Standards Committee Alabama Library Association
Suggestions for a basic reference collection

Each public library should have a collection of basic reference tools so that a majority of the reference requests received can be answered in-house. This list of titles, arranged by the Dewey Decimal Classification and then broad subjects has been compiled by the reference staff of the Alabama Public Library Service with the advice of reference librarians from the public libraries of Birmingham, Huntsville, and Mobile. The subject areas are displayed in bold print, e.g., “Dictionary of Foreign Phrases.” One or more examples of reference books are listed for each subject area.

Standard or classic titles that will remain in print or will be updated regularly have been selected. Every effort has been made to select reasonably priced items. This list is meant to be a guide; librarians may wish to select other titles. There are many excellent reference books that are not on this list.

The following titles are basic selection aids for reference resources. These titles were used to develop this list. APLS keeps current copies of these books for you to use when you are selecting titles for your own collection:

Reference Sources for Small and Medium-Sized Libraries. ALA. Annual.

A current reference collection is a necessity. Annuals, almanacs, and yearbooks should be replaced each year. Science and medical books should be replaced every three to five years. If you need assistance in determining the most current editions, contact the APLS Reference Department.

The Internet is an integral part of reference service now. No recommended list can be complete without a list of suggested sites. The addresses were current at the time this document was compiled.
SUGGESTIONS FOR A BASIC REFERENCE COLLECTION

Asterick (*) books should be in each library, and asterick (*) web sites should be book marked on library computers. Each library should have one or more books on a subject that is marked with an asterick (*).

000s-Generalities
Books:
*A general adult encyclopedia not more than 5 years old, such as Britannica.
*A children’s encyclopedia not more than 5 years old, such as World Book.  
Chase’s Calendar, see the 500s


*A current computer dictionary:

An internet research guide:


Newspapers:
*The local newspaper
A newspaper from the largest major city in Alabama near the library

A handbook or dictionary of the paranormal:
Internet Sites

General Reference sites
Best Information on the Net  http://www.sau.edu/bestinfo/
*Digital Librarian  http://servtech.com/~mvail/home.html
*The Internet Public Library  http://ipl.org/
Michigan Electronic Library http://mel.lib.mi.us/
Stumpers-L  http://www.cuis.edu/~stumpers/
The World-Wide Web Virtual Library: Subject Catalog  
http://www.vlib.org/AlphaVL.html

*Internet Sites for Books and Book Reviews:
Amazon  http://www.amazon.com see also “Featured in the Media” for books on television shows
Barnes and Noble  http://www.barnesandnoble.com
Books and Book Reviews on the Web  
http://members.home.net/albeej/pages/Books.html
BookSpot  http://bookspot.com

Out-of-Print Dealers:
Advanced Book Exchange  http://Abebooks.com/
Alibris  http://www.alibris.com
Bibliofile  http://www.bibliofile.org
Bibliofind  http://www.bibliofind.com

Library and Professional Sites:
*American Library Association  www.ala.org
*Alabama Library Association  http://alala.home.mindspring.com
National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped  http://lcweb.loc.gov/nls/
Copyright:  Digital Millennium Copyright Act  
http://www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/dmca.html
Library web pages: lib-web-cats  
http://library.vanderbilt.edu/breeding/libwebcats.html
LibraryLand: Index to Resources for Librarians  
http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/LibraryLand/index3.html
Libraryspot  http://libraryspot.com
Online serials directory: PubList.com: Home Page
Computer/Internet Terms:
*Glossary of Internet Terms
[http://www0.delphi.com/navnet/index.html](http://www0.delphi.com/navnet/index.html)

Grants
The Foundation Center  [http://www.fdncenter.org/](http://www.fdncenter.org/)
Nonprofit Resources Catalogue  [http://www.clark.net/pub/pwalker/home.html](http://www.clark.net/pub/pwalker/home.html)

Newspapers:
Alabama Live  [http://www.al.com](http://www.al.com)

100s-Philosophy and Psychology

Books:
A philosophy dictionary or handbook:

A basic psychology dictionary or handbook:
(see also books on psychiatry in the 600’s)

Internet Sites
Philosophy Resources on the Internet  [http://www.epistemelinks.com](http://www.epistemelinks.com)
200s-Religion

Books:
*Handbooks and guides to sects and denominations:*

*A Bible and a concordance* (Make sure the version of the concordance and Bible are the same.)

Bible commentaries as needed:
Interpreter’s One-Volume Commentary on the Bible: Introduction and Commentary for Each Book of the Bible including the Apocrypha…Abingdon Press.

A Bible dictionary and/or Handbook:


Other guides as needed:
The New Ages Encyclopedia: a Guide to the Beliefs, Concepts, Terms,

**Internet Sites**

Bible Gateway  http://bible.gospelcom.net/bible  
Buddhist Resources  http://www.aril.org/Buddhist.html  
Finding God in Cyberspace http://users.ox.ac.uk/~mikef/durham/fgic/contents.htm  
*InterFaithNet  http://www.exotrope.com/cgi-bin/search/ifn/form.cgi  
Virtual Religion Index  http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~religion/vri/index.html

**300s-Social Sciences**

**Books:**

**Statistics:**


*(Note: The Alabama Department of Economics and Community Affairs (ADECA) published the Alabama County Data Book and the Alabama Municipal Data Book in years past but may not publish these titles again. The information in these titles was taken from the census and that material is available elsewhere.)*

**Business/Economics:**

*The Alabama Industrial Directory. Alabama Development Office. (ADO usually gives copies of this to APLS for distribution to public libraries)*  


Government/Politics:

*Alabama Blue Book (Capitol Press) or Alabama Source Book (Litho-Media)
Alabama’s State and Local Government. David L. Martin. The University of Alabama Press.


Law:

Code of Alabama, 1975. Michie Co. (Kept up to date with pocket parts.)
Contact your local legislator to see if he can provide your library with a copy.

Black’s Law Dictionary. Publisher’s editorial staff, contributing authors: Joseph R. Noland and M. J. Connolly. West.


Tax Guides:

*A current year income tax guide:
The Ernst &Young Tax Guide. Peter W. Bernstein, Editor. John Wiley.

Reproducible Federal Tax Forms for Use in Libraries. IRS. Annual.
Publication 1132

Social Security, Medicare and pensions: the sourcebook for older Americans: the Sourcebook for Older Americans. Joseph L. Matthews. Nolo. (Formerly The Sourcebook for Older Americans)

Ethnic Groups:

Hispanic-American Almanac. Gale.
(Native Americans see 900’s)
A guide to environmental issues:


Education

*College guides:

*Peterson’s guide to four-year colleges.* Peterson’s Guides. Annual.

*Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges*  Barron’s Educational Series.


*Peterson’s guide to two-year colleges.* Peterson’s Guides. Annual.

*Peterson’s Vocational and Technical Schools and Programs.* Peterson’s Guides. 2 vols. (Volume one covers schools east of the Mississippi)

*A scholarship book:

*Aids for Higher Education.* Financial Brown and Benchmark.

College Blue Book. Vol. 5 *Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants, And Loans.* Macmillan.

A dictionary of folklore:

*Funk and Wagnall’s Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology, and Legend.* Funk and Wagnall.

*Bullfinch’s Mythology.* Thomas Bullfinch. Various editions.

An etiquette book:


Internet Sites

Statistics:


*U.S. Census Bureau  [http://www.census.gov/](http://www.census.gov/) (go to select a state and click on Alabama)

Ethnic Groups (See also the 900’s):

*AFRO-AMERICAN ALMANAC  [http://toptags.com/aama](http://toptags.com/aama)*

Martin Luther King, Jr.  [http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/](http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/)
Law and Government:
Alabama:
*Alabama Information Network  http://alaweb.asc.edu/index-main.asp
*Alabama State Government Publications  http://www.lib.auburn.edu/madd/statepubs/ (Excellent site)
ALIS (Code of Alabama)  http://www/legislature.state.al.us/
Legal Forms, Alabama  http://uslegalforms.com/Alabama.htm
*Alabama Department of Revenue  http://www.ador.state.al.us
(for state tax forms)

United States:
*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  http://www.gsa.gov/fdac/
EEOC  http://www.eeoc.gov/
*Federal Register  http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/aces/aces140.html
Frequently Used Sites Related to U.S. Federal Government Information  http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/central/staff/fdtf.html
GovSpot-resources for Citizens and Government Employees  http://www.govspot.com/
Internal Revenue Service  http://irs.gov/ (For tax information)

State Tax Forms  http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/FORMS.html

Crime:
Criminal Justice Links  http://www.criminology.fsu.edu/cj.html
Crime in Alabama  http://agencies.state.al.us/acjis/pages/frconten.htm

Disabilities:
National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities  http://nichcy.org/
Recordings for the Blind & Dyslexic  http://www.rfbd.org/
WebABLE!  http://webable.com/
**Business:**
A.M. Best Worldwide Insurance Directory  
http://www.ambest.com/resource/insdir.html  
Companies Online  http://www.companiesonline.com/  
CompanyLink: Company Lookup  
http://www.companylink.com/companylookup.cfm  
NASDAQ  http://www.nasdaq.com/  
Stock Ticker Symbol Search  
http://www.secapl.com/secapl/quoteserver/search.html  
StockMaster  http://www.stockmaster.com/  
Thomas Register  http://www.thomasregister.com

**Education:**
Education World  http://www.education-world.com/  
SERI-Special Education Resources on the Internet  
http://www.hood.edu/seri/  
Educational Testing Service Network  http://www.ets.org/  
*FastWeb: Free Scholarship and College Searches  http://www.fastweb.com/  
*FinAid! The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid Tools  
http://www.finaid.org/  

**Etiquette/Costumes/Holidays:**
Ultimate Etiquette and Manners Resource Page  
http://www.mindspring.com/~thinds/jmh/etiquetteurls.htm  
Costumes  http://www.costumes.org  
The Worldwide Holiday and Festival Site  

**Folklore:**
Bullfinch’s Mythology  http://www.bulfinch.org/  
Legends  http://www.legendz.dm.net/  
Urban Legends & Folklore-Home Page  http://urbanlegends.miningco.com/  
Urban Legends Reference Pages  http://snopes.com/  
(WARNING: THE URBAN LEGENDS SITES CONTAIN SOME ADULT MATERIAL)
400s-Languages
Books:
*An unabridged dictionary:
Webster’s Third New International Dictionary of the English Language. Merriam-Webster.

A sign language dictionary:

A reverse dictionary:

A thesaurus:

A dictionary of foreign phrases:

A visual dictionary:

A usage guide:
Foreign dictionaries as needed:
Cassell’s German-English; English-German. Harold T. Betteridge, compiler. Macmillan.

Internet Sites
Dictionaries/usage:
Guide to Grammar and Writing  
http://webster.commnet.edu/HP/pages/darling/original.htm
Inkspot: Writing Resource  http://www.inkspot.com/
*Merriam-Webster Online  http://www.m-w.com/home.htm

Foreign Languages:
WWW Foreign Language Resources  
http://www.itp.berkeley.edu/~thorne/HumanResources.html
A Web of On-Line Dictionaries  
http://www.facstaff.bucknell.edu/rbeard/diction.html
Language Dictionaries an Translators  
http://rivendel.com/~ric/resources/dictionary.html
*Travlang’s Translating Dictionaries  
http://dictionaries.travlang.com/

500s-Natural Science

Books
A general science dictionary:  

**Science Fair Projects:**  
*Janice VanCleave’s Science Experiment Source Book*  
*Science Experiments on File.* Facts on File  
*Chase’s Calendar of Annual Events.* Contemporary Books. Annual.

**A dictionary of scientific biography:**  
*The Cambridge Dictionary of Scientists.* Ian Miller, Margaret Miller, David Miller, and John Miller. Cambridge University Press.  

**Handbooks or dictionaries on specific areas of the sciences:**  
*The Numbers You Need.* Nigel Hopkins and John W. Mayne. Gale.  
John Farndon and Neil Ardley. Dorling Kindersley.  
*Dinosaur Society Dinosaur Encyclopedia.* The Don Lessem and Donald F. Glut. Random.  

**NOTE:** The Peterson Field Guide Series and the Audubon Field Guides are good and reasonably priced. You may need books on tree identification, insects, butterflies, reptiles, amphibians, venomous animals, shells, and mammals.

**Internet sites**  
General Science sites:  
SciCentral: Gateway to the Best Science and Engineering Online Resources  
[http://scicentral.com](http://scicentral.com)
SciSeek.com-Your Online Resource for Science and Nature  
http://www.sciseek.com/

Science Fair Projects:  
*Reference Desk  http://www.eurekalert.org/resources/definitions.html  
*IPL Science Fair Project Resource Guide  
http://www.ipl.org/youth/projectguide/  

Scientific biography:  

Biographies, The Scientists  
http://www.blupete.com/Literature/Biographies/Science/Scients.htm  
Women in Science  http://hyperion.advanced.org/20117/mainbio.html  
The Faces of Science: African Americans in the Sciences  
http://www.lib.lsu.edu/lib/chem/display/faces.html  

Mathematics:  
History of Mathematics http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/index.html  
The Math Forum Home Page http://forum.swarthmore.edu/  

Sites on Specific Scientific Topics:  
The WWW Virtual Library: Astronomy and Astrophysics  
http://w.com/wwwvl/astronomy/  
The Nine Planets http://www.seds.org/billa/tnp/  
The NASA Homepage http://www.nasa.gov/  
PhysLINK com-Physics, Science, Engineering Reference  
http://www.physlink.com  
Chemistry Teaching Resources  
http://www.anachem.umu.se/eks/pointers.htm  
Earth Sciences: Paleontology  
http://www.wcsu.ctstateu.edu/library/es_paleontology.html  
Biology Legacy Site o’Sites http://www.teleport.com/~amobb/biology/  
Plant Science Homepage http://www.unl.edu/agnicpls/agnic.html  
Internet Resource Guide Zoology  
http://www.york.biosis.org/zrdocs/zoolinfo/zoolinfo.htm
600s-(Applied Science and Technology)

Books:

**Patents and Inventions:**


**Medicine:**

*A medical dictionary:*
*Merriam-Webster’s Medical Desk Dictionary.* Merriam-Webster.
*Stedman’s Medical Dictionary.* Williams & Williams.

**An anatomy atlas or handbook:**

*A family guide to health:*


*A professional medical guide:*
*The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy.* Merck.
*Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment.* Appleton & Lange

*A guide to drugs:*
*Physicians Desk Reference.* American Medical Association.

**A first aid book:**
*American Medical Association Handbook of First Aid and Emergency Care.* AMA.

**Mental Health:**
Technology:
An electronics dictionary:

*Automobile Repair:*
*Chilton’s Auto Repair Manual.* Chilton Book Co.
*Chilton’s Truck and Van Repair Manual.* Chilton Book Co.

A gardening handbook:

A guide to southern gardens:
*The Southern Living Garden Book.* Steve Bender. Oxmoor House

A houseplant handbook:
The *Houseplant Encyclopedia.* Maggie Stuckey. Berkely

Pets:
*Complete Book of Pet Care.* Peter Roach. Howell Books

A Consumer guide:
Consumer Reports Buying Guide issue (December issue of Consumer Reports) Editors of Consumer Reports. Consumers Union

A food dictionary:

A cook book with basic recipes:

Secretarial Handbook:

A Business Dictionary:
*Dictionary of Business and Management.* Jerry M. Rosenberg. Wiley
Internet Sites

Patents and Inventions:
* Patent and Trademark Office http://www.uspto.gov/
How Stuff Works! http://www.howstuffworks.com/

Medicine:
Lycos: Health>Alternative http://dir.lycos.com/Health/Alternative/
* Merck http://www.Merck.com
* QuackWatch Home Page http://www.quackwatch.com/
* RxList-The Internet Drug Index http://www.rxlist.com
Tufts University Nutrition Navigator http://navigator.tufts.edu/

Psychiatry:
Clinical Psychology Resources http://www.psychologie.uni-bonn.de/kap/li_home.htm
Internet Mental Health Resources http://www.med.nyu.edu/Psych/src.psych.html
Mental Health Net http://mentalhelp.net/

* Automobiles:
Kelley Blue Book-Bluebook Car Prices http://www.kbb.com/
NADA http://www.nadaguides.com/

Consumer info:
Product Reviewnet http://www.productreviewnet.com/splash.html

Agriculture/horticulture:
Department of Soil Science-Dr. Soil Surfs http://www.agri.upm.edu.my/jst/drsoil.html
The Garden Gate http://garden-gate.prairienet.org/
HGA Horticultural Dictionary http://www.garden.org/qanda/nga/definition.asp

Pets:
AVMA Care for Pets http://www.avma.org/care4pets/default.htm
Practical Formulas:
Make Stuff-Formulas for lotions, potions, and remedies
http://www.makesstuff.com/formulas.html

Food:
Refdesk.com-Food and Recipes  http://www.refdesk.com/food.html

Home Improvement:
Handyman USA-Expert Advice and help for do-it-yourselfers
http://www.handymanusa.com/
Old House Web  http://www.oldhouseweb.com

Business:
U.S. Business Advisor: Serving Businesses on Their Terms
http://www.business.gov
AnyWho: Telephone Number, Email, Home Page  http://anywho.com/
Business and Legal Forms  http://www.lectlaw.com/formb.htm

700s-ARTS
Books:
Game:

Art:
An art dictionary:
The Oxford Dictionary of Art. Ian Chilvers and Harold Osburn, editors.

A narrative history of art:

A handbook or dictionary or architecture:
*Antiques and Collectibles:

Music:

Movies/Television/Theatre:
Leonard Maltin’s Movie and Video Guide. Leonard Maltin. Plume, 1993-
Roger Ebert’s Video Companion. Roger Ebert. Andrews & McMeel, 1994-

Internet sites
Art:
Mother of all Art History Links
http://www.umich.edu/~hartspc/histart/mother
World Wide Arts Resources-The Definitive Arts and Culture…
http://wwar.com/
Architecture Web Resources
http://library.nevada.edu/arch/rsrce/webrsrce/contents.html

*Antiques:
Antiques Roadshow  http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/roadshow/home.html
Christies  http://www.christies.com/home.html
Kovels Home Page  http://www.kovel.com
Maloney’s Antiques & Collectibles Resource Directory
http://www.maloneysonline.com/index.html

Music:
The Classical Music Pages  http://w3.rz-berlin.mpg.de/cmp/classmus.html
JAZZ Links of World  http://www.pk.edu.pl/~pmj/jazzlinks/_main.html
Country.com-Country Music, Racing, Outdoors, TNN…
http://www.country.com/home.html
Roughstock’s History of Country Music  www.roughstock.com/history/
The Mudcat Discussion Forum (blues and folk)  http://www.mudcat.org/threads.cfm
Billboard Online: Welcome  http://www.billboard-online.com/  

Songs/lyrics:  
SongFile Home  http://www.songfile.com/  
Lyrics World  http://www.summer.com.br/~pfilho/  
Song Lyrics; Libretti  http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/songlyr.html  
Campfire Song Book  http://www.web.co.za/scouts/songs/  

Movies/Theater/Radio/TV:  
The Internet Theatre Database  http://www.theatredb.com/  
Musicals.Net  http://musicals.net/  
The Internet Movie Database(IMDb). A database of more than 2,000 titles  http://us.imdb.com/  
Movie Review Query Engine  http://www.mrqe.com/  
Radio Days  http://www.otr.com/  

Sports:  
College Teams Nicknames  http://www.AFN.org/~recycler/sports.html#U  
Crimson Tide Athletics Official Web Site  http://roll.tide.ua.edu/  
Disabled Sports USA at a Glance  http://dsusa.org/glance.html  
ESPN.com  http://espn.go.com  
The Official Site of Auburn Athletics  http://www.auburn.edu/athletics/  

800s-LITERATURE  
Books  

Style manuals:  
As Needed:
Electronic Styles: a Handbook for Citing Electronic Information. Xia Li and Nancy B. Crane. Information Today.

The Columbia Granger’s Index to Poetry. Columbia University Press.
KEEP ALL EDITIONS

*Familiar Quotations: a Collection of Passages, Phrases, and Proverbs Traced To Their Sources in Ancient and Modern Literature. Justin Kaplan. Little, Brown. (Bartlett’s-keep all earlier editions)

Other Quotation books:
(Originally published by Facts on File)
Quotations in Black. Anita King, ed. Greenwood.

American Literature:
Oxford University Press.
The Oxford Companion to African American Literature. William L. Andrews, Francis S. Foster and Trudier Harris, eds. Oxford University Pr.

Handbooks or guides to southern literature as needed:
**English Literature:**

*Shakespeare for Students.* Mark W. Scott, ed. Gale.
*Shakespeare for Students Book II.* Catherine C. Dominic, ed.

**Literary Criticism:**
It is almost impossible for public libraries to have enough sources on literary criticism, and most of the multi-volume sets such as *Contemporary Literary Criticism* and *Nineteenth-Century Literary Criticism* are extremely expensive. Sources on the Internet and the Alabama Virtual Library should provide students with a wealth of information. To supplement these electronic resources libraries might want to consider the Salem Press sets Edited by Frank N. Magill. They are less expensive and are suitable for small libraries. The “Masterplots II” series (drama, short story, poetry, American Fiction, Afro-American literature, etc) are arranged by title of the literary work. A synopsis and explication are provided. The “Critical Surveys series” (long fiction, short fiction, poetry, etc.) are arranged by author and provides general criticism of the author’s work using examples from specific titles.

**A handbook or guide to children’s literature:**
*Twentieth-Century Children’s Writers.* Laura Standley Berger, ed. St.James.

**Internet Sites**
**Style Manuals:**
Karka’s Guide to Citation Style Guides
[http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/journalism/cite.html](http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/journalism/cite.html)
Literary Terms:
Glossary of Literary Terms and Handbook of Rhetorical Devices
http://www.uky.edu/ArtsSciences/Classics/Harris/rhetform.html

Quotations:
The Quotation Page  http://www.starlingtech.com/quotes/
LinkBank: Quotation Links
http://www.linkbank.net/get_links/default/quotes/8/

Concordances of Great Books  http://www.concordance.com/

Poetry:
Poetry  http://eserver.org/poetry/
Nanette’s Guide to Poetry on the Internet
http://www.sau.edu/library/poetry/poeindex.htm
Sonnet Central  http://www.sonnets.org/

Plays:
Inter-Play Title Page  http://www.portals.org/interplay

American Literature:
American Studies Web: Literature and Hypertext
http://www.georgetown.edu/crossroads/asw/lit.html

English Literature:
*VoS English Literature: English Literature Page
http://humanitas.ucsb.edu/shuttle/english.html

Literary Criticism:
*IPL Online Literary Criticism Collection Main Page
http://www.ipl.org/ref/litcrit/
Literary Resources on the Net  http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/

Children’s Literature:
CLWG:Children’s Literature Web Guide
http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html
Children’s and Young Adult Literature Sites
http://www.cofc.edu/~huntc/Kiddielinks.html
900s-History and Geography

Books:
A chronology or timeline:
*Chronicle of the World.* Dorling Kindersley.

Geography/Atlases:
The *Map Catalog: every Kind of Map and Chart on Earth and Even Some Above It.* Joel Makower, ed. Vintage.

Atlases as needed (at least one world and one United States) and travel guides:
*National Geographic Atlas of the World.* National Geographic Society
*California and the West*
*Great Lakes*
*Mid-Atlantic*
*Northeast Northwest and Great Plains*
*Southwest*
*South Central*

Dictionary or handbook of explorers:
*Who was Who in World Exploration.* Carl Waldman and Alan Wexter. Facts on File.
A guide to the states:

Addresses:

One volume biographical dictionaries:
*Almanac of Famous People. Susan Stetler, ed. Gale.

American:
Press are now out-of-print. Do not discard if you have.)


As needed and/or as funds are available, a multi-volume set:
Or the new
A basic guide to genealogy and how to books as needed:


World History:

American History:

Native Americans:

African Americans:
Hispanics:
*Hispanic-American Almanac*. Nicolas Kanellos, ed. Gale

American history handbooks or guides:

Internet Sites:
*Alabama Dept. of Archives and History*  http://www.archives.state.al.us
THE BEST SITE FOR ALABAMA HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

Geography/Maps:
Atlapedia Online  http://www.atlapedia.com/
Map Blaster  http://www.esc3.net/mnt/blast/
Tiger Map Server Browser  http://tiger.census.gov/cgi-bin/mapbrowse-tbl

Biography:
Best Information on the Net-Biographical  http://vweb.sau.edu/bestinfo/Refdesk/Biograph/bioindex.htm
Biographie.net  http://www.biographie.net/en/accueil.html
Biography.com  http://www.biography.com/bio_main.html
Lives, the Biography Resource  http://members.home.net/klanxner/lives/

Multicultural Personalities on the Internet  http://www.ithaca.edu/library/htmls/multi.html

*Genealogy:
Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet  http://www.cyndislist.com/
Family Tree Maker’s Genealogy Site  http://www.familytreemaker.com/
RootsWeb  http://www.rootsweb.com/
Flags of all Countries  http://www.wave.net/upg/immigration/flags.html

**History Sites:**
The WWW-VL History Index  http://www.ukans.edu/history/VL/
American and British History Resources on the Internet http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rulib/socsci/hist/amhist.html
Internet Resources for Students of Afro-American History http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rulib/socsci/hist/afrores.htm
Hispano Contributions to the United States of America, and to the World http://www.neta.com/~1stbooks/
50 States and Capitals http://www.50states.com/
National Register of Historic Places http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/nrhome.html
The American Civil War Homepage http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/
Documenting the American South http://metalab.unc.edu/docsouth/dasmain.html
Anyone have suggestions for a cheap, basic laptop that I could look into purchasing? My laptop of 2 years is on its last leg and I am looking for a new computer. I am looking to spend well under $1000. I honestly only use my computer for internet, music storage, and really nothing much more than occasionally typing a paper. Anyone have suggestions for a cheap, basic laptop that I could look into?
A collection of SpellingSuggestion objects that represent all the suggestions for a specified word or for the first word in the specified range. Using the SpellingSuggestions Collection. Use the GetSpellingSuggestions method to return the SpellingSuggestions collection. The SpellingSuggestions method, when applied to the Application object, must specify the word to be checked. When the GetSpellingSuggestions method is applied to a range, the first word in the range is checked. Collections API. Parameter Reference. Command Line Utilities. SolrCloud with Legacy Configuration Files. To be used as the basis for a suggestion, the field must be stored. You may want to use copyField rules to create a special 'suggest' field comprised of terms from other fields in documents. In any event, you very likely want a minimal amount of analysis on the field, so an additional option is to create a field type in your schema that only uses basic tokenizers or filters. One option for such a field type is shown here. This is a basic suggestion using a single dictionary and a single Solr core. Example query: http://localhost:8983/solr/techproducts/suggest?
suggest=true&suggest.build=true&suggest.dictionary=mySuggester&suggest.q=elec.
Reference counting (refcounting) GC is one of the two primary GC mechanisms widely used. The basic workings of this GC are pretty simple and based on counting the number of reference to a memory block (or object) from other blocks. Each time memory is created or a reference to the object is assigned, its refcount is bumped up. Each time a pointer is assigned away from it, the refcount is reduced. When refcount of the block goes to 0, it means that no pointer references it and hence it is unreachable and is garbage and can be reclaimed. For every pointer update, the affected object's refcount has to be updated. E.g., for a pointer assignment of sort l = r, the following needs to be done:

```c
void GC_UpdateRef(PVOID *l, PVOID r) { // used for assignment of l = r
    // The basic garbage collection algorithm is called "mark-and-sweep".
    // The following "garbage collection" steps are regularly performed:
    // The garbage collector takes roots and "marks" (remembers) them.
    // Being referenced is not the same as being reachable (from a root): a pack of interlinked objects can become unreachable as a whole.
    // Modern engines implement advanced algorithms of garbage collection. A general book "The Garbage Collection Handbook: The Art of Automatic Memory Management" (R. Jones et al) covers some of them. If you are familiar with low-level programming, the more detailed information about V8 garbage collector is in the article "A tour of V8: Garbage Collection." V8 blog also publishes articles about changes in memory management from time to time. Academic journal article Reference & User Services Quarterly. Comparative Elections: Building a Basic Reference Collection. (the Alert Collector). By Zabel, Diane; Nalen, James E. Read preview. Academic journal article Reference & User Services Quarterly. Comparative Elections: Building a Basic Reference Collection. (the Alert Collector). By Zabel, Diane; Nalen, James E. Read preview. He is currently Social Sciences Librarian and Bibliographer at the University of Akron University Libraries, with collection management responsibilities for a range of social sciences, including political science. Prior to this, he worked in various professional positions at the Boston Public Library.
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