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 Student Animal Life Resource* (5 vol.) - REF QL 703 .G79 2005

Symbolism
- *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 book resources on your specific topic. Here are some search tips and strategies:

Use the following subject headings for a simple subject search:

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

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

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 for Periodicals and Electronic Resources; to access them off-campus, once you log into the database, you will need to put in a username (your student ID number using a hyphen such as 1234-5678) and a password (your last name).

- **eBooks** (provided by EBSCO and by Springer) – electronic full-text copies of published print materials.

- **Science in Context** – science-related encyclopedias and reference books; articles from magazines, scholarly journals, and newspapers; and visual sources.

- **Access Science** – full-text access to the *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology* and the latest *Science News* headlines, biographies, and more.

- **Discovering Collection and Salem Science Reference** – full-text access to science related materials.

- **EBSCO Power Search or INFOTRAC Power Search** -- articles from magazines, scholarly journals, and newspapers in all disciplines and on all topics.

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
- National Geographic
- National Wildlife
- Nature
- Natural History
- Scientific American

Web Sites
The following Web sites will help you find reliable Internet resources for your paper or presentation:

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

- **Animal Diversity Web** [http://animaldiversity.ummz.umich.edu](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.

- **BBC Nature Wildlife** [http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals](http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals) – From BBC, this provides information on animals, where and how they live, and the latest news about them.

- **The Electronic Zoo** [http://netvet.wustl.edu/e-zoo.htm](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/iat/lessons/middle/animals.htm](http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iat/lessons/middle/animals.htm) – From Princeton Online with links to “The Bestiary” and other web sites about animal symbolism.