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Researching Occupations

Enhanced Occupational Outlook Handbook (7th ed.) R 331 ENH 2009

Occupational Outlook Handbook Young Person's Occupational Outlook Handbook R 650 You (2007)

The O'NET Dictionary of Occupational Titles R 331 One 2007

This source is particularly helpful to people seeking to transfer job skills from one occupation to another. For example, veterans can browse civilian occupations equivalent to their jobs in the military. Someone with a manufacturing background could browse other occupations in manufacturing. There are also sections covering the 50 fastest-growing jobs and the jobs with the most openings.

Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance (14th ed.) R 331.7 Enc 2008

Occupational Outlook Quarterly

Published jointly by the U.S. Dept. of Labor and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, this magazine is where you will find articles about new and emerging occupations as well as updates about wages and working conditions in many traditional occupations.

Best Jobs for the 21st Century (3rd ed.)

R 331.702 Far Be 2004

Rather than just rating jobs according to pay, the editors of this source organize their lists creatively: for example, best jobs for women, best jobs for those with an Associate's degree.

Start Now!: a look at Connecticut's Entry-level Occupations D/L113ri/stno (2008)

High school graduates, take heart! There are good jobs out there for you according to the Connecticut Department of Labor.

This is an electronic document, available through our library's online catalog. A hard copy is also in the Reference collection.

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Connecticut Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) published by the Connecticut Department of Labor (2008). This is an electronic book, available through our library's online catalog.

Move Your Life in a New Direction R 370.113 job (2003)

Learn how Job Corps New England Region can help you if you are between the ages of 16 and 24 and have limited financial resources.

The Ex-Offender's Job Hunting Guide R 650.14 Kra (2005)

This source takes you from the early stages of evaluating your strengths all the way through the mechanics of an effective job search. Copies available in the nonfiction stacks.

The Book of U.S. Government Jobs: Where they are, what's available & how to get one

- Damp, Dennis V. R 331.12 Dam (2008) 10th ed.

Advice for Job Seekers

How'd You Score That Gig?

By Alexandra Levit 640.14 lev 2008

Can you see yourself in that job? This book consists of interviews the author conducted with people about their jobs and how they got started in their respective fields. Don't overlook the off-beat when thinking of possible careers. Here, you can read about people who sound happy as petsitters, outdoor adventure guides, boutique owners, and inventors. Similar title: Cool Careers for Dummies.

The Career Chronicles: an insider's guide to what jobs are really like By Michael Gregory 331.702 gre (2008)

The focus of this book is to get past stereotypes. The author interviewed people in different fields to find out what the average day is like for each and what they like best (or least) about their work.

The "Essential Careers" series has separate books about many occupations. Books about evaluating your skills and interests, doing a job search, writing a resume or cover letter, and interviewing may be found in the 650's.

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