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CURRENT magazines publish the latest information on many subjects; older magazines contain a wealth of historical material. Much of this information can be located by means of the various magazine indexes, each of which lists the articles in many different periodicals. The indexes are as important to periodicals as the card catalog is to the book collection.

The magazine indexes most frequently used are shelved in the Reference and Bibliography Room of the Library.

1. POOLE'S INDEX
2. READERS' GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE
3. INTERNATIONAL INDEX
4. PUBLIC AFFAIRS INFORMATION SERVICE
5. EDUCATION INDEX
6. ART INDEX
7. INDUSTRIAL ARTS INDEX
8. THE REFERENCE DESK MAGAZINE DIRECTORY
9. BUSINESS PERIODICALS INDEX
10. APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDEX

WHICH INDEX?

You have probably already used the READERS' GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE, the most general of the indexes. It lists the articles in more than one hundred of the most widely read magazines, from 1900 to date. Indexes you may need to use for special topics are described below.

POOLE'S INDEX TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE, 1802-1907. Indexes (by subject) many nineteenth-century magazine articles.

INTERNATIONAL INDEX TO PERIODICALS, 1907-date. Indexes (by author and subject) scholarly articles in such fields as literature, languages, history, psychology, political science, and international relations, in both American and foreign magazines. Before 1929 many magazines now in EDUCATION INDEX were indexed here.
PUBLIC AFFAIRS INFORMATION SERVICE (P.A.I.S.)
1946-date.
Indexes (by subject) magazine articles, documents, pamphlets, and some books, in the fields of sociology, economics, and political science.

EDUCATION INDEX, 1929-date.
Indexes (by subject) magazine articles, documents, pamphlets and books in the field of education.

ART INDEX, 1950-date.
Indexes (by author and subject) magazine articles in the fields of the fine and applied arts.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS INDEX, 1953-1957.
Indexes (by subject) magazine articles and books in the fields of engineering, trade, business, and finance. Superseded by BUSINESS PERIODICALS INDEX and APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDEX.

BUSINESS PERIODICALS INDEX, 1958-date.
Indexes (by subject) magazine articles in the fields of business, and finance.

APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INDEX, 1958-date.
Indexes (by subject) magazine articles in the fields of engineering, and trade.

Other magazine indexes which you will wish to know about are:

AGRICULTURAL INDEX
BIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS
CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS
CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX
BIBLIOGRAPHICAL INDEX
LIBRARY LITERATURE
MUSIC INDEX
MATHEMATICAL REVIEWS
PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS
MONTHLY CATALOG

WHEN IN DOUBT ABOUT WHICH INDEX TO USE ASK AT THE REFERENCE DESK.
HOW TO USE THE INDEXES

Magazine indexes list articles alphabetically by subject, or by author and subject. If you know how to use the READERS' GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE, you will be able to find your way in the other indexes.

For example, look under "Smog" in the READERS' GUIDE and you will find a list of articles on that subject which have appeared in magazines. Here is a sample reference:

SMOG
Smog that smothers Los Angeles.
R. Schiller. il Read Digest 63:134-8 Ja'56

This is what it means:

SMOG the subject of the article.
R. Schiller the author of the article.
Smog that smothers
Los Angeles the title of the article.
il "illustration"—the article is illustrated.
Read Digest

READER'S DIGEST—the name of the magazine containing the article.
63 the volume number of the magazine.
134-8 "pages 134 through 138"—the pages on which the article occurs.
Ja'56 "January 1956"—the date of the magazine containing the article.

Abbreviations are explained in the front of each index volume in two lists, one for the names of magazines, and one for all other abbreviations.

If you want to read an article listed in the index, copy the information you will need: the full name, date, and volume number of the magazine containing the article, and the author, title, and page numbers of the article. The next page of this leaflet tells you how to obtain the magazine.
How to get a magazine

Consult the magazine directory at the reference desk. There you will find the magazines listed alphabetically by titles together with other information telling how long the library has received the magazines and where they are located. If a magazine title is listed in GREEN and has no call number it will be located in the Curriculum Lab., room 302. If a magazine title is listed in RED and has no call number it will be located in the Documents Department, room 308. If a magazine title is listed in black, it will have a call number below it, which will indicate its location in the main stacks. Fill out magazine call slip with title, call number, volume number, and date of magazine you want. Present this slip at the Circulation Desk in lobby. Remember to fill out the call slip accurately for the library workers must have the correct information to find your magazine in the stacks.

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