

Biography Resource Center

Biography Resource Center is a database with more than 220,000 full-length biographies and one million short biographies. The biographies can be searched by name, birth/death date, occupation, nationality, ethnicity, and gender.

To get to Biography Resource Center,

1. Go to the Multnomah County Library website: www.multcolib.org
2. Click on **Homework Center**
3. Click on the **Databases** link.
4. Click on **Biographies**.
5. Type in your Multnomah County Library card number (the whole number--without any spaces) and PIN.

Your screen will look like the one below:

The screenshot shows the Biography Resource Center website. At the top, there are logos for Multnomah County Library and GALE CENGAGE Learning. Below the logos is a navigation bar with links: Home, Biographical Facts Search, Advanced Search, and Category Browse. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Category Browse:** A list of categories including American Presidents, Business Leaders, Nobel Peace Prize Winners, Olympians--Summer, Social Reformers, and a link for more.
- Biographical Facts Search:** A search section with options for Occupation, Nationality, Ethnicity, Birth/Death Year, Birth/Death Place, and Gender.
- Advanced Search:** A search section with options for Full Text, Keyword, Source, and Magazine Date.
- Search by Name:** A search box with a "SEARCH" button and radio buttons for "Name contains" (selected) and "Start of last name".
- Spotlight On...:** A featured biography for Sandra Boynton, including a photo and a brief description of her work and awards.


If you aren't looking for a particular person, you can browse the biographies by using the lists in the **Category Browse** box.

If you are searching for a particular person, type their name into the **Search by Name** box. If the **Name contains** button is chosen, it doesn't matter if you type their first name or last name first. Then click on the **Search** button.

If there is more than one person with the name you typed, you'll see a list of people to choose from. Click on the name you want.

After you click on a person's name, you'll get a list of biographies of that person.

Name Search



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Your search, **J. K. Rowling**, returned the following results.

Biographies **Brief Biographies** Magazines and News Websites

J. K. Rowling
(British children's writer, 1965-)
Also known as: Joanne Kathleen Rowling, Joanne Rowling, Newt Scamander, Kennilworthy Whisp, Jo Rowling, Joanne K. Rowling

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Rowling, J. K.
Mark Updated: 08/21/2008
"J. K. Rowling," in *Authors and Artists for Young Adults*. Vol. 34. Gale Group, 2000. (An in-depth profile of the individual's contributions to young adult literature.) 2,835 words

Rowling, J. K.
Mark Updated: 08/21/2008
"J. K. Rowling," in *Encyclopedia of World Biography Supplement*, Vol. 25. Thomson Gale, 2005. (An in-depth profile of the individual's life and career.) 2,277 words

This search for J.K. Rowling found five biographies. Click on an article to read it. Notice the tabs across the top of the screen. Click on **Brief Biographies** if you need a short biography, **Magazines and News** to find magazine articles, and **Websites** for suggested web pages.

If you want to print an article or email it to yourself, click on the **Print** or **Email** button in the upper left part of the screen.

Do you need to search for a particular category of person, like an African American scientist? From the main page of the Biography Resource Center, click on **Biographical Facts Search**.

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J. K. Rowling

Also known as: Joanne Kathleen Rowling, Joanne Rowling, Newt Scamander, Kennilworthy Whisp, Jo Rowling, Joanne K. Rowling

Birth: 1965? in Chipping Sodbury, England
Nationality: British
Occupation: Writer
Source: *Authors and Artists for Young Adults*, Volume 34. Gale Group, 2000.
Updated: 08/21/2008

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Occupation: [View Occupation Terms](#)
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Nationality:
Afghan
Albanian
Algerian
American

Ethnicity:
African American
Asian American
Hispanic American
Native American

Gender:

Birth Year: is AD

Choose an occupation, ethnicity, gender, etc. and click on **Search** to get a list of biographies.

Try searching for these!

- When was Johnny Appleseed born?
- What is the real name of author Lemony Snicket?
- Can you find a list of Hispanic American astronauts?