

ENG 152: COMMUNITY RESEARCH

Reference 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.

Call Number	Title
REF F540.M6	Progress of Women and Minorities in the Illinois Workforce: 2002 Annual Report
REF F547.M14.B66	Book of Lists: McHenry County
REF F547.M14.C6	CPA Community Profile Analysis: Consumer and Business Demographic Reports: McHenry County, IL
REF F547.M14.H58	McHenry County in the Twentieth Century, 1968-1994
REF F547.M14.M921	McHenry County Business Directory
REF F547.M15	Year 2000 Census Data and Selected Demographics: McHenry County, IL
REF HA201.I3	Census of Population and Housing (2000): Summary Social, Economic, and Housing Characteristics
REF HA203.C68	County and City Extra: Annual Metro, City and County Data Book
REF HF5415.33.U6.L54	The Lifestyle Market Analyst

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
Reference USA	premier source of business and residential information for reference and research
Sanborn Maps	historical Illinois maps

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](#).

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Database Name	Description
Academic Search Premier	multi-disciplinary full text database
Chicago Tribune	full-text of the newspaper, 1985 to present
Newspaper Source	provides cover-to-cover full text for 35 national & international newspapers
Northwest Herald	available from the Chicago Tribune link
ProQuest	multi-disciplinary full text database
Regional Business News	provides comprehensive full text coverage for regional business publications

Sample Searches

Keyword Searches

- ✓ Crystal Lake
- ✓ demographics

Subject Searches

- ✓ McHenry County
- ✓ Illinois
- ✓ cities and towns statistics

Tip: Books and articles on the broader topic (without the local focus) can also provide valuable context.

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

MCC Library (websites by subject Community Links, Government Links and Newspaper Links)	www.mchenry.edu/library
American FactFinder: U.S. Census Bureau	factfinder.census.gov
McHenry County	http://www.co.mchenry.il.us/
Quick Facts, McHenry County, IL	http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/17/17111.html
Snap Shots of State Population Data	http://emergency.cdc.gov/snaps/

Tip: Many useful documents are posted on the Internet. Try a Google search on your topic.