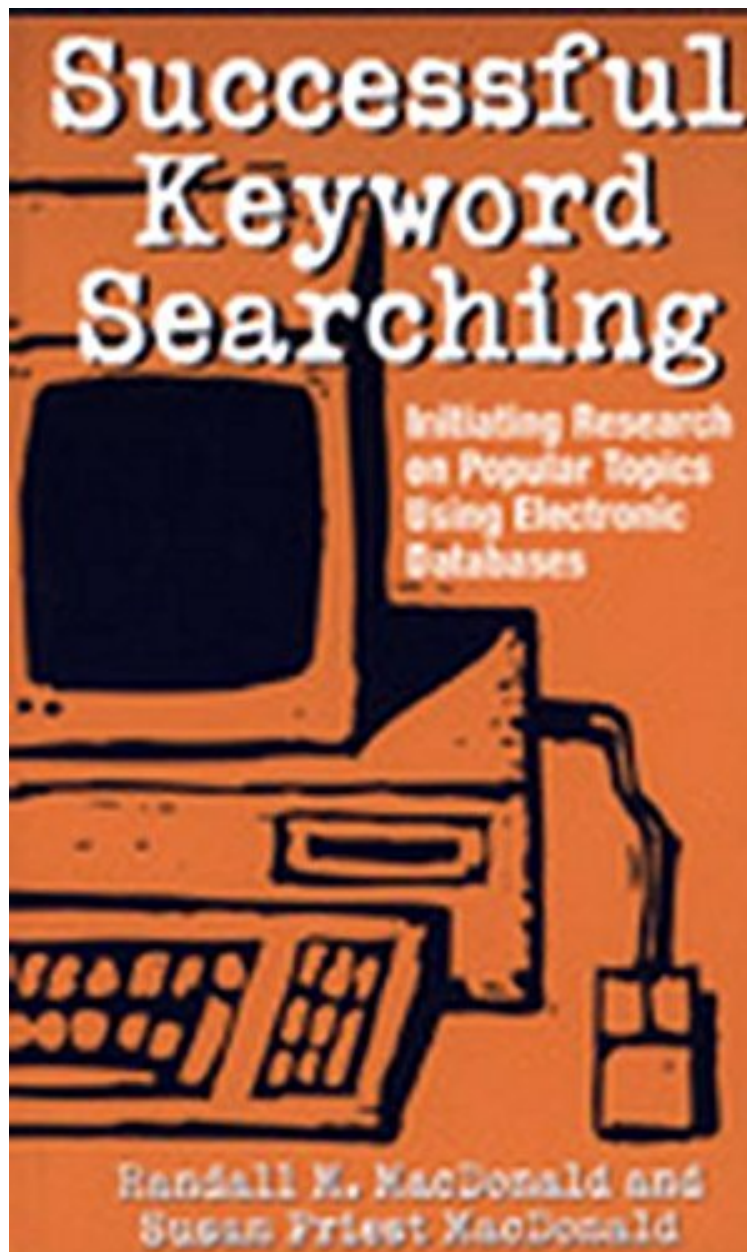


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From School Library Journal Beginning with a brief overview of searching and the various types, the authors then address 144 topics most often researched by students. Each subject includes a list of keywords, a brief list of related organizations, notable people in the field, and three-to-eight meaty Web sites. The nine broad areas include "Arts Literature"; "Business, Communication, Economics"; "Culture Cultural Diversity"; "Health Wellness"; "History, Political Science, Law"; "Philosophy Religion"; "Science Technology"; "Social Issues Sociology"; and "Sports Recreational Interests." While there's no index, this book is still an invaluable resource for library media specialists who have teachers who expect a list of reliable Web sites on a moment's notice. It will also be valuable as a starting point for developing research assignments on unfamiliar subjects. -Sandra L. Doggett, Urbana High School, Ijamsville, MD Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. In essence, this handy reference streamlines the initial hunting-and-pecking process that most beginning researchers flounder through until the right combination of terms produces enough relevant results. Instead of digging through many resources, the researcher finds a ready-made list in one book. Even though it is written for the public library patron and K-12 students, it is also recommended for purchase by libraries serving lower-undergraduate students. -E-STREAMS About the Author RANDALL M. MACDONALD is currently Collection Development Librarian for the Florida Southern College faculty and a doctoral candidate in the Instructional Technology Ph.D. program at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He is also author of *The Internet and the School Library Media Specialist* (Greenwood, 1997). SUSAN PRIEST MACDONALD is currently Media Specialist at Lawton Chiles Middle Academy in Lakeland, Florida, and a former media specialist at Jesse Keen Elementary School. She has worked for over twenty years in public and school libraries, specializing in on-line catalog and Internet research.