

GITTRA KALAYANAPONG : SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REFERENCE BOOKS
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The main purpose of this research is to study the types, authors, number of titles, and years of publication of science and technology reference books published in Thailand from 1967 to 1986. The total number of book titles is 255. Results from this study indicate the following. 1) The number of technology reference book titles is 185 (72.55 per cent) and the number of science reference book titles is 70 (27.45 per cent), which corresponds to the first hypothesis that technology reference books outnumber science reference books. 2) The number of directories, which is 78 titles (30.59 per cent), is the largest of all reference books, which contradicts the second hypothesis that the number of dictionaries published is the largest of all science and technology reference books. 3) From 1982 to 1986 is the period when the largest number of books, 132 titles (51.76 per cent), were published, which corresponds to the fourth hypothesis. 4) Government agencies are the organizations that publish most of the reference books - that is 119 titles (46.66 per cent) - which corresponds to the third hypothesis. 5) Most of the authors are experts in the subjects of the books; that is, 231 books (90.59 per cent) were published by experts, which corresponds to the fifth hypothesis.