

Associations Unlimited

Associations Unlimited (previously The Encyclopedia of Associations) has for over forty years been the premier source for information on associations, professional societies, and nonprofit organizations. The database contains 144,000 detailed listings for groups all over the world and IRS information on over 300,000 nonprofits. These include full contact information, description, budgets, SIC codes, meetings, publications, web sites, awards and more. It is updated continuously.

Go to: **RCPL** (<http://www.myrcl.com>)
Click: ***Research Tools***
Click: ***General Reference Tools***
Click: ***Associations Unlimited***
Click: ***Inside the Library*** OR ***Home Access***

★ To begin a new search after each question below, click *Main Menu* at the left of the screen.

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

- 1. I saw an obituary which stated that the decedent was a member of the SPEBSQSA. What does this stand for?**
 - From the *Main Menu*, click *Association Name Or Acronym Search*.
 - Type 'spebsqsa' in the *Association Acronym* box.
 - Adjust *Number of Results Per Page* to the desired setting.
 - Click the *Search* button. One match will be returned identifying the acronym as the initials of the *Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America*.
 - Clicking the hyperlinked listing will display the complete database record (address, telephone number, etc.) for that organization.
- 2. Which organizations, whether local, state, regional, national or international, have chapters in Columbia, South Carolina?**
 - From the *Main Menu*, click *Location Search*.
 - Leaving *Street Address*, *Area Code* and *Zip Code* blank, type 'columbia' in the *City* box and 'sc' or 'south carolina' in the *State* box. (Note: The *Country* box may also be left blank, or 'usa' may be typed there. The search results will be the same for either.)
 - Adjust the *Number of Results Per Page* as desired.
 - Click *Search*. Over 300 matches will be displayed in the designated number of groups, all of which are clickable links.
- 3. I need a list of U.S. organizations concerned with archaeology.**
 - From the *Main Menu* click *Subject/AnyWord Search*.
 - To the right of the *Subject Descriptor* box click List of Subjects.
 - Using the *Next Page* button, advance the list until the screen with *Archaeology* appears.
 - Click the word *Archaeology*. This returns the user to the *Search* screen, where the word *Archaeology* will now be displayed in the *Subject Descriptor* box.

- De-activate the checked *International* module at the top of the page by clicking the box to the left of it.
- Click the *Search* button at the bottom of the page. A list of matches will appear.

4. I collect dolls and would like a list of clubs and organizations with that focus.

- From the *Main Menu* screen, click *Subject/Any Word Search*.
- In the *Free Text* box, type 'dolls'.
- In the *Subject Category Box*, select *Hobby and Avocational Organizations* from the drop down menu.
- Click the *Search* button. An alphabetical list of matches will be displayed and can be advanced by clicking *Next Page*.

5. How can I get a list of labor organizations associated with the lumber industry?

- From the *Main Menu*, click *Subject/Any Word Search*.
- At the *SIC Code & Description* box, select *8631 Labor Organizations* from the drop down menu.
- Click *List of Codes* to right of the *Industry Served SIC Code* box.
- When the screen for high-level SIC code groups appears, scroll down to *2400 Lumber and Wood Products*, and click it.
- A screen with a blue hyperlinked *24** at the top will appear. Click this *24** to select all SIC codes in the 24 group (lumber, logging, sawmills, etc.).
- After being returned to the *Search* page, click the *Search* button to display a list of labor organizations associated with this industry.

6. Are contributions to the American Library Association tax deductible?

- From the *Main Menu*, click the link for *IRS Data on U.S. Nonprofit Organizations Search* at the bottom of the page.
- Type 'american library association' in the *Organization Name* box.
- Click the *Search* button at the bottom of the page.
- From the the list of returned matches, click *American Library Association* for the full database record which states that contributions are deductible.