

Library Literary Light

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What's New in the Library? Biography and Autobiography

What is a Biography?

A biography is a book about a famous person written by someone else. The person may be famous for creating an invention. He may have been a politician, or she may have been a famous athlete or entertainer. Maybe the person has been a great artist or writer.

Sometimes biographies are written about people who are not just famous; they are infamous. That means they are famous for bad things.

An autobiography is a book about a famous person written by that same famous person.

Some autobiographies are “ghost written” by someone else that the famous person has paid to write his or her story and pretend that it was written by the person it is about. That sounds a lot like buying your term paper.

Why would I read a Biography?

Biographies are about famous people. People are famous because we make them famous. We care about what they have done and want to know more about that accomplishment, and about the person who did it.

Where would I find Biographies and Autobiographies in the library?

Both Biographies and Autobiographies are found under 921 in the Dewey

Decimal Classification System. That means you would find them against the back wall on the right hand side of the library, between the door and the post.

There are also collected biographies in 920 between the wall and the door.

How can I find a biography about a specific person?

To find a book about a specific person, just look at the first three letters of their last name. Now look at the 921 books. Beneath 920 are three letters. They are the first three letters of the last name that the book is about.



Who do we have biographies about?

We have over 1,000 biographies in the library. You can find every President of the United States in our library. We have books about famous writers, even R.L. Stine and Dr. Suess. You can find books about people who are famous in the music industry from Mozart to Snoop. We have athletes from Babe Ruth to Tiger Woods. We have reformers like Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Come in; look around; be amazed!

What are the Dewey Decimal Categories?

The system is made up of ten main classes or categories, each divided into ten secondary classes or subcategories, each having ten subdivisions of its own.

- 000 – [Computer science, information](#), and general works
- 100 – [Philosophy](#) and [psychology](#)
- 200 – [Religion](#)
- 300 – [Social sciences](#)
- 400 – [Languages](#)
- 500 – [Science](#) and [Mathematics](#)
- 600 – [Technology](#) and [applied science](#)
- 700 – [Arts](#) and [recreation](#)
- 800 – [Literature](#)
- 900 – [History](#) and [geography](#) and [biography](#)

What is the Library Literary Light?

The Library Literary Light is part newsletter, part newspaper, part literary magazine. It is in its infancy, but it will be maturing and changing just as the Library does, and our educational program does, to better serve our maturing and changing students.

What can we expect in the Library Literary Light?



You can expect to find ads and programs, reviews of new books, beloved existing books, and even the classics.

We will have short news and feature stories, and highlights of guest speakers, as well as special displays that the library is running.

There will be short feature stories highlighting writers, famous people from history, holidays and important events.

Every month the Library Literary Light will feature an article on a particular type or style of literature. Hopefully, we will entice you to try reading something new that you will love.

And last, but not least, if any of you are future Pulitzer Prize winning writers and you would like to write for the Library Literary Light, just contact the Librarian, Mrs. Cox.

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of new
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check
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wonderful selection. Many are standing up on top of the nonfiction shelves.