



SUBJECT GUIDES

Rice Library's subject guides are brief lists that help researchers find out the best resources in about 125 subject areas. Resources include titles (and call numbers) of relevant books you can check out from the library, reference books, DVDs, videos, recommended web sites, journals, e-books, research databases, Library of Congress Subject Headings, and call number ranges for browsing the stacks.

How do I get a subject guide on my topic?

All of the subject guides are available on the library's web site. Go to <http://www.usi.edu/library/index.asp>, and click on "subject guides." Many subject guides are available in literature racks on the first floor of Rice Library.

Why would I use a subject guide?

The many information resources – online and in print - on any given subject can be overwhelming, also called "information overload." Subject guides give you a starting point for doing research using a variety of resources, and often list only the best resources, as recommended by librarians and teaching faculty.

Questions that can be answered with subject guides

- Where can I find a book about the Day of the Dead festival? Answer: Death and the Afterlife: A Cultural Encyclopedia has a good overview of Day of the Dead. It is in the library's Reference Collection, call number GT3150 .T25 2000 (answer found in the "Cultural Studies" subject guide).
- Does Rice Library have any videos on witchcraft? Answer: There are two videos on witchcraft, Salem Witch Trials and Witchcraft in America, in the Audiovisuals collection on the 1st floor (answer found in the "Alchemy and Magic" subject guide).

We want your suggestions

We welcome suggestions from faculty and students on resources for subject guides. To make a suggestion, email Brooke Bolton, Instructional Services Librarian, bbolton@usi.edu.