



There are numerous sources for finding information on a person, or biographical information. Probably the best place to start will depend on what type of information you need. Do you need a journal article? Check one of the periodical indexes listed below. Do you need a book? Or do you need a brief overview? If so, check the reference section.

Reference Books

Specialized encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, and almanacs are important tools for biography research. Find the following reference works on the first floor of Bishop Library, in the first four stacks (shelves) on your left as you walk into the library.

Current Biography. REF CT 100 .C8

Best place to start. Provides fairly lengthy articles with references to books and magazine articles. Use the index!

American National Biography. REF CT 213 .A68 1998

Dictionary of American Biography. REF DA 28 .D56

Contains information on deceased Americans.

Dictionary of National Biography. REF DA 28 .D4

Contains information on deceased British men/women.

Webster's New Biographical Dictionary. REF CT103 .W4 1983

Who Was Who. REF DA 28 .W65

Contains information on people who have died.

Who's Who in America. REF E 663 .W56

Who's Who in the East. REF E 747 .W59

Books

SIRSI online catalog. <http://library.lvc.edu:8080/uhtbin/cgiirsi/x/0/49/>

Enter the person's name as a SUBJECT.

Books in Print. <http://library.lvc.edu/library/databases.aspx>

Search the person's name as a SUBJECT. Also available in print on main floor of Bishop Library.

Indexes to Journal and Magazine Articles

Check the following indexes to find journal or magazine articles.

Biography Index. <http://library.lvc.edu/library/databases.aspx>
BEST index to check. *Begin here.* Provides citations to books and journal articles. Available as a FirstSearch database (1984- present). Years prior to 1984 are available in print on the main floor of Bishop (Index CT 85 .B56) in the low wooden shelves beyond the computer island.

Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.

<http://library.lvc.edu/library/databases.aspx>

Generally includes *only* the very famous. Index to magazine articles. Available as a FirstSearch database (Reader's Guide Abstracts 1983- present). For years prior to 1983, available in print on main floor of Bishop (Index A1 .3 .R48)

ArticleFirst. <http://library.lvc.edu/library/databases.aspx>
Indexes 13,000 magazines and journals. Available as a FirstSearch database (1990- present)

Indexes to Newspaper Articles

Search the following newspaper indexes to find biographical information.

- [News](#) (LexisNexis)
- [NewsBank](#)
- [Newspaper Abstracts](#) (FirstSearch)
- [Newspaper Source](#) (EBSCOHost)