

Reference Sources

The Reference Collection located on the first floor of the Library is the ideal place to find brief biographical information. It's helpful to know the person's nationality and whether the person is living or dead. The following is a list of some biographical sources. Many of these sources are multiple volume sets, so use the set's index if one is available.

- American Men and Women of Science*** Ref Q 141 .A471 2003
(2005 & 2007 eds. are available electronically via: *IUCAT*)
- American National Biography*** Ref CT 213 .A68 1999
- American Women in Science*** Ref Q 141 .B254 1998
- American Writers*** Ref PS 129 .A55
- Biographical Dictionary of Scientists*** Ref Q 141 .B528 2000
- Biographical Directory of the American Congress*** 1774-1996 Ref JK 1030 .B56
- Black American Writers Past and Present*** Stacks Z 1229 .N39 R87
- British Writers*** Ref PR 85 .B688
- Chamber's Biographical Dictionary*** Ref CT 103 .C4 1997
(2002 ed. is available electronically via: *IUCAT*)
- Contemporary Authors New Revision Series*** Ref Z 1224 .C56
- Current Biography*** 1940- Ref CT 100 .C8
- Dictionary of American Biography*** Ref E 176 .D56
- Dictionary of Literary Biography*** (series) Ref PN 451 .D53
- Dictionary of National Biography*** Ref DA 28 .D47
- Dictionary of Scientific Biography*** Ref Q 141 .D5
- Dictionary of World Biography*** Ref CT 104 .D54 1998
- Encyclopedia of American Biography*** Ref CT 213 .E53 1996
- Encyclopedia of World Biography*** Ref CT 103 .E56 1998
(2005 & 2006 supplements are available electronically via: *IUCAT*)
- Indiana Biographical Dictionary*** Ref CT 233 .I53 1999
- Indiana Legends: Famous Hoosiers from Johnny Appleseed to David Letterman***
Stacks CT 233 .P75 1997
- International Who's Who*** Ref CT 120 .I5
- Merriam-Webster's Biographical Dictionary*** Ref CT 103 .M47 1995
- Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary Completing the Twentieth Century*** Ref CT 3260 .N5725 2004
- Notable Asian Americans*** Ref E 184 .O6 N67 1995
- Notable Black American Men*** Ref E 185.86 .N68 1999
- Notable Black American Women*** Stacks E 185.96 .N68 1992
- Notable Native Americans*** Ref E 89 .N67 1995
- Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives*** Ref E 176 .D563a
- Who's Who*** Ref DA 28 .W6 Primarily indexes British people.
- Who's Who in America*** Ref E 176 .W642
- Who Was Who in America*** Ref E176 .W64
Indexes notable Americans who are deceased.

To locate other sources in the IU Kokomo Library use [IUCAT](#), the online catalog, and search by keyword. Below are some sample searches that could be used.

artists and biography
ernest hemingway and biography
bill clinton and biography

authors and biography
politicians and biography
anna quindlen and journalist

Electronic Databases

[**Biography and Genealogy Master Index**](#)

Coverage includes contemporary and historical figures, indicates birth and death dates and gives the title and edition of reference books in which relevant entries can be found.

[**Biography Resource Center**](#)

Provides full-text biographical information on people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas.

[**LexisNexis Academic**](#)

LexisNexis Academic provides biographical information on politicians, movie stars, athletes, and other personalities. Choose *People* from the *Search toolbar*.

[**Literature Resource Center**](#)

A complete literature reference database. Rich in biographical, bibliographical, and critical content, it is the premier Internet resource for information on literary figures from all time periods writing in such genres as fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama, history, journalism, and more.

[**NewsBank NewsFile Collection**](#)

Contains full-text news articles covering social, economic, environmental, government, sports, the arts, people, health and science issues and events from U.S. regional and national newspapers, wire services, and broadcasts from 1992 to the present.

Printed Indexes

Biography Index 1946/1949 - 2001/2002 Index Z 5301 .B5

Is a guide to biographical material appearing in periodicals and books.

Selected Biography Resource on the Internet

Go to the [Useful Reference Links](#) on the Indiana University Kokomo Library Web page. Look under the *Biography* category.