Contact the Reference Services department for help with your research project:

- Phone us, 720-865-1363,
- Visit us, reference desk on Floor 3 of the Central Library,
- Chat with us online with the Ask Us! Service,
- Meet with us in person or online to work one-on-one with a librarian.

Getting Started

Begin your research by brainstorming keywords - the words and phrases you'll use to search for books, articles, websites, government documents, and other resources. These may include names of people and places or historical concepts like eras and movements. A librarian can suggest “subject headings” to find the most relevant resources.

Example Keywords & Subject Headings

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer”

Bonhoeffer

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, 1906-1945

Hitler, Adolf, 1889-1945 -- Assassination Attempt, 1944 (July 20)

Anti-Nazi Movement -- Germany

Primary & Secondary Sources

Start your search at the library catalog. You will need to use both primary and secondary sources for your project. You can often find both in the library catalog and place holds on materials, if needed.

Letters and papers from prison

True patriotism : letters, lectures, and notes, 1939-45

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Books/Print Resources at DPL

Strange glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/view/aspx?cn=1220557

Bonhoeffer : pastor, martyr, prophet, spy : a righteous gentile vs the Third Reich
https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&cn=757790

No ordinary men : Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Hans von Dohnanyi, resisters against Hitler in church and state
https://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.6&cn=1201667

Database/Online Resources

Library databases are online collections of information, organized for research. Databases contain articles, eBooks, images, maps, primary sources and more. If you don’t have a library card, register online for immediate access to these resources. The following recommended databases are available on our Research and Teen Social Studies pages.

Gale Virtual Reference Library Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more.

"Bonhoeffer, Dietrich (1906–1945)." Europe Since 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction https://tinyurl.com/y79wo6hw


World History in Context
From the ancient world to today’s headlines. A chronicle of the great cultures and societies that have formed the history of the human race. Rare primary sources, reliable reference and multimedia content put this vast topic into context.


Readers’ Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982 provides indexing of over three million articles from more than 550 leading magazines including full coverage of the original print volumes of Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature. This resource offers researchers access to information about history, culture and seminal developments across nearly a century.

New York Times Historical Backfile on ProQuest Contains full-text and images in PDF format of the New York Times from 1851 to three years before current year.


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**Searching beyond Denver Public Library**

As a Denver Public Library customer, you can also **borrow materials from other library systems**. If DPL doesn't have something you need, search Prospector to check other Colorado libraries’ catalogs.

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer : an introduction to his thought / Sabine Dramm**

http://tinyurl.com/ht3ngvg

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**Internet Sources**

Before using information you find on the internet for assignments and research, it is important to establish that the information comes from a reliable and appropriate source. The following websites, from government, academic and nonprofit organizations, have been evaluated for authority, accuracy, content and currency.

**Tyndale Seminary: Bonhoeffer Reading Room**

http://www.tyndale.ca/seminary/mtsmodular/reading-rooms/theology/bonhoeffer

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