



## Historians and Their Information Sources

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### Abstract

This article reports on a survey of historians and a citation analysis undertaken to revisit the questions treated in Margaret F. Stieg's 1981 article published in *College & Research Libraries*. It examines which materials historians consider to be the most important and how they discover them. Their attitudes toward and use of electronic materials were also studied. Many characteristics of historians' information needs and use have not changed in a generation: informal means of discovery like book reviews and browsing remain important, as does the need for comprehensive searches. Print continues to be the principal format. What has changed is that the advent of electronic resources has increased historians' use of catalogs and indexes in their efforts to identify appropriate primary and secondary sources of information.

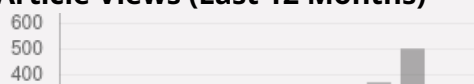
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 May: 47  
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 July: 114  
 August: 120  
 September: 372  
 October: 502  
 November: 28

### 2019

January: 22  
 February: 23  
 March: 24  
 April: 20  
 May: 17  
 June: 12  
 July: 9  
 August: 13  
 September: 123  
 October: 21  
 November: 15  
 December: 18

### 2018

January: 13  
 February: 11  
 March: 48  
 April: 33  
 May: 9  
 June: 8  
 July: 11  
 August: 4  
 September: 44  
 October: 16  
 November: 27  
 December: 5

### 2017

April: 0  
 May: 25  
 June: 8  
 July: 6  
 August: 8  
 September: 9  
 October: 47  
 November: 17  
 December: 8



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