PRINT RESOURCES ASSIGNMENT 1: REFERENCE RESOURCES, DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION, & PERIODICALS

A print resource is a book, periodical, reference source, or other item that contains information and can physically be held and read by a user.

People often ask why print resources are necessary. They ask “can’t you just find everything online?”

In many cases, especially in today’s world, resources are often digitalized (accessible online) as well as available in print, but there are a number of unique items that have not been digitalized. These items, including reference resources, are not found on the web.

Also, there may be a time when you do not have access to the web (for example, during a power outage) or just need a quick answer to a question. In these cases, and more, print materials can be very useful resources.

Reference resources are meant to be used to look up a fact or get an overview of a topic. They are usually not meant to be read “cover to cover.”

Part 1: Reference Resources

You will need to visit the reference area of the library to complete Part 1 of this assignment.

To answer the questions, you will need to: 1) provide a definition for the identified reference resource, 2) find an example of this resource, 3) list the Dewey Decimal call number, and 4) answer a question using the resource.

The “Definitions for Commonly Used Terms in FYE 101,” found on page 37 of your handouts booklet will provide helpful information for the different types of reference sources.

The Dewey Decimal call number will be found on the spine of the book. The call numbers are used to organize the books on the library shelves. Dewey call numbers organize the books by subject. An “R” is placed in front of the call number for resources found in the reference area.

Here is an example:
R 641.234
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There is also a listing of selected reference resources (along with Dewey Decimal call numbers) in the handouts booklet that can help you locate these resources in the library.

The first question is completed for you.
1. What is an Atlas? An atlas can either be printed collection of maps, like a road atlas, or a bound book of photographs, drawings, charts, and graphs on a particular subject, like an atlas of the body. Rand McNally’s Road Atlas is an example. (HINT: This was found on page 37 of the handouts booklet).

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: **The Oxford Atlas of the World**

What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? **R 912.7 A881**

Use this resource to find the answer to the following question: What states border Kentucky? **Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri.**

2. What is an Almanac?

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: ________________________________

What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? ________________________________

Use this resource to find the answer to the following question: What percentage of users accessed the Internet from home in the year 2008? (HINT: Look in the World Almanac and Books of Facts’ index for Internet access/usage).

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3. What is an Encyclopedia?

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: ________________________________

What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? ________________________________

Use this resource to find the answer to the following question: What is the Book of Kells? (HINT: Use a general encyclopedia and enter just a short, descriptive explanation).

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4. **What is a Thesaurus?**

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: 

What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? 

Use this resource to find the answer to the following question: Name two synonyms for the word “curtail”.

5. **What is a Quotation Book?**

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: 

What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? 

Use this resource to find the answer to the following question: Who said or wrote the quote “Nothing will come of nothing”? (HINT: Use a general quotation book such as Bartlett’s to find the answer).

6. **What is a Biography?**

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: 

What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? 

Use this resource to find the answer to the following question: What was the profession of Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)?
Part 2: Dewey Decimal Call Number Classification

For this part of the assignment, you will need to visit the library. Go to the library book shelves for a particular Dewey Decimal call number to find out what subjects are available in that section.

You can also find information and a description of the Dewey Decimal Call Number Classification System in your Handouts Booklet.

Look at the subject categories below. Decide whether the subject can be found in the Dewey Call number section that is listed. Circle YES or NO.

(NOTE: Going physically to that shelf section in the library will help you become more aware of the subject for a particular Dewey Decimal Call Number).

1. Are Parenting (Early Childhood Education) items found in the 641’s? YES NO
2. Are Culinary items found in the 641’s? YES NO
3. Are Computer Science items found in the 005’s? YES NO
4. Are Business and Management items found in the 658’s? YES NO
5. Are Travel and Tourism items found in the 150’s? YES NO
6. Are Philosophy items found in the 190’s? YES NO
7. Are Health items found in the 613’s? YES NO

Part 3: Print Periodicals

For this part of the assignment, you will need to visit the periodicals section of the library.

Information about identifying the different types of periodicals (magazines, trade publications, and scholarly journals) can be found in your Handouts Booklet.

Please use information from the Handouts Booklet and your knowledge to answer the following questions:

1. What is the definition of “peer-reviewed”?  

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2. What type of periodical often contains “peer-reviewed” articles? (Circle one):
   - Scholarly Journal
   - Popular Magazine
   - Trade Publication

3. What type of periodical is written for practitioners in a particular field of study? (Circle one):
   - Scholarly Journal
   - Popular Magazine
   - Trade Publication

4. What types of periodicals are often illustrated and contain advertisements? (Circle two):
   - Scholarly Journal
   - Popular Magazine
   - Trade Publication

5. Find a print copy of *Cook’s Illustrated* in the library. Examine this periodical carefully and answer the following questions:
   - What is the main subject (topic) of this periodical? __________________________
   - Does the periodical contain photographs and advertisements? ________________
   - Does the periodical contain case-studies, research reviews, and/or bibliographies? ______
   - Does the periodical cover current events, trends, and practices? ______________
   - Is the periodical published by a professional organization? ________________
   - What type of periodical is *Cook’s Illustrated*? (Circle One)
     o Scholarly Journal
     o Popular Magazine
     o Trade Publication

6. Find a print copy of *@Law* in the library. Examine this periodical carefully and answer the following questions:
   - What is the main subject (topic) of this periodical? __________________________
   - Does the periodical contain photographs and advertisements? ________________
   - Does the periodical contain case-studies, research reviews, and/or bibliographies? ______
   - Does the periodical cover current events, trends, and practices? ______________
   - Is the periodical published by a professional organization? ________________
   - What type of periodical is *@Law*? (Circle One)
     o Scholarly Journal
     o Popular Magazine
     o Trade Publication
7. Find a print copy of the *American Economic Review* in the library. Examine this periodical carefully and answer the following questions:

- What is the main subject (topic) of this periodical? ________________
- Does the periodical contain photographs and advertisements? __________
- Does the periodical contain case-studies, research reviews, and/or bibliographies? ______
- Does the periodical cover current events, trends, and practices? __________
- Is the periodical published by a professional organization? ______________
- What type of periodical is *American Economic Review*? (Circle One)
  - Scholarly Journal
  - Popular Magazine
  - Trade Publication