

ENG 152 HONORS: LOCAL HISTORY/GENEALOGY

Reference & Circulating Sources

Reference Sources can focus your topic by giving you a concise overview, background information, facts and statistics, definitions and correct spellings. The reference titles below are located in the Reference Stacks in the MCC Library. The Circulating Sources are located in the library Stacks.

Call Number	Title
Reference	
REF AM12 .I3 .D57	Directory of Illinois museums : including historical, cultural, and scientific agencies
REF E160 .E53 2004	Encyclopedia of American national parks
REF E174 .D549	Dictionary of United States history : Midwest States
REF F547.M14 H57	History of McHenry County, Illinois
REF F547.M14 N9	McHenry County, Illinois, 1832-1968
REF NA705 .B55	Identifying American architecture : a pictorial guide to styles and terms, 1600-1945
REF Z1223 .Z7 S4	Using government information sources : electronic and print
REF Z1277 .G86	A Guide to the history of Illinois
Circulating	
E169 .K985	Daily life in the United States, 1920-1939 : decades of promise and pain
E450 .P27	Passages to freedom : the Underground Railroad in history and memory
E491 .C64	McHenry County Civil War casualties
F539.3 .P64	Oddball Illinois : a guide to some really strange places
F541 .J46	Illinois : a history
F541.P26	Historic Illinois, the romance of the earlier days
F541 .W22	An Illinois reader
F541.6 .F58	Tales and trails of Illinois
F541.6 .K39	Illinois from A to Z
F542 .W54	Illinois historical tour guide
F544 .E38	French roots in the Illinois country : the Mississippi frontier in colonial times
F545 .F23	Life in prairie land
F545 .F7	A history of Illinois : from its commencement as a state in 1818 to 1847
F545 .M55	Making the heartland quilt : a geographical history of settlement and migration in early-nineteenth-century Illinois
F547 .I13 R36	Prairie passage : the Illinois and Michigan Canal corridor
F547 .M14 A22	The Greenwood book : a history of Greenwood Township, McHenry County, Illinois
F547.M14 H58	McHenry County in the twentieth century, 1968-1994
F547 .M14 M4	McHenry County : a history of our own. [videorecording]
F547.M14 N67	McHenry County : a pictorial history
F547 .M14 P45	McHenry County, Illinois
F547 .R2 P55	Escape betwixt two suns : a true tale of the underground railroad in Illinois
F548.9.A1 E86	The Ethnic frontier : essays in the history of group survival in Chicago and the Midwest
F549.E3 B68	Prairie Albion : an English settlement in pioneer Illinois

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F592.7 .H2795	Lewis and Clark in the Illinois country : the little-told story
HE2791 .C632 G7	The North Western : a history of the Chicago & North Western Railway system
HT351 .E29	Creating Chicago's North Shore : a suburban history
HT351 K42	Building Chicago : suburban developers & the creation of a divided metropolis
HV742.I3 G57	Poor relations : the children of the state in Illinois, 1818-1990
HV995.C42 C553	A home of another kind : one Chicago orphanage and the tangle of child welfare
HV5090 .I3 H35	The bootlegger : a story of small-town America
TT835 .E464	History from the heart : quilt paths across Illinois

On doing historical research

E175 .D38	After the fact : the art of historical detection
D16 .B893	Going to the sources : a guide to historical research and writing
D16 .W62	The historian's toolbox : a student's guide to the theory and craft of history
D16.14 .Y68	Recording oral history : a guide for the humanities and social sciences

Reference Databases

Reference Databases provide similar information as the print reference sources above. They can be accessed electronically from the [MCC Library homepage](#) under Reference Databases. For remote access, click on the [Off Campus Access Menu](#).

Database Name	Description
CARLI Digital Collections	includes Chicago Urban League Photos (UIC); Bloomington-Normal Local History Resources (Illinois Wesleyan); Bowen Country Club (UIC)
CREDO Reference	contains over 3 million entries covering every major subject
Daily Life Online	a comprehensive, cross-disciplinary resource that supports history, social studies, English, and language students
Gale Virtual Reference Library	database of encyclopedias and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research
Sanborn Maps	more than 660,000 large-scale maps of more than 12,000 American towns and cities
Sage Reference Online	hosts more than 80 authoritative and award-winning encyclopedias
Women and Social Movements	a resource for students and scholars of U.S. history and U.S. women's history. Organized around the history of women in social movements in the U.S. between 1600 and 2000

The following databases are not provided through MCC – but most public libraries subscribe to them

Ancestry.com	Provides census and birth and death records
Heritage Quest	Provides census data and locally published family histories

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Article Databases

Periodicals consist of popular magazines, newspapers, trade and scholarly journals. To learn about the differences in periodicals refer to Researching Periodicals on the Class Handouts page. All of these resources can be located from the [MCC Library homepage](#) under Article Databases. For remote access, click on the [Off Campus Access Menu](#).

Database Name	Description
Academic Search Premier	multi-disciplinary database provides full text for more than 4,500 journals
Article First	OCLC index of articles from the contents pages of journals
JSTOR	full-text database that includes art and art history journals
ProQuest	multi-disciplinary full text database

Internet Sources

Remember to carefully evaluate information found on the Internet. Unlike most traditional print sources, Internet sources may not go through any review process before the information is made available to the public.

Web Site	Address
McHenry County Historical Society	http://www.mchsonline.org/
Illinois State Archives	http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/archives.html
Database of Illinois Death Certificates	http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/idphdeathindex.html
RootsWeb	http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/
Family History Library Catalog	http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp
American Memory – Library of Congress	http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html
National Archives Experience Digital Vaults	http://digitalvaults.org/#
Ellis Island	http://www.ellisland.org/
Graveyards of Illinois	http://graveyards.com/
Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet	http://www.cyndislist.com/