ONLINE DATABASES

BIOGRAPHIES:


Literary Reference Center Plus  Search by author’s name.

PERIODICAL ARTICLES:

LexisNexis Academic (search in the “Research People” box)  Provides biographical reference or access to a wide range of full-text articles from hundreds of newspapers and magazines, wire services, and TV and radio broadcasts.

MasterFILE Premier and Academic Search Elite  Access to thousands of magazine and journal articles, many of which are full text.

NewsBank  Provides full-text articles from The Kansas City Star, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and other newspapers, plus broadcast transcripts, newswires, and magazines.

ProQuest Research Library  Provides access to magazine and journal articles, many of which are full text.

Mid-Continent Public Library has many online databases, including biography databases. You log in with your library card number; cards are available to anyone who lives or goes to school in the area.

BOOKS

LIBRARY ONLINE CATALOG

Search for books by author, title, keyword or subject in the Maple Woods Library online catalog at http://mwlibrary.mcckc.edu. A link on the library online catalog page connects to the shared library online catalog for MOBIUS, a network of academic libraries in Missouri that includes Maple Woods. The MOBIUS online catalog accesses over 23 million items. Request books online from other libraries at no charge.

When looking for a biography in the library online catalog, select “Subject (LC)” from the drop down menu and type in the person’s last name, a comma, then a space, and the person’s first name.

Many biographies are shelved in the circulating section of the library under 92. (These are shelved just before the 920s.) Others are in the section that corresponds to their subject; for example, books about artists are in the 700s.
**SELECTED REFERENCE BOOKS**

**Good Places to Start:**

- **Contemporary Authors** Ref. 928 C76c
- **Current Biography** Ref. 920 C93c
- **Encyclopedia of World Biography** Ref. 920 En1w-2
- **Who’s Who in America** Ref. 920.07 W62

See the **920s** for many one-volume and multi-volume sets. Others are in their subject sections. Here is a sampling:

- **Asian American Novelists** Ref. 813.54 As42
- **The Encyclopedia of Filmmakers** Ref. 791.43 T84ef
- **Great Athletes** Ref. 796.092 G798
- **Notable Women Scientists** Ref. 509.2 N84w
- **The Presidents** Ref. 973.0992 P92-3
- **Rock Stars Encyclopedia** Ref. 784.54 R25r
- **World Authors** Ref. 928 W89

**WEBSITES**

- Bio.com (A&E Television Networks)
  http://www.biography.com
- Biographies
  http://www.libraryspot.com/biographies
- Biographical Directory of the U.S. Congress: 1774 - Present
  http://bioguide.congress.gov
- Distinguished Women of Past and Present
  http://www.distinguishedwomen.com
- Infoplease Almanac: Biography
  http://www.infoplease.com/people.html
- National Women’s Hall of Fame
  http://www.greatwomen.org
- Presidents of the United States
  http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents

Voguepedia (biographies of designers, editors, models, personalities, photographers)
http://www.vogue.com/voguepedia