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n.

1. A collection of books; a library.
2. A catalog of books.

[Latin *bibliothēca*, from Greek *bibliothēkē* : *biblio-*, biblio- + *thēkē*, case; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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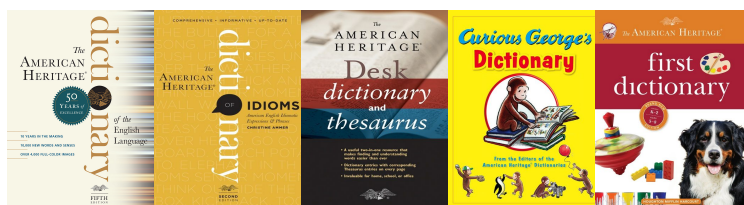
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