



# Geography

## Library Resource Guide

### Finding Books

You can find books in the [UT Library catalog](#) or the OhioLINK Central Catalog by using keywords for your topic or use the subject headings and related topics such as those listed below. More help is available from the [UT Library Guide](#).

Some examples of subject headings are:

**Economic Geography**

**Geography**

**Human Geography**

**Physical Geography**

**Rural Geography**

**Geography--Dictionaries**

**Geography--History**

**[Any Subject]--Maps**

### Finding Articles

[Social Sciences Citation Index](#) OhioLINK Research Database (1980- )

Provides access to current and retrospective bibliographic information, author abstracts, and cited references found in over 1,700 of the world's leading scholarly social sciences journals covering more than 50 disciplines.

[Electronic Journal Center](#) OhioLINK (EJC) Research Database

The EJC includes the full text of more than 7,000 online research journals covering many subject areas. Most electronic indexes available to the Ohio academic community link from article citations to the full text in the EJC.

### Atlases

*The National Atlas of the United States of America*

G1200 .U57 1970 Maps  
G1200 .U57 1970 Reference

Published in 1970 after many years of planning, this atlas includes 765 maps of the principle characteristics of the country, including economic activities, historical evolution and physical features. The index includes 41,000 entries. Although dated, the atlas continues to be a very useful resource.

*Goode's World Atlas*

G1021 .G6 2000 Reference

This is a standard among world atlases. It emphasizes physical and political maps as well as those showing economic conditions and products. The number of general reference and thematic maps has increased over the years. New maps include world forest regions, ocean floor maps, and population density.

*Historical Atlas of Expeditions*

G1036 .S12 F3 2000 Reference

The aims of the world's earliest explorers were to find new sources of water, food, and other essential commodities. With the passage of time other factors also led to mankind's quest to explore the world. Among those were riches, the need to trade with others, power, or just curiosity. This atlas depicts those global expeditions over time, from 3200 B.C. to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*National Geographic Atlas of the World*

G1021 .N38 1996 Maps

The maps included are based on those produced for the National Geographic magazine. Maps are arranged by area as opposed to by state or country and the coverage is balanced between the United States and the rest of the countries in the world.

## Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

*The Dictionary of Human Geography* GF4 .D52 2000 Reference  
Now in its fourth edition, this dictionary includes over 9000 entries written by 57 contributors. Terms such as political geography, geographic information systems (GIS), and sense of place are all defined in extensive entries.” Each entry ends with a listing of references and suggested reading.

*A Dictionary of Geography* [[electronic resource](#)] Search catalog and connect  
The dictionary includes over 6300 definitions of terms including remote sensing, settlement, development and diffusion, etc.

*The Columbia Gazetteer of the World* G103.5 .C65 1998 Reference  
This gazetteer is an encyclopedia of geographical places and features. It includes thousands of entries, 40,000 for the United States alone, which vary from a brief notation about a small village to an essay on a country or region. The entries are arranged in one alphabet in three volumes, and place name pronunciations provide the user with the correct pronunciations of names and places.

*World Geographical Encyclopedia* G63 .E5213 1995 Maps  
This encyclopedia consists of five substantial volumes, all of which are printed on glossy, high-quality paper. Volume 1 is Africa; Volume 2: The Americas; Volume 3: Asia; Volume 4: Europe; and Volume 5: Oceania and Index. Each volume contains an overview of the continent, along with a closer look at its regions and then its countries. The complete set includes 750 color photographs along with 250 drawings and thematic maps. Its appeal is to both the layperson and the researcher.

*The Encyclopedia of Human Geography* GF4 .E54 2006 Available  
This encyclopedia presents a comprehensive overview of the major ideas, concepts, terms, and approaches that characterize human geography at this time. A variety of themes about different schools of thought and subjects are included in this volume. Not presented, however, are biographical summaries of famous geographers. For additional information about each of the topics, a bibliography of “suggested reading” is located at the end of each entry.

*Encyclopedia of World Geography* G63 .E556 2005 Reference  
It is a three-volume set including 750 entries describing pioneers in geography and mapmaking, regions and places, and tools and terms of geography and cartography.  
The encyclopedia is a complete and comprehensive guide to the history and practice of geography and cartography.

## Directories

*Guide to Programs of Geography in the United States and Canada* G76.5 .U5G8 1993-94 Available  
The guide describes requirements, course offerings, financial aid, personnel and program specialties for colleges and universities that offer undergraduate major and graduate programs in geography. It includes a directory of members of the Association of American Geographers with their postal and E-mail addresses, phone numbers, affiliations, and research and teaching specialties.

*Guide to U.S. Map Resources* GA193 .U5C62 2006 Maps  
This third edition offers users a detailed snapshot of and guide to hundreds of map collections and cartographic resources in libraries and repositories throughout the nation. Knowing which collection may contain a needed cartographic item can be a valuable first step in locating that item.

*World Directory of Map Collections* GA192 .W67 1993y Available  
This directory is a country-by-country guide to collections of 1,000 or more maps and collections otherwise deemed important. The nature of the collection is recorded in some detail, focusing on its geographical emphasis, specialization, and chronological span. Special collections are described and how easily items can be identified and retrieved.

## Handbooks and Yearbooks

### *Maps on File*

G1046 .A1 M16 1981 Maps

This is a comprehensive, biannually revised collection of up-to-date, loose-leaf maps in two binders designed for easy reproduction. Each map is detailed but uncluttered to produce clear, regular-sized photocopies. Separate maps are provided for each continent, every U.S. state and Canadian province, and virtually every country of the world. Many economic and political themes are depicted in maps, graphs, and statistical tables. Library has 1982-2008.

### *The World Factbook* [[electronic resource](#)]

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The fact book is an annual reference resource produced by the Central Intelligence Agency that provides information about the countries of the world. That information includes summaries of the demographics, geography, communications, government, economy, and military of U.S.-recognized countries. The 2008 edition was the last one to appear in print. Print copies are located in the Government Documents Department.

## Websites

### NationMaster

[www.nationmaster.com](http://www.nationmaster.com)

This web site provides a lot of international statistics and information for countries around the world. Much of the information is used to graphically compare countries and to generate maps and graphs.

### Census Reports

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

This web site provides resources and data about the people of the United States including demographic, economic, and geographic studies.

### World Climate

[www.climate.com](http://www.climate.com)

It is an extensive database of climate data for places around the world. In addition, it also includes information about global warming, pollution, and weather forecasting.

### Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection

[www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/index.html)

This is a huge collection of maps, including some 11,000 scanned paper maps available on the Internet. The collection has major holdings of political, topographic, and thematic maps of the world, continents, regions, countries, states, and provinces.

### Topozone

[www.topozone.com](http://www.topozone.com)

Topozone is considered to be the best online resource for free topographic (topo) maps and high-resolution aerial photos covering all of the United States and Canada.

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