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Animals and Symbolism

Reference Books

Reference books are a good place to start your research. The following list of books will help you narrow down your topic, find additional search terms, and get a general overview of your topic before you begin your research.

Animals - General

- ❖ *Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia (17 vol.)* – REF QL 3 .G7813 2004
- ❖ *Extraordinary Animals: an encyclopedia of curious and unusual animals* – REF QL 7 .P57 2007
- ❖ *Simon & Schuster Encyclopedia of Animals:*
A Visual Who's Who of the World's Creatures – REF QL 605. 4. S56 1998
- ❖ *Grzimek's Encyclopedia of Mammals (5 vol.)* – REF QL 701 .G7913 1990
- ❖ *Grzimek's Student Animal Life Resource (5 vol.)* - REF QL 703 .G79 2005
- ❖ *Encyclopedia of Mammals (17 vol.)* – REF QL. 706 .2 .E54 1997
- ❖ *Encyclopedia of Animal Behavior (3 vol.)* - REF QL 750 .3 .E53 2004

Symbolism

- ❖ *The Illustrated Book of Signs & Symbols* – REF AZ 108 .B78 1996
- ❖ *The Penguin Dictionary of Symbols* – REF AZ 108 .C4413 1996
- ❖ *Dictionary of Symbols. An Illustrated Guide...* – REF AZ 108 .T74
- ❖ *Symbolic and mythological animals* – REF GR 820 .C66 1992

Books and the Library Catalog

Once you have narrowed down your topic, search the library catalog for additional resources on your specific topic. Here are some search tips and strategies:

Use the following **subject headings** for a simple subject search (you will then want to scroll down the index for additional related headings):

Zoology	Animals, Mythical	Marine animals
Animals	Animal lore	Birds
Animals—Folklore	Mammals	Insects

Browse the **QL (Zoology)** section for relevant sources on animals. A few recommended books on symbolism that check out include:

- ❖ *World of Animals: A Treasury of Lore, Legend, and Literature...* -- QL 50 .K7
- ❖ *Animals with Human Faces: A Guide to Animal Symbolism* – GR 705 .R68
- ❖ *Bestiary for Saint Jerome: Animal Symbolism in European* – ND 1432 .E85 F74 1980

Electronic Resources for Articles, Essays, and eBooks

You may find magazine, journal, and newspaper articles; essays; and full-text eBooks on animals in the following electronic resources. To access these electronic resources on campus, go to the library's Web page and click on the link "Periodicals and Electronic Resources"; to access them *off-campus*, log into MyOCC and click on the link for [Periodicals and Electronic Resources](#).

eBooks - Electronic full-text copies of published print materials.

Science Resource Center - Science-related encyclopedias and reference books; articles from magazines, scholarly journals, and newspapers; and visual sources.

Academic OneFile - Articles from magazines, scholarly journals, and newspapers in all disciplines.

Lexis-Nexis Academic - Articles from magazines, scholarly journals, and newspapers. Local, national and international sources.

Print Periodicals in the Library

The following periodicals are found in the Periodicals section of the library and are filed in alphabetical order by title:

Audubon

International Wildlife

National Geographic

National Wildlife

Natural History

Scientific American

Web Sites

The following Web sites will help you find reliable Internet resources that are of good authority for your research paper or presentation:

Librarians' Index to the Internet [<http://lii.org/>] - This site was developed by librarians as a reliable and efficient guide to Internet resources. The *Index* is a searchable, annotated subject directory of more than 14,000 Internet resources that have been selected and evaluated by librarians.

Yahoo! Directory: Animal and Plant Folklore - Follows the directory hierarchy: Society & Culture > Mythology & Folklore > Folklore > Animals & Plants. You can then select from the following subcategories: birds, cats, dogs, medieval bestiaries, & serpents.

Animal Information Database [<http://seaworld.org/animal-info/>] - From SeaWorld, this provides extensive information about animals, including endangered species.

Animal Diversity Web [<http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu>] - from the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. Search the site or browse by kingdom. Includes information, pictures, specimens, sounds, and classification of animals.

The Electronic Zoo [<http://netvet.wustl.edu/e-zoo.htm>] - from Washington University. Provides links to various Web sites by type of animal.

Animal Symbolism [<http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/lessons/middle/animals.htm>] - from Princeton Online with links to "The Bestiary" and other web sites about animal symbolism.

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