

Finding specialized dictionaries and encyclopedias

Do you need background information on your topic? Maybe you need to understand the scope or perspective of an issue. A specialized encyclopedia or dictionary that addresses your topic may be beneficial. The reference area of the Cabell Library on the first floor has these books in many disciplines.

1. From the libraries' homepage, go to advanced search in the yellow catalog box.



2. Change the location field to Cabell Reference. This limits results to first floor reference materials. The books do not circulate, but they will provide you with important background information as you research your topic.

Advanced Search

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Limit Options:

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(Use ? for truncation when not using from/to)

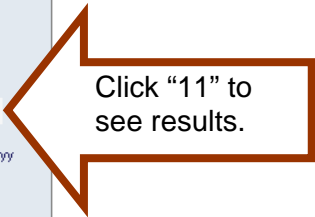
Format: **Language:**

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- Cabell Library
- Cabell Media
- Cabell Stacks
- Cabell Reference
- Cabell Special Collections & Archives
- Tompkins-McCaw Library
- TML Stacks
- TML Reference
- TML Special Collections & Archives
- Community Health Education Center
- Multicultural Research Center
- Women's Health Resource Center
- Compact Shelving Storage

3. Enter search term

Advanced Search

Field to search	Type word or phrase	Words adjacent?	Results
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4. View results

#		Title	Author	Availability	Locations
1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Record Selling recyclables : local governments as entrepreneurs / (c1997.)	Bjornlund, Lydia D.	Not Checked Out Request options & availability	Cabell Library Reference TD794.5 .B56 1997 Non-circulating
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Record Recycling in America : a reference handbook / (c1997.)	Strong, Debra L.	Not Checked Out Request options & availability	Cabell Library Reference TD794.5 .S77 1997 Non-circulating
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Record The McGraw-Hill recycling handbook / (c1993.)		Not Checked Out Request options & availability	Cabell Library Reference TD794.5 .L84 1993 Non-circulating

The first three results can be helpful to your research on recycling. Browsing nearby shelves you will see books on pollution and the environment that may also be helpful.

Another option is to search for your topic and dictionary or encyclopedia.

Example: "environment" and "dictionary or encyclopedia"