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

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

In many cases, that is possible but... there are a number of unique reference items that have not been placed 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 to the identified reference resource, 2) find an example of this resource, 3) list the Dewey 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 L123l

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.

1. What is an almanac? _____________________________________________________________

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

   What is the Dewey call number of this resource? ________________________________

2. What is a biography? ____________________________________________________________
Name a book that is this type of reference resource: _________________________________
What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? ______________________________
Who is the subject of the book? _________________________________

3. What is a dictionary? _________________________________

Name a book that is this type of reference resource: _________________________________
What is the Dewey Decimal call number of this resource? ______________________________
Look up a word you are unfamiliar with. What is the word? ______________________________
What is the definition of the word you chose? _________________________________

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? ______________________________
Look up the word you chose above. What is one synonym? ______________________________

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 what subjects are found in that section. There is also a handout on Dewey Decimal Call Number Classification in your handouts booklet.

Circle the correct answer to the following questions (the first question is answered for you):

1. In which library section would you find a cookbook? *(i.e., go to the section where the 900s, 700s, 600s, and 300s are found to find the correct answer).*
   - 900s
   - 700s
   - 600s
   - 300s

2. Where would you find a book on the psychological theories of Sigmund Freud?
   - 700s
   - 400s
   - 900s
   - 100s

3. In which library section would you find a book about mathematics?
   - 500s
   - 800s
   - 900s
   - 700s
4. In which library section would you find a book about what to do while vacationing in New York City?  

| 900s | 700s | 000s | 500s |

5. In which library section would you find a book on business management?  

| 000s | 600s | 800s | 200s |

6. In which library section would you find books about legal studies?  

| 100s | 900s | 300s | 800s |

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 handout and your knowledge to answer the following questions:

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

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 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

Please go to the periodicals area of the library.

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

1. Select a periodical that is a scholarly (academic) journal. If you cannot find an academic journal, please choose a trade publication. If you have questions, please ask the library staff about where to find one of these publications.

   - What is the name of the periodical? _________________________________
   - What is the volume and issue number of the periodical? (If you cannot find the volume and/or issue number, please list the date of publication):
     _________________________________
   - What is the main subject (topic) of this periodical? _________________________________
   - Did you choose a scholarly (academic) journal or a trade publication?
Please name two (2) reasons you consider this periodical to be a scholarly (academic) journal or a trade publication.

1. ________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________

2. Select a periodical that is a popular magazine.

- What is the name of the periodical? _________________________________

- What is the volume and issue number of the periodical? (If you cannot find the volume and/or issue number, please list the date of publication):
  ________________________________

- What is the main subject (topic) of this periodical? __________________

- Please name two (2) reasons you consider this periodical to be a popular magazine:
  1. ________________________________________________________________
  2. ________________________________________________________________

SECTION B: ONLY COMPLETE IF YOU WERE NOT Able TO VISIT A LIBRARY

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The “Definitions for Commonly Used Terms in FYE 101,” found on page 37 of your handouts booklet will provide helpful information for the various reference resources. The booklet can be found on the library’s web page by going to http://library.sullivan.edu, clicking the FYE 101 Class Support button, and then clicking Worksheets.

Please identify the following reference resources using definitions that can be found in the “Definitions for Commonly Used Terms in FYE 101” handout.

The first question is completed for you.

1. What is the name of the reference resource that provides statistics on the economic, social, and political organization of the United States? _Statistical Abstract_

2. What is the name of the reference resource that is published annually and contains facts that cover a wide range of information? ________________________________
3. What is the name of the reference resource that is a geographical dictionary focused on geographical distribution and regional specialization? (HINT: The answer is not “atlas”). ________________

4. What is the name of the reference resource that lists words along with synonyms and antonyms? (HINT: The answer is not “dictionary”). ________________

5. What is the name of the resource that is exclusively about the life of a person or the lives of people? It may provide brief, identifying information or more detailed facts. ________________

6. What is the name of the resource that deals with language, showing the parts of speech and the definition of words? ________________

7. What is the name of the resource that contains directions on how to format a research paper and cite sources? ________________

8. What is the name of the resource that could contain illustrations of maps or could contain photographs and charts on a particular subject? ________________

Now, look at each of questions below. Using the answers to the previous questions and based on what you have learned, please name the resource that would be the BEST choice to find the answer for each request.

Do not answer the question, please just name the resource that can be used to find the information for the question.

(Note: There could be more than one resource that would answer the request, but name the best resource). The first one has been completed for you.

1. Which resource is best for finding brief, identifying information on William Nicol, a Scottish geologist and physicist who lived from 1768-1851)? __a Biography__________________________

2. Which resource is best for finding out how to format and cite sources in your research paper? ________________________________
3. What annual resource can be used to easily find a listing of Nobel Peace Prize winners? ________________________________

4. Which resource is best for finding a synonym for the word “house”? 
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5. Which type of specialized dictionary resource can be used to find out the geographic distribution for the state of Illinois? ______________________________

6. Which resource is best for locating a map of the Philippines? ______________

7. Which resource is best for finding the meaning of the word “success”? 
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You will use the online databases and/or the periodical's web site to “virtually” examine several types of periodicals.

5. Go to the following web site – http://www.clinmedres.org
   • What is the name of this periodical? ______________________________
• Does the periodical contain case-studies, research reviews, and/or bibliographies? 
______________________

• Do the articles submitted to this online periodical undergo peer-review?  
______________________

• How often are issues of this periodical published? (Circle one):
  
  o Monthly (12 times a year) o Quarterly (4 times a year) or three times yearly o Yearly (1 time a year)

• What type of periodical is this online publication? (Circle one):
  
  o Scholarly Journal o Popular Magazine o Trade Publication

6. Go to the following web site – http://performermag.com/current-issue

• What is the name of this online periodical? ____________________________

• Does this online periodical contain illustrations? _____________________

• How often are issues of this periodical published? (Circle one):
  
  o Monthly (12 times a year) o Bi-monthly (6 times a year) o Yearly (1 time a year)

• What type of periodical is this online publication? (Circle one):
  
  o Scholarly Journal o Popular Magazine o Trade Publication

7. Go to the database Academic Search Premier. This is an EBSCOhost database.

   ♦ Using Academic Search Premier, locate the periodical Addiction Research & Theory.  
   (HINT: To find a publication using the EBSCOhost databases, click the PUBLICATIONS tab near the top of the Academic Search Premier search page).

   What type of periodical is this publication? (Circle one):
   (HINT: Click on the link to the publication. This provides a description of the publication. Look at the PUBLICATION TYPE).
Is this periodical peer-reviewed? _______________
(HINT: This information can be found at the bottom of the description).

Using Academic Search Premier, locate the periodical EContent.

What type of periodical is this publication? (Circle one):

- Academic Journal
- Magazine
(EBSCOhost indicates that this is a periodical if not an academic journal)
- Trade Publication

Is this periodical peer-reviewed? _______________

Using Academic Search Premier, locate the periodical Saturday Evening Post.

What type of periodical is this publication? (Circle one):

- Academic Journal
- Magazine
(EBSCOhost indicates that this is a periodical if not an academic journal)
- Trade Publication

SECTION C: EVERYONE MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Classification systems provide a way to organize books and other items in a library.

The call number will be found on the spine of the book. Call numbers are used to organize the books on the library shelves. There are two main classification systems used by most libraries: the Dewey Decimal Classification System or the Library of Congress Classification System. Call numbers are used to organize the books by subject.
Here is an example of a Dewey Decimal call number: 641.234 L123i

Here is an example of a Library of Congress call number: E 301 .C85

Now, please complete one of the following two exercises (either the Dewey Decimal Classification Exercise or the Library of Congress Classification Exercise – not both).

If you are unable to visit a library, please complete the Dewey Decimal Classification Exercise.

**DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION EXERCISE**
Dewey Decimal numbers are assigned to books and other materials in the library. Each Dewey call number corresponds to the subject of the library item.

Look at the Dewey call numbers and subject categories below. Go to the appropriate area in the library. Decide whether the subject could be found in a particular Dewey call number section. Circle YES or NO. (NOTE: If you could not visit a library, use the Sullivan University library catalog (http://libdb.sullivan.edu) to help you locate the answers).

1. Are Parenting (Early Childhood Education) items found in the 641’s? YES NO
2. Are Cookery 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

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS CLASSIFICATION EXERCISE**
Look at the LC call number and the subject categories below. Decide whether the subject could be found in the LC call number section. Circle YES or NO.

1. Are Family and Parenting items found in the HQ section? YES NO
2. Are Cookery items found in the TX section? YES NO
3. Are Technology items found in the T section (this includes any of the T section)? YES NO
4. Are Business and Management items found in the B section (this includes any of the B section)?  YES  NO

5. Are Tourism items found in the G section (this includes any of the G section)?  YES  NO

6. Are Social Science items found in the H section (this includes any of the H section)?  YES  NO

7. Are Medicine items found in the M section (this includes any of the M section)?  YES  NO