

Bookstores and Libraries

Where can you find out how to fix your car's engine or discover places to go on vacation? Where's that best-selling horror story everyone is talking about? Your best bet: visit a library or a bookstore. On these pages, you will learn to find your way around bookstores and libraries, and learn the terms for different kinds of books.

BOOKSTORES

Larger bookstores have directories posted. Assistants at information desks are there to help you find what you are looking for. Or you can browse, taking your time to discover what appeals to you.

Of course, there are some words and terms which you should know. They will help you get around a library or bookstore more easily.

Fiction is a made-up story. Most fiction books are arranged by type: mystery, literature, romance, science fiction, horror.

Nonfiction books are true stories and factual writing. History books and how-to books, for example, are nonfiction.

Biography is a book written about a real person's life. **Autobiography** is a book written by a person about his or her own life. (The prefix, *auto*, means *self*.)

Reference books are atlases (maps), dictionaries, thesauruses, almanacs, encyclopedias, and so on.

Fiction is usually divided by type: science fiction, romance, mystery, etc. Within those categories, the books are arranged in alphabetical order by the author's last name. To find a book, it helps to know who wrote it.

Nonfiction books, however, are sometimes arranged by subject. It all depends on the bookstore. Ask a salesperson for help if you are looking for a specific book.

THE LIBRARY

You may want to borrow a book or magazine, rather than buy one. No problem. Head to your local library. Librarians will point you to the right stack. Or use a computer to search the digital library catalogue which lists every book in the library. You can find books three ways in the library catalogue: by its title, by its author or by subject.

Libraries have changed over the years from just offering books and magazines. Today, you can borrow DVDs, CDs, video games and computer programs. You can often go on-line at a library and surf the Internet. And many public libraries have become community centers with story hours for kids and places for adults to take courses. To borrow a book or CD or DVD, all you need is a library card. Any librarian will be happy to help you get one. And if you just want to drop in and browse, you don't even need a card. **Libraries are there for you, so visit yours soon!**

BOOKSTORE MATCH!

Draw a line from the book subject or title to the section of a bookstore in which you'd find it.

Book, Subject or Type	Section
1. John Elway, football star	a. Animals/Pets
2. <i>The Poems of Maya Angelou</i>	b. Travel
3. <i>How to Train Your Cat</i>	c. Art
4. <i>Pablo Picasso, An Artist for All Time</i>	d. Music, Rock
5. Music of the 1990's	e. Romance
6. The Vietnam War	f. Science Fiction
7. <i>New York on \$40 A Day</i>	g. Mystery
8. A detective story by Agatha Christie	h. Sports or Biography
9. <i>The Worm that Ate Seattle</i>	i. Poetry
10. A fictional love story	j. History
11. An atlas of world maps	k. Self-Help
12. <i>10 Ways to Get Rid of Stress</i>	l. Reference
13. <i>The Birth of Christianity</i>	m. Religion

ANSWERS: 1. h; 2. i; 3. a; 4. c; 5. d; 6. j; 7. b; 8. g; 9. f; 10. e; 11. i; 12. k; 13. m.