

Inventors

This Library Subject Guide is for students studying Inventors. It will help you find books, recommended Internet links, DVDs and other resources for your assignment. You may still need help from the staff at the Information Desk to get the best results from your search. Librarians are available to help you find useful resources in the library and answer your questions.

Finding Items on the Shelves

This subject-heading list tells you where books and other materials on Inventors are kept in the library. A librarian can explain how to use this list.

INVENTIONS	J 609
INVENTIONS – HISTORY	J 609
INVENTORS	J 609
INVENTORS – CANADA – BIOGRAPHY	J 509.2271
BELL, ALEXANDER GRAHAM, 1847-1922	J 621.385092*

* Search other surnames to find other inventors.

Finding Items in the Catalogue

This Guide shows you how to use the “Browse Search” function on the library catalogue. If you get stuck, ask a librarian for help. Make sure you are on the “Browse Search” menu. If you aren’t sure, go to the top of the screen and click on “Browse Search”.

- Go to the left-hand drop-down menu and select “Subject”.
- Then go to the right-hand entry field and type in one of the subject headings listed above.
- Click on “Search”.
- A list of subject headings will be displayed. Click on an appropriate subject heading to view resources related to that topic.
- A list of titles will be displayed. To view further information about a title, click on the title. Details about the item will be displayed. Click on “View Copies” to find out which library has the book and if the book is available today.

Other Useful Guides

Use these other Pathfinder Guides to help you find materials in the library:

- **How to Find Library Items**
Explains how to use an item’s “Call Number” to find where it is kept on the library’s shelves.
- **Words Librarians Use**
Explains some of the terms you will come across in the library, such as “catalogue”, “PIN”, and “holds”.

A Short List of Books in the Library

There are many more books the library on this topic than are listed here. Use the catalogue to find more, or ask a librarian for help.

Big Book of Cool Inventions: 77 Inventions, Experiments, and Mind-Bending Games

by Margaret Kenda (J 609 Ken)

Available at: DC, MA, WO

Suitable for Grades: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Explores ideas about the process of invention, and provides creative projects in the categories of computers and robots, photos and video, paper and print.

Inventions that Changed Modern Life

by Lois Markham (J 609 Mar)

Available for loan at: AN; Available for reference only at: BC

Suitable for Grades: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Describes twenty inventions that changed the modern way of life, including the steam engine, photography, refrigeration, telephones, automobiles, television, and computers.

Inventors: Profiles in Canadian Genius

by Thomas Carpenter ([J] 609.2271 Car)

Available at: AN, KL, MA, WO; Available for reference only at: BC, DC

Suitable for Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8

Explores the lives of a diverse group of people whose work has helped change the face of modern society, with inventions ranging from human flight, the wire photo, the radio, and the snowmobile.

Twentieth-Century Inventors

by Nathan Aaseng (J 609.22 Aas)

Available at: BC, WO

Suitable for Grades: 8

Provides accounts of ten significant twentieth-century inventions and the people behind them, including the Wright Brothers and their airplane, Robert Goddard and his rocket, and Gordon Gould and his car.

Women Inventors & Their Discoveries

by Ethlie Ann Vare (J 609.2273 Var)

Available for loan at: DC, WO, PB; Available for reference only at: BC

Suitable for Grades: 5, 6, 7, 8

Surveys the lives and work of such innovative women as Grace Hopper, Fannie Farmer, C.J. Walker, and Stephanie Kwolek.