

**University/College Library  
Broward Community College, Central Campus  
Biography Resource Center Guide**



The Biography Resource Center contains information on more than one million people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas. The database includes:

- Narrative biographies that provide a look at the person's life and accomplishments
- Full-text magazine and newspaper articles that amplify and update the narrative biographies
- "Spotlight On" features individuals currently in the news

**Getting Started:**

From the library's web page (<http://ucl.broward.edu>), go to Finding Articles menu:

- Select Express Login to Databases.
- Enter your Borrower ID. Type in your 14-digit library barcode number on the front of your ID card.
- Enter Your PIN number (last four numbers of your social security number). You may change your PIN to any four numbers you choose.
- Click on [Log on] button.
- From the middle column, select Biography Resource Center.
- Click on [Connect to Database] button.

**Individual Searching**

Name searching

- Name Contains - click the circle "Name Contains" and type any combination of the name in any order.
- Start of last name – click "Start of Last Name" and enter as much as you know of the last name only. In either case capitalization is unnecessary.
- Click search

**NAVIGATION**

- [Gale Group Databases](#)

**TOOLS**

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**Enter a person's name:**

Name contains     Start of last name

Name Contains: Enter any combination, in any order, of first, middle, and/or last name.

Start of Last Name: Enter as much as you know of the last name only.

Number of results per page:

### Custom Searching

This allows you to search for people who match certain criteria, including (1) birth and death years and places, (2) nationality, (3) ethnicity, (4) occupation, or (5) gender. An example would be African-American musicians born after 1900 who died after 1950. Useful primarily when you are not searching for a specific individual. To make several selections from the search criteria list box, press the Ctrl (Control) key down and click on multiple items.

### Full-Text Search

This allows you to search for the presence of any word or words within the text of the main essay. You may search for:

- All the words
- Exact phrase
- Any of the words
- Use AND or OR to combine terms
- Useful when you need to search for specific terms not available in the Custom Search; e.g., Medal of Honor winners, people who graduated from a particular college, etc.

### Search Tips

- Use at least two or three search terms.
- Be specific.
- Try using synonyms for your original words.
- Click "Search Tips" under the Tools section of the sidebar to find more information on using search operators, proximity operators, truncation, date ranges, etc.
- Quotation marks mean the same thing as "exact phrase." "cold war" will search for the phrase "cold war" rather than "cold" and "war."
- The hyphen "-" preceded and followed by a space indicates a range of years. For example, "1919 – 1939" covers all the material from January 1, 1919 to December 31, 1939.

### Help Screens

There are two short sets of directions: (1) Search Tips, and (2) Tips on Biographical Research. The latter is largely common sense but the former does contain information unique to Biography Resource Center that helps one in doing a full-text search. It also contains the [Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary](#) online.



<a href="#">Name Search</a>	<a href="#">Mark List</a>
<a href="#">Custom Search</a>	<a href="#">Tips on Bio Research</a>
<a href="#">Full Text Search</a>	<a href="#">Navigating Results Lists</a>
<a href="#">Biography Resource Page</a>	<a href="#">Navigating Documents</a>
<a href="#">Spotlight On...</a>	<a href="#">Search Engine Tips</a>
<a href="#">Citation Generator</a>	

### Retrieval

The items retrieved fall into five categories. Some of the biographies also contain an illustration that can be enlarged for printing or downloading.

- Thumbnail Biographies: Used mostly for identification. [Merriam-Webster Biographical Dictionary](#) would be an example of a source.
- Narrative Biographies: These will include things such as [Contemporary Authors](#) and [Dictionary of American Biography](#).
- Magazine and Newspaper Articles and Bibliography of full-text articles. This is the most useful feature of this service. By simply clicking an article the full text appears. This can be either printed or downloaded.
- Additional Resources. This is a bibliography that is not full text. Many of the items can be located in the library. Foremost among the selections would be [Biography Index](#) since 1946. Contains one or more websites. These may also contain excellent biographical material.

## Stephen (Edwin) King

(American writer, 1947-)

Also known as: Stephen King, Richard Bachman, Steve King, John Swithen, Stephen Edwin King, Steven King

*Select one of the options below to retrieve a list of documents.*



[Enlarge Image](#)

### [Recent Update](#)

Check recent updates on King.

### [Narrative Biographies](#)

Find one or more lengthy biographical profiles and learn about King's life and accomplishments.

### [Magazine and Newspaper Articles](#)

Find magazine and newspaper articles written about King and, as available, articles written by King.

### [Thumbnail Biographies](#)

Find one or more brief biographies and locate key facts about King, including, as available, an address.

### [Websites List](#)

View selected websites that survey King's life and works.

### [Additional Resources](#)

Find citations for additional biographical resources on King your library may have.

## Sample Search Results/Magazine and Newspaper Articles:

- Click on the highlighted title to view the full text of the article.
- You can mark biographies to create a citation list. Check the box to the left of the citation, or, while viewing an article, click on the Add to Mark List button.

[Update Mark List](#)

**Subject / Citation**

- [10 Questions For Stephen King.](#) (Interview)(discusses rumored retirement)(Interview) *Time* Apr 1, 2002
- [The Week.](#) (books)\_(book review) *Entertainment Weekly* Mar 29, 2002
- [Everything's Eventual: 14 Dark Tales. \(Fiction\).](#) (book review) *Publishers Weekly* Mar 18, 2002
- [Between the Lines: The inside scoop on the book world.](#) (Books)(Brief Article) *Entertainment Weekly* Feb 15, 2002
- [Newsmakers.](#) (celebrity news)(Brief Article) *Newsweek* Feb 11, 2002

### Printing, E-Mailing, and Downloading

- Click **Format for Printing** on the left side of the screen. Click the print command under the file option at the top left-hand corner of your screen. Click **OK**.
- Click **E-Mail Data Home** on the left side of the screen. Enter your complete e-mail address in the **Mail to** box. Choose **Plain Text** option. Click **Send**.
- To **download** records to a disk, click on the File menu at the top of the screen.
- Select Save as... from the pull down menu.
- Select the a:/ drive.
- Give your file a name ending in .txt.
- Click OK.
- Note: Saving the file as .txt will give you all the text of the article. The graphics will be lost. You may choose to save the article as an .html document, which will preserve the visual layout and graphics. However, the .html format may not be compatible with your word processing program.

For Additional help, call:

- \* Reference Desk 954-201-6223 or 954-201-6653
- Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Sunday (IIA/IIIB) 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Changes in hours are posted on the U/CL Web Page at <http://ucl.broward.edu/>

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