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The Chicago Manual of Style (15th ed.).
Call no: Z253 .C57 15th

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th ed.).
Call no: LB2369 .G53 2009

Turabian, Kate L. *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers*.
Call no: LB2369 .T8 2007

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.).
Call no: BF76.7 .P82 2010

Refer to these online guides for examples & assistance:

APA

Reference citation in text: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/02/>

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MLA

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Books - <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/06/>

Other common sources - <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/09/>

Chicago Style

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