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   “a list of books, magazines, articles, etc., about a particular subject.”
   
   Merriam-Webster.com

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