ALMANACS

Purpose – These resources provide answers to questions such as the following:

- Who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1945?
- I would like to see pictures of flags from different countries around the world.
- April 18, 1906 fell on which day of the week?
- Name a famous person who died in 1992.
- What are the major religions in Iran?

Print Resources

The Time Almanac
A highly readable ready-reference resource comparable to The World Almanac and Book of Facts. The table of contents highlights general subject categories including “Year in Review,” Awards, Art, Entertainment & Leisure, Nature, Science, Medicine, & Technology, and more. A general index offers more detailed entries to this huge compendium of information.

The World Almanac and Book of Facts
A quintessential ready-reference resource containing general information on people, places, and things packed with concise facts, statistics, and rankings. The table of contents includes general subject categories and subtopics divided into areas such as economy, business, and energy, health and vital statistics, U.S. government, science and technology, sports, and more. A general index offers more detailed entries to this huge compendium of information.

Web Resources

Directory of Best Online Almanacs (Refseek)
http://www.refseek.com/directory/almanacs.html
A brief annotated list of almanacs available online. Includes statistical data from the government (national and international), general encyclopedic information, country profiles, and more.

Fact Monster
http://www.factmonster.com
From the creators of the Information Please Almanac comes a version designed specifically for children. Special features include an online dictionary, encyclopedia, atlas, a homework center, “Day in History,” historical timelines, games and quizzes, and more.

Infoplease
http://www.infoplease.com
This site compiles factual information from the Information Please almanacs, a biography database, a dictionary, an atlas, timelines, articles from the Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia, and more. Search these ready reference works together or separately or browse the almanacs. Weekly feature stories cover various news topics with links to pertinent almanac content and other web resources. Note: Contains many pop-up ads.

Refdesk’s Daily Almanac
http://www.refdesk.com/quote.html
A loose compilation of miscellaneous information such as “This Day in History,” quotation sites, word of the day, crossword puzzles, time zone converters, and more. Includes “Year in Review” highlights dating back to the previous year.