

## How to Find e-Reference Materials

In this video, you will learn how to:

- search for e-reference materials on the UNB Libraries' home page, and
- locate subject-specific e-reference materials in UNB Libraries' research guides.

Reference materials can help you find facts, definitions, or a quick overview of a topic or an area of study. UNB Libraries have great collections of dictionaries, encyclopedias, guides, handbooks, standards, and more. Reference materials can help you get your research off to a great start.

Online reference materials appear in UNB WorldCat result lists. However, UNB Libraries make them easy to find using the e-Reference Materials search option and the research guides.

If you know the title of the resource you need, use the “e-Reference Materials” option for searching by title.

If you are not sure what types of items are included in reference materials, go to the Reference Materials Guide for more information.

Explore reference materials by subject, using the relevant research guide. Research guides pull together recommended library resources for most subject areas. You can find them right on the UNB Libraries' home page. If your instructor is using the D2L Brightspace learning management system, you may find a link to your subject or course guide through your course in D2L.

Let's look at Engineering. On the landing page for this subject area, you can find the best reference materials recommended by the librarian for this discipline.

You can find more recommended reference resources within the detailed guides on the left-hand side. Once in a specific guide, find the tab dedicated to reference resources.

As an example, in the list of reference materials for Civil Engineering, you can access the *CSA Standards and Codes Online* by the Canadian Standards Association. You can click on the question marks for more details about the resources.

Most research guides include “Key Resources” on the reference materials tab, but some also include a link for “Additional Resources”. Don't forget to explore these additional recommendations.

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