Geography is the study of the earth’s natural features, climate, inhabitants and resources, including the relationship among these diverse elements. This Guidepost provides suggestions for researching geography topics in Kwantlen University College Libraries.

Our Resources by Subject Guide for Geography lists selected print sources as well as web sites that have been evaluated by librarians. To access the Resources by Subject guide for Geography, go to our Library Web site at www.kwantlen.ca/library, click on Resources By Subject and then click on Geography.

Click on Kwantlen’s LIBRARY CATALOGUE on our Library Web site to find information about books, magazines and audiovisual materials, such as videos/DVDs, that are available at any of the campus Libraries of Kwantlen University College.

The Library uses SUBJECT HEADINGS to organize information by subject in the Library catalogue. Search the Library catalogue by subject using the concise Library of Congress subject headings assigned by the library. Some useful subject headings for geography are listed below. For additional subject headings, please see a librarian for help.

- CANADA GEOGRAPHY
- ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY
- MAN INFLUENCE ON NATURE
- CITIES AND TOWNS
- HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
- CLIMATIC CHANGES
- LANDFORMS
- POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY
- CLIMATOLOGY

MAPS and ATLASES are also listed in the Library catalogue. For maps/atlases of specific places, use the place name and maps as keywords. For example, type the following into the search box on the search screen and click search: vancouver maps china maps

For maps/atlases of specific subjects, use your subject and maps as keywords. For example, type the following into the search box on the search screen and click search: fish maps soil maps

To find Videos/DVDs on your topic, click on the video & DVD search button on the search screen, then type your keyword(s) in the search box. The library owns a wide variety of videos on geographical topics, such as:

- **GLOBAL WARMING: DROUGHT AND DESERTIFICATION** R
  QC 981.8 G56 (videorecording)
- **GLACIERS AND GLACIATION: THE FROZEN KEY TO OUR PAST AND FUTURE** R
  GB 2403.2 G532 2000 (videorecording)
- **FOOD WAR** S
  HD 9000.5 F66 2002 (videorecording)
- **Inconvenient Truth** L,R,S
  QC 981.8 G56 1533 2006 (DVD)
The Library uses **CALL NUMBERS** to arrange materials by subject on library shelves. Some useful call number ranges to browse include:

- **G-GF** GEOGRAPHY
- **GB** PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
- **GF** ANTHROPOGEOGRAPHY / HUMAN ECOLOGY
- **HF 1025** ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY
- **QC 851 – 999** METEOROLOGY / WEATHER
- **QE** GEOLOGY

**REFERENCE BOOKS** include dictionaries, encyclopedias, directories, handbooks, yearbooks and bibliographies. They are useful for quick fact-finding, overviews of topics, current statistical information and definitions. Reference books remain in the library at all times. Useful reference books for geography include:

**DICTIONARIES/HANDBOOKS**

- **DICTIONARY OF PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY** REF GB 10 D53 2000
- **DICTIONARY OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY** REF GF 4 D52 2000
- **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY** REF GF 4 P58 2004
- **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF WORLD GEOGRAPHY** REF G 133 E48 2004
- **THE PENGUIN DICTIONARY OF GEOGRAPHY** REF G 63 C562 1998

**ATLASES/GAZETTEERS**

- **ATLAS OF CANADA AND THE WORLD** REF G 1021 A75 1998
- **CANADIAN OXFORD WORLD ATLAS** REF G 1021 O88 2003
- **CONCISE GAZETTEER OF CANADA** REF FC 35 C66 1997
- **ENCYCLOPEDIC WORLD ATLAS** REF G 1021 G 417 2000
- **GEOGRAPHICA: The Complete Illustrated Reference to Canada & the World** REF G 128 G46 1999
- **HISTORICAL ATLAS OF ISLAM** REF G 1786 S1 R9 2004
The Library subscribes to many online ARTICLE INDEXES and other RESEARCH DATABASES that include useful articles published in periodicals: popular magazines, scholarly journals, and newspapers as well as research reports and statistics. These databases often include full text articles or links to full text articles. To find articles and research resources on geography topics, click on Article Indexes on our Library Web site. Some of the key databases for Geography are listed below. These e-resources are also available to Kwantlen students and employees from off campus through our Library web site at www.kwantlen.ca/library/.

ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER
CANADIAN BUSINESS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS (CBCA) COMPLETE
CANADIAN NEWSSTAND
CANADIAN PERIODICAL INDEX – CPI
CANADIAN REFERENCE CENTRE
JSTOR
SOCIAL SCIENCES FULL TEXT
In addition to the journals available through the above indexes, the Library has many print subscriptions to Geography journals. **JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES** are shelved alphabetically by title in both the current issues and backissues areas of the Library. Selected journal titles are listed below. For information about years held at each campus library, click on Journal Titles on our Library web site and search your title. You will find information about our holdings and if the title is available online, you will see a link. Most online journals are restricted to Kwantlen students and employees. Selected titles are listed below:

- **ALTERNATIVES JOURNAL** (also online) R
- **ANNALS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS** (also online) S
- **BC BUSINESS MAGAZINE** L,R,S
- **BC STUDIES** (also online) L,R,S
- **CANADIAN GEOGRAPHER** (also online) S
- **CANADIAN GEOGRAPHIC** (also online) L,R,S
- **CANADIAN GEOGRAPHICAL JOURNAL 1931-1951** S – SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
- **CANADIAN GEOTECHNICAL JOURNAL** ONLINE ONLY
- **CANADIAN JOURNAL OF EARTH SCIENCES** ONLINE ONLY
- **CANADIAN SOCIAL TRENDS** (also online) L,R,S
- **CLIMATE TRENDS AND VARIATIONS BULLETIN** ONLINE ONLY
- **CO2 CLIMATE REPORT** R
- **ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY** (also online) S
- **ECONOMIST** (also online) L,R,S
- **ENVIRONMENT** (also online) R
- **ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING** (also online) S
- **FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY** (also online) R
- **GEOGRAPHICAL MAGAZINE** (also online) S
- **GEOGRAPHICAL REVIEW** (also online) L,S
- **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE** (also online) L,R,S
- **NATURAL HISTORY** (also online) S
- **NEW INTERNATIONALIST** (also online) R
- **PLAN CANADA, CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS** S
- **URBAN GEOGRAPHY** (also online) S
- **WEATHERWISE** (also online) S

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK A LIBRARIAN FOR HELP!**

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