



Biography Resource Center

Scope: Integrates Thompson Gale biographies with full text articles, images and website links. People search can be by name, occupation, nationality, birth/death dates, places or gender or by keyword and full text. The Who's Who option provides quick reference material on over 1 million additional people whose entries have appeared in Marquis sources published between 1985 and the present.

How to Access:

- Click on the word “Chicopee CLIC” on the Chicopee Public Library homepage (www.chicopeepubliclibrary.org)
- Click on the label “Reference”.
- Click on “Biography Resource Center”.
- Log on using the CLIC username and password. (Check the “Homework Helper” bookmark, or see the librarian, if you forget the username and password).

How to Search?

1. **Search by name:** Type your information into the space provided and select either “name contains” or “start of last name”.

2. **Category Browse:** Allows you to search within categories such as “Artists”, “Athletes”, “Notable Women” or “World Explorers”. Click on the category of interest and names are listed in alphabetical order by the last name of the individual.



3. **Biographical Facts Search:** Allows searching by one or more of the following: name, occupation, nationality, ethnicity, gender, birth/death dates, birth/death places or results with images.
4. **Advanced Search:** Allows Boolean (AND, NOT, OR) of name, full text, keyword, and source using drop down boxes. Additionally, you can limit for dates of publication below the search boxes.
5. **Spotlight On...:** Biography Resource Center spotlights different individuals each year. They are listed in alphabetical order by year if you click on “Spotlight On....Archive”.

Other features:

The “Toolbox” contains tips on searching for students, educators and librarians. There are links to the Research Guide, as well a navigation guide, sample searches, lesson plans, and more.

“Help” gives information about the database, tips for searching, information about sources for information found in Biography Resource Center and more.

The “Dictionary” gives you access to the Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary.

“Sources” lists the print resources used in compiling the information on Biography Resource Center.

Questions??

If you have questions, please ask a Reference Librarian and call us at 413-594-1800 x108 or visit us at 449 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. Meebo: [chicopee_ref](#)