

# The Information Crossroads:

## Which Highway Is My Way?



### Improve Your Search

#### Stop and Think

- Where is the best place to look for the info?
- Who cares about what I care about?
- What format could this be in?
- When would this information be published?

#### Tips

- Revise search—use synonyms
- Look for search terms in results
- Start with general terms and narrow down

#### Toolbox

##### Use anywhere:

- Exact phrase "" quotation marks
- Ctrl-F find in page

##### Use in subscription resources

- Limiters NOT
- Truncation \* asterisk
- Wildcard #, ? question mark/pound sign

### ProQuest Products: ProQuest, SIRS, Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Sanborn Maps

#### Libguides\*

- <http://ProQuest.libguides.com>
- Provided by ProQuest
- Product information
- Training videos
- Updates

\*all ProQuest products represented not just SD State Library provided resources

### What's Updated?

#### SIRS Issues Researcher (6-12)

- Election 2012-Leading Issue & Special Feature
- New Leading Issues including "fracking"
- Research tools

#### SIRS Discoverer (K-9)

- Election 2012
- Country facts updated
- "Human Element"

#### Learning Express Library

- Compass—technical school entrance exams
- National Career Readiness Certification Work-Keys exams:
  - Applied Mathematics
  - Reading for Information
  - Locating Information (available in Nov.)

#### eBooks on EBSCO

- When viewed online books are "closed" and immediately available to other users by clicking:
  - "result list"
  - "new search"
  - "back"
  - "exit"

<http://library.sd.gov>

## Gale Virtual Reference Library

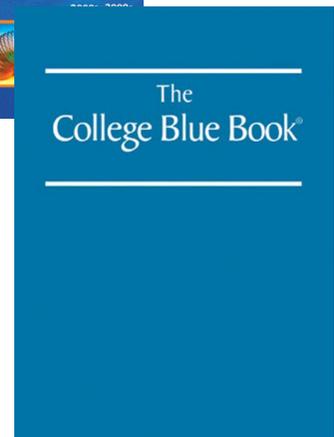
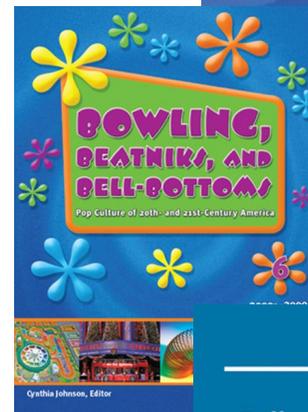
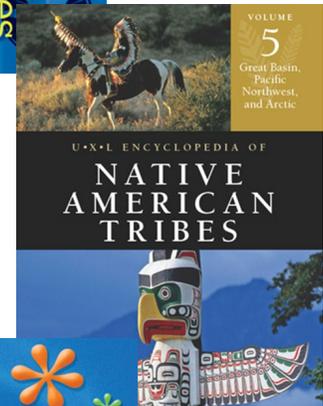
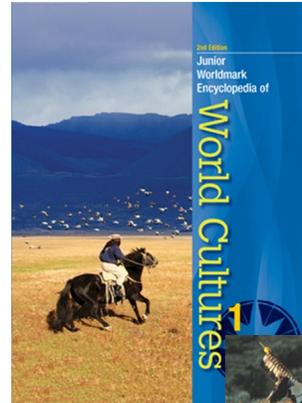
8 new titles to support Common Core  
9 updated titles in Health/Science & Education  
Multi-volume titles; unlimited number of simultaneous users  
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## Updated Content

The Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer: A Guide to Cancer and Its Treatments (2 vol)  
The Gale Encyclopedia of Children's Health: Infancy Through Adolescence (4 vol)  
College Blue Book (6 vol)  
Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine (6 vol)  
Scholarships, Fellowships & Loans (3 vol)  
Gale Encyclopedia of Science (6 vol)  
Gale Encyclopedia of Surgery (4 vol)  
The Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health (released 6/2013)  
Gale E-Commerce Sourcebook (1 vol)

## New Content

Bowling, Beatniks, and Bell-Bottoms: Pop Culture of 20th-Century America (6 vol)  
Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of World Cultures (9 vol)  
Fashion, Costume, and Culture (5 vol)  
Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of World Holidays (4 vol)  
U·X·L Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes (5 vol)  
Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations (10 vol)  
Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of Foods & Recipes of the World. Edition 2 (4 vol)  
American Decades — 2000-2009. Edition 2009 (1 vol)



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