journal. R.R. Bowker, monthly.

Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA). Scarecrow Press, bimonthly.

B. Library Service

Linking for Learning: The Illinois School Library Media Program Guidelines.

Pamela K. Kramer, ed. Illinois School Library Media Association, 2005.

C. Reader's Advisory

A to Zoo: Subject Access to Children's Picture Books. Carolyn W. Lima and John A. Lima. 7th ed. with supplement. Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

Best Books for Children: Preschool through Grade 6. Catherine Barr and John Gillespie, eds. 8th ed. with supplement. Libraries Unlimited, 2006.

Best Books for Middle School and Junior High Readers, Grades 6 to 9. John T. Gillespie and Catherine Barr, eds. 2nd ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2004.

What Do Children and Young Adults Read Next: A Reader's Guide to Fiction for Children and Young Adult, Vol 6. Thomson Gale Group, 2005.

D. Cataloging Aids

Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index. Melvil Dewey and Joan S. Mitchell. 14th ed. OCLC, 2004.

Library of Congress Subject Headings. 29th ed. 5 vols. Library of Congress, 2006.

Sears List of Subject Headings. Joseph Miller, ed. 19th ed. H.W. Wilson Co., 2007.

E. General Encyclopedia (no more than 3 years old)

Encyclopedia Americana. 30 vols. Grolier, Inc., annual.

The World Book Encyclopedia. 22 vols. World Book, Inc., annual.

The World Book Student Discovery Encyclopedia. 13 vols. World Book, Inc., annual.

F. World Records (current edition)

Guinness World Records. Guinness World Records, Ltd., annual.

Scholastic Book of World Records. Jenifer Corr Morse. Scholastic, annual.

G. General Reference

Famous First Facts: A Record of First Happening, Discoveries, and Inventions in American History. Joseph Nathan Kane, Steven Anzovin, and Janet Podell. H.W. Wilson, 2006.

H. Almanacs (current edition)

Time Almanac. Encyclopaedia Britannica, annual.

World Almanac and Book of Facts. World Almanac Books, annual.

World Almanac for Kids. Zoe Kashner, ed. World Almanac Books, annual.

I. Magazine Indexes

Abridged Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature. Wilson, serial.

Children's Magazine Guide: a Subject Index to Children's Magazines and Web Sites. R.R. Bowker, monthly.

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A. World Religions

Encyclopedia of World Religions. Robert S. Ellwood and Gregory D. Alles. Rev. ed. Facts on File, 2006.

Religions of the World: The Illustrated Guide to Origins, Beliefs, Traditions, and Festivals. Elizabeth Breuilly, et al. Facts on File, 2005.

B. Mythology

The Illustrated Bulfinch's Mythology. Macmillan, 1997.

Illustrated Book of Myths: Tales and Legends of the World. Neil Philip and Nilesh Mistry. Dorling Kindersley, 1995.

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A. Careers

Career Discovery Encyclopedia. 7th ed. 8 vols. Ferguson, 2008.

Young Person's Occupational Outlook Handbook. JIST Works, 2007.

B. Endangered Species

Endangered Species. Sonia Benson, et al. 2nd ed. 3 vols. UXL, 2003.

Endangered Wildlife and Plants of the World. 20 vols. Marshall Cavendish, 2007.

C. Holidays

Chase's Calendar of Events. William D. Chase. McGraw-Hill, annual.

Holidays, Festivals, and Celebrations of the World Dictionary: Detailing Nearly 3000

Observances from All 50 States and More Than 100 Nations. Cherie D. Abbey. 4th ed. Omnigraphics, 2008.

400

A. Dictionaries

1. Unabridged

Webster's Third New International Dictionary of the English Language, Unabridged. Philip Babcock Gove. Merriam-Webster, 2002.

2. General Dictionaries

American Heritage Children's Dictionary. Updated ed. Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language. 4th ed. Houghton Mifflin, 2006.

American Heritage First Dictionary. Houghton Mifflin, 2006.

American Heritage Student Dictionary. Houghton Mifflin, 2007

Macmillan Dictionary for Children. Christopher G. Morris. 1st ed. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007.

3. Idioms

Scholastic Dictionary of Idioms. Marvin Terban. Scholastic Reference, 1998.

4. Visual Dictionaries

Facts on File Junior Visual Dictionary. Jean Claude Corbeil and Ariane Archambault. Facts on File, 1994.

Facts on File Visual Dictionary. Jean Claude Corbeil. Facts on File, 1986.

Scholastic Visual Dictionary. Jean Claude Corbeil and Ariane Archambault. Facts on File, 2000.

Ultimate Visual Dictionary. Dorling Kindersley, 2006.

5. Rhyming Dictionaries

New Comprehensive American Rhyming Dictionary. Sue Young. W. Morrow, 1991.

Scholastic Rhyming Dictionary. Sue Young. Scholastic Reference, 2006.

Time to Rhyme. Marvin Terban and Chris L. Demarest. Wordsong/Boyd's Mills Press, 1994.

6. Foreign Language Dictionaries

Based on your population and/or curriculum, select the appropriate foreign language dictionaries from the following publishers: (Substitute as necessary)

Cassell

Oxford University Press

Hippocrene Books

Larousse

- B. Thesauruses** (One adult thesaurus is recommended.)
Random House Webster's College Thesaurus. Rev. and updated, 2005.
Roget's Children's Thesaurus. Scott Foresman, 2000.
Roget's Student Thesaurus. Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, 2000.

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A. General Science Encyclopedia

- The New Book of Popular Science*. 6 vols. Scholastic, 2008.
The World Book Encyclopedia of Science. 8 vols. World Book, 2001.
UXL Encyclopedia of Science. Rob Nagel, ed. 10 vols. UXL, 2002.

B. Science Fair Projects

- Science Experiments Index For Young People*. Mary Anne Pilger. 4th ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2005. (Retain older editions.)
Science Fair Project Index, 1985-1989 for Grades K-8. Cynthia Bishop, et al., eds. Scarecrow Press, 1992.

C. Biomes

- Habitats of the World*. 11 vols. Marshall Cavendish, 2006.
UXL Encyclopedia of Biomes. 3 vols. UXL, 2000.

D. Animals

- Amazing Animals of the World*. 24 vols. Grolier Educational, 1995.
Amazing Animals of the World 2. 10 vols. Grolier Educational, 2005. (continuation)
Amazing Animals of the World 3. 10 vols. Grolier Educational, 2006. (continuation)
Amazing Animals of the World 1. 10 vols. Grolier Educational, 2007. (continuation)
International Wildlife Encyclopedia. Maurice Burton and Robert Burton. 3rd ed. 22 vols. Marshall Cavendish, 2002.
Wildlife of the World. 13 vols. Marshall Cavendish, 1994.

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- CDs, Super Glue, and Salsa: How Everyday Products Are Made*. Mei Ling Rein. 3rd ed. 2 vols. UXL, 2003.
Eureka! Scientific Discoveries and Inventions That Have Shaped the World. Linda Schmittroth, Mary Reilly McCall, and Bridget Travers. 6 vols. UXL, 1995.
New Way Things Work. David Macaulay and Neil Ardley. Houghton Mifflin, 1998.

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- Book of Rules: A Visual Guide to the Laws of Every Commonly Played Sport and Game*. Facts on File, 1998.

- Hopscotch, Hangman, Hot Potato, and Ha, Ha, Ha: A Rulebook of Children's Games.*** Jack Maguire. Simon and Schuster, 1992.
- Multicultural Projects Index : Things to Make and Do to Celebrate Festivals, Cultures, and Holidays Around the World.*** Mary Anne Pilger. 4th ed. Libraries Unlimited, 2005. (Keep old editions; they are a continuation.)
- Rules of the Game: The Complete Encyclopedia of All the Sports of the World.*** St. Martin's Press, 1995.

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A. Poetry Indexes

- Columbia Granger's Index to Poetry in Anthologies.*** Tess Kale. 13th ed. Columbia University Press, 2007. (Serial. Keep previous editions.)
- Index to Poetry for Children and Young People, 1964–1969.*** H.W. Wilson, 1972.
- _____ : 1970–1975. H.W. Wilson, 1978.
- _____ : 1976–1981. H.W. Wilson, 1984.
- _____ : 1982–1987. H.W. Wilson, 1989.
- _____ : 1988–1992. H.W. Wilson, 1994.
- _____ : 1993–1997. H.W. Wilson, 1998.

B. Quotations

- Bartlett's Familiar Quotations: A Collection of Passages, Phrases, and Proverbs Traced to Their Sources in Ancient and Modern Literature.*** John Bartlett. 17th rev. ed. Little, Brown, 2002.
- Quotations for Kids.*** J. A. Senn and Steve Pica. Millbrook Press, 1999.
- Scholastic Treasury of Quotations for Children.*** Adrienne Betz. Scholastic Reference, 1998.

C. Style Manuals

- District or school's style manual**
- MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers.*** Joseph Gibaldi. 6th ed. Modern Language Association, 2003.

D. Writer's Resources

- The Elements of Style.*** William Strunk. 50th ed. Longman Publishing, 2008.
- Woe-Is I Jr.: The Younger Grammarphobe's Guide to Better English in Plain English.*** Patricia T. O'Conner. Putnam, 2007.
- Punctuation Power!*** Marvin Terban. Scholastic, 2000.
- Writing with Style.*** Sue Young. Scholastic, 1997.

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A. Timelines

- Smithsonian Timelines of the Ancient World.*** Christopher Scarre. Reprinted with rev. and cx. Smithsonian Institution, 1999.
- Timetables of History: A Historical Linkage of People and Events.*** Bernard Grun and Eva Simpson. 4th ed., rev. Simon & Schuster, 2005.

B. Geographical Encyclopedia

CultureGrams World Edition. Proquest, annual.

Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations. Timothy L. Gall and Susan Bevan Gall eds. 5th ed. 10 vols. Thomson Gale, 2007.

Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States. Timothy L. Gall and Susan B. Gall, eds. 5th ed. 4 vols. Thomson Gale, 2007.

C. Historical Atlases

Atlas of American History. Gary B. Nash and Carter Smith. Facts on File, Inc., 2007.

Historical Atlas of the United States. Rev. ed. National Geographic Society, 1993.

D. Atlases

Goode's World Atlas. Howard Veregin and J. Paul Goode. 21st ed., 3rd print rev. Rand McNally, 2007.

Hammond Citation World Atlas. Rev. ed. Hammond World Atlas Corp., 2006.

Scholastic Atlas of the United States. David Rubel. Paw Prints, 2008.

Scholastic Atlas of the World. Philip Steele and Jane Walker. New and updated ed. Scholastic Reference, 2003.

E. Biography

1. Authors/Illustrators

Major Authors and Illustrators for Children and Young Adults: A Selection of Sketches from Something About the Author. 2nd ed. 8 vols. Thomson Gale, 2002.

2. Presidents

Complete Book of U.S. Presidents. William A. DeGregorio. 6th ed. Barricade Books, 2005.

Facts about the Presidents. Joseph Nathan Kane, Steven Anzovin, and Janet Podell. 7th ed. H.W. Wilson, 2001.

F. History

1. General

Dictionary of American History. Stanley I. Kutler. 3rd ed. 10 vols. Charles Scribner's Sons, Thomson Gale, 2003.

Gale Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes. Sharon Malinowski, et al. eds. 4 vols. Gale, 1998.

History of US. Joy Hakim. 3rd ed. 11 vols. Oxford University Press, 2003.

UXL American Decades. Tom Pendergast, Sara Pendergast, and Rob Nagel. UXL, 2003.

World War II. 10 vols. Grolier, 2006.

2. Illinois

Encyclopedia of Chicago. James R. Grossman, Ann Durkin Keating, and Janice L. Reiff, eds. The University of Chicago Press, 2004.

Illinois Handbook of Government. Illinois Secretary of State, biennial. (Free from the Illinois Secretary of State, Communications Dept., 474 Howlett Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756 or 217-785-8234.)

Illinois Blue Book. Illinois Secretary of State, biennial. (Free from the Illinois Secretary of State, Communications Dept., 474 Howlett Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756 or 217-785-8234.)