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## DICTIONARIES

The library has many different dictionaries. Some are for foreign languages, others give the etymologies of English words, and others define terms used in certain subject areas such as medicine or law. This handout focuses on the specialized dictionaries that cover certain categories of English words and phrases including idioms, euphemisms, allusions, and slang.

### Selected Dictionaries in the Reference Area

#### Allusions

*The Facts on File Dictionary of Allusions*

**REF PN43 .M25 2009**

*The Facts on File Dictionary of Cultural and Historical Allusions from 1000 to 2000 A.D*

**REF AG5 .C7234 2000**

*Oxford Dictionary of Allusions*

**REF PE1580 .D45 2003**

#### Idioms & Euphemisms

*The American Heritage Dictionary of Idioms*

**REF PE2839 .A46 2001**

*How Not To Say What You Mean : A Dictionary of Euphemisms*

**REF PE1449 .H548 2002**

*NTC's American Idioms Dictionary*

**REF PE2839 .S64 2000**

*Oxford Dictionary of Idioms*

**REF PE1464 .O94 2000**

#### Slang

*The Oxford Dictionary of Modern Slang*

**REF PE3721 .O94 2010**

*A Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English*

**REF PE3721 .P3 1984**

*Hip and Hot! A Dictionary of 10,000 American Slang Expressions*

**REF PE2846 .S643 1998**

*NTC's Dictionary of American Slang and Colloquial Expressions*

**REF PE2846 .S64 2000**

### To Find other Dictionaries

To find English language dictionaries, do a **subject** search on **English language dictionaries**. Our most extensive English language dictionary is the *Oxford English Dictionary* REF PE1625 .O87 1989.

To find dictionaries that include English and another language, do a **subject** search like: **English language dictionaries Chinese** (substitute whatever language you want).

To find dictionaries related to a certain subject area, do a **word** search on your subject and the word dictionaries **ex: biology and dictionaries**.

### Internet Sites

#### **Dictionary.com**

<http://dictionary.reference.com/>

#### **Bartleby.com**

<http://www.bartleby.com/>