Southwest Virginia Community College Library

Subject Guide – Biography

Scope:  Find books, articles, and other resources containing biographical information.

Call Number Areas to Browse at SWCC Library:
   CT (Biography)

Keywords to Search:
   Biography and the person, place or event, or class of person you are seeking.  E.g. Lincoln and biography, e.g. New York and biography, e.g. Civil War and biography, e.g. Scientists and biography.

Example Broad Search Topics:  (Use for catalog or journal search.)
   Biography.  Search also under: subdivision Biography under names of countries, cities, etc., names of individual literary authors and corporate bodies, and under classes of persons, ethnic groups, individual and groups of animals, and historic events.

Reference Books at SWCC Library:
   Biography Index – Ref. Z5301 .B5
      Identifies books and periodical articles written about a person.
   Current Biography – Ref. CT100 .C8
      Includes detailed biographies.  Contains a cumulative index.
      Gives brief factual information on person’s date of birth, marriages, children, education, awards, etc.

SWCC Databases: (*Use MYSouthwest ID to login from off campus.)
   EBSCOhost Research Databases *
   Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) (ebooks) *
   Library Catalog (No login required.)
   Literature Resource Center *
Internet Resources:

http://crln.acrl.org/content/75/7/394.full

This is Your Life: A Collection of Online Biographical Resources from CR&L News (American Library Association). Authoritative biographical web sources covering both living and deceased persons, notable persons in particular countries, persons in specific fields or occupations, celebrities, and government leaders. Included are general biographical websites and biographical websites on topics such as African Americans, Arts, Music, Entertainment, Sports, Authors, Inventors, Scientists, Mathematicians, Women, and U.S. and World Leaders (past & present).

http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-present provides more than 13,000 persons who served in the U.S. Congress, including the Continental Congress.

http://www.biography.com

Bio.com contains biographies on over 20,000 of the greatest lives, past and present.

http://www.infoplease.com/people.html

Infoplease: Biography contains over 30,000 biographies.

Need Help?

Explore further Library classes -

LBR 195 - 1-credit hour class. Watch the SWCC Schedule of Classes for course offerings.

iLit: Information Literacy for Life - free, 50-minute sessions on Library resources and information literacy based on “Connect for Success, the VCCS Information Literacy Tutorial” offered periodically during the semester.

Ask for help. Call, e-mail, or stop by the SWCC Library if you need help with Library resources.

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Also, reference help is available 24/7 from the LRCLive virtual reference service provided by the Virginia Community College System (VCCS).

All sites accessed 10/18/15.

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