Singapore - A Nation in the World

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Introduction
Blessed with the often-touted advantageous geographical location, still, perhaps few people in times past would have envisioned Singapore as what it is today - very much a nation in the world. Despite its lack of natural resources, and its "special" demography in the Southeast Asian region of the world, Singapore has thrived and prospered. This resource guide recommends books and other resources pertaining to Singapore and its journey to independence.

Editorial Notes
Books and texts are often mainstays of resource guides as these provide introductory and comprehensive information on a particular topic. In the creation of this libguide however, effort was also made to recommend resources that are highly accessible, such as, ebooks, journal and newspaper articles, authoritative websites, among others. Please find below a brief write-up of the resource formats:

- Print materials from both the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, as well as, NLB’s Public Libraries. Just click on the given links to activate NLB’s online catalogue showing availability of the items. Apart for the reference books at the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library, books recommended in this guide can be reserved online and brought to the library branch of your choice for a small fee of $1.55 (just click on "Reserve this item").

- Journal Articles from the library’s eResources service (http://resources.nlsgov.sg). Most of the recommended journal articles are from Proquest Central and JSTOR as these databases are accessible from home. Just click on the given links to be brought to the relevant section of the eResources site. Thereafter, register (if you are new to the service) or log in >> click on the relevant database (e.g., JSTOR, Proquest Central) >> conduct a search using the article's title.

- Newspaper articles from the Factiva database, as well as, the NewspaperSG database. Factiva is available via our eResources service and articles within can be accessed in the same manner as that for journal articles (described above). Newspapers from NewspaperSG can be accessed via (http://newspapers.sg). Articles from 1831 - 1989 can be accessed from home (direct links to the articles are provided) while those after 1989 can only be accessed onsite at the libraries.

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Overview

For such a small country, the nation of Singapore has certainly stimulated the publication of quite a number of books and articles. Recommended in this section of the resource guide are books that provide one with good overviews of Singapore's history. Some of the books extend research prior even to the year of 1819, the widely-acknowledged year that the nation was founded.

Books

Click on the links for more information on where to get the books in NLB.

- Singapore, a 700-year history: from early emporium to world city by Kwa Chong Guan, Daren Hong, Tan Tai Yong
  Call Number: SIND English 959.57 KWA
  http://reservemibib.gov.sg/item.html?pid=1320598
  Where most of the history books about Singapore starts with the arrival of Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819, this book seeks to fill the gaps of much of Singapore's pre-1819 history. The 700 years of history presented in this book adds depth and layers to the evolving Singapore Story.

- Singapore: a biography by Mark Ravinder Frost, Yu-Mei Balasingamchow
  Call Number: SIND English 959.57 FRO
  ISBN: 98888026170
  http://reservemibib.gov.sg/item.html?pid=1320911
  This biography offers fresh insights into the history of Singapore through the personal experiences of the workers, adventurers, rulers and revolutionaries who have shaped its history over the last seven centuries.

- A history of modern Singapore, 1819-2005 by C.M. Turnbull
  Call Number: SIND English 959.57 TUR
  http://reservemibib.gov.sg/item.html?pid=011320047
  This is a fully revised edition of C.M. Turnbull's earlier work on "A history of Singapore."

- A history of Singapore by Ernest C.T. Chew and Edwin Lee
  Call Number: SIND English 959.57 HIL
  ISBN: 0195885651
  http://reservemibib.gov.sg/item.html?pid=0914106
  Eighteen Singaporean scholars discussed the multi-faceted history of Singapore from 1819 to the present, with emphasis on the social transformation of modern Singapore.

- The first 150 years of Singapore by Donald and Joanna Moore
  Call Number: RISNG English 959.57 MOO [HIS]
  http://reservemibib.gov.sg/item.html?pid=0491861
  Presents the story of Singapore from 1819 to 1969 in a lively narrative. This is one of the classic works on the history of Singapore by authors who are authorities on the Far East.

- Singapore: an illustrated history, 1941-1984
  Call Number: RISNG English 959.57 SIN [HIS]
  Presents the history of Singapore in black and white photographs and a short narrative.

- Singapore in a nutshell by Arlene Bastin
  Call Number: RISNG English 959.57 BAS [HIS]
  ISBN: 9810678883
  http://reservemibib.gov.sg/item.html?pid=0493176
  His quick reference book offers an introduction to a range of topics: public housing, education, national campaigns and institutions, values, and competitiveness.

- Encyclopedia of Singapore by Justin Corfield, Robin S. Corfield
  Call Number: RISNG English 959.57003 COR [HIS]
  http://reservemibib.gov.sg/item.html?pid=049751453
  Mainly focusing on the period since independence, this encyclopedia provides information on Singapore's history with entries on prominent personalities, places, institutions and events. Also includes a brief chronology, an introduction and a bibliography.

Journals

Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various players. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term of "Singapore" and "National." The "Accessing the Resources" section of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- The Strategy of Singapore
  Author: Nicholas Roosevelt
  Source: Foreign Affairs, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Jan., 1929), pp. 317-322
  Database: JSTOR
  Article details the geographical and strategic advantages that Singapore affords Britain in the Asia Pacific.

- City of the Lion
  Author: J. Norman Palmer
  Database: JSTOR
  In 1977, the Washington-based International Monetary Fund decided that Singapore was no longer part of the Third World and set about to strip the island city-state of its "developing country" status. With millions of dollars in multilateral loans, as well as other benefits and concessions, at stake, the Singaporeans sought (and won) a reprieve. They were, they argued, being penalized for success. With no resources except its people, Singapore today is the premier banker, refiner, manufacturer, handler, and harbormaster of Southeast Asia. In two decades.
  Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew has fashioned an orderly, sometimes idiosyncratic, version of modern welfare capitalism. Corruption is few, go homeless, schooling and health care are available to all, and virtually everyone has enough money to buy a television set. Singaporeans pay a price, low by Third World standards, in political freedom and participation. Is the price too high? Here, historian J. Norman Palmer looks at Singapore's colonial past.

- Pathways to Global City Formation: A View from the Developmental City-State of Singapore
  Author: Ksis DBS, Henry Wai-Chung Young
  Database: JSTOR
  The main aim of this paper is to offer a constructive critique of the dominant (indeed hegemonic) global city/world city discourse. This is a discourse that is overly dependent upon a theoretically globalist perspective derived out of limited empirical studies. Moreover, this is a discourse that focuses relatively too much upon (a) the characteristics of global/world cities and (b) the processes creating global/world cities versus (c) and (c) governance issues and implications. Consequently there remain many unanswered questions about how global cities have 'come into being,' and what kind of state in intentionally devising pathways to global city formation. In such a conceptual context, we tease out the main contours of three forms of global cities - hyper global cities, emerging global cities, and global city-states - in emphasizing the need to consider differential and dynamic developmental pathways. Drawing upon the case of Singapore, we then analyse the unique nature of the global city-state, especially in a Pacific Asian context associated with strategic plan national developmental states. The conjunction of a Pacific Asian city-state with developmentalist policies and capacities both require and enables this form of global city to be rapidly and constantly reworked in the aim of embedding the city into an extra-territorial terrain of network relations.

The Awakening

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Listed below are some Singapore Infopedia articles on events and entities pertaining to the Japanese Occupation of Singapore.

- The British surrender team of 1942
- The British "surrender team" (or "surrender party") in 1942 was made up of four British military officers...
- The Battle of Opium Hill
- The Battle of Opium Hill (14 February 1942) at Pasir Panjang was one of the fiercest battles that took place in Singapore in World War II...
- Operation Sock Ching
- Operation Sock Ching meaning "to purge" or "eliminate" was a massive Japanese exercise...
- Japanese surrender
  - [http://info.infopedia.sg/articles/SIP_123_2005-02-03.html](http://info.infopedia.sg/articles/SIP_123_2005-02-03.html)
- The Japanese surrendered to General MacArthur on Board an American battleship, Missouri...
- The Kempeitai
- The Kempeitai was the military police force administered by the Japanese War Ministry during WWII over the Occupied Territories of Japan...
- The Double Ten trial
- The Double Ten trial that was conducted on 18 March 1946 against 21 Kempeitai of the Singapore Branch...
- The Syonan Shinto Shrine (Syonan Jiha)
- The Syonan (Shinan) Shinto Shrine or Syonan Jiha, was built by British prisoners-of-war and the Japanese Army off Adam Road...
- Tomoyuki Yamashita
- General Tomoyuki Yamashita was the son of a village doctor, Sakichi...

In the News!

Newspaper articles often constitutes a narrative of the eventincident as it is unfolding in time. As such, these could provide an interesting counterpoint to subsequent analytical pieces found in books and journals.

- **COMMONSENSE IS NEEDED IN MALAYA TODAY**
  - [http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-878408050825.html](http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-878408050825.html)
- Singapore, a mobile state with the population moving from one metropolis to another, is a place in continuous flux. As such, the people of Singapore need to develop a mindset that is able to adapt to this flux. The mindset that is needed is a mindset that is able to see the potential in change and to be open to new ideas and possibilities. The mindset that is needed is a mindset that is able to be flexible and to be able to change direction when necessary. This mindset is common in Singapore's past and it is essential for Singapore's future.

- **SINGAPORE IS BRITISH AGAIN!**
  - [http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-152101060955.html](http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-152101060955.html)
- Reports of the implantation of a biometric database system in Singapore have raised concerns among Singaporeans about the potential misuse of personal data. The implementation of such a system could lead to increased surveillance and control by the government, which could infringe on individual rights and freedoms.

- **POST-WAR SINGAPORE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A BRITISH OFFICER.**
  - [http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-152101060955.html](http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-152101060955.html)
- The war has left many people with a sense of uncertainty about the future. The situation is compounded by the fact that the country is still recovering from the effects of the war. The government needs to work hard to ensure that the people have a brighter future.

- **WHITE PAPER ON MALAYA**
  - [http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-152101060955.html](http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-152101060955.html)
- The white paper on Malaya outlines the government's plans for the development of the country. The government is committed to ensuring that the people of Malaya have a better future.

- **THE AWAKENING**
  - [http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-152101060955.html](http://news.infopedia.sg/2005/03/03/straitstimes-152101060955.html)
- The war has left many people with a sense of uncertainty about the future. The situation is compounded by the fact that the country is still recovering from the effects of the war. The government needs to work hard to ensure that the people have a brighter future.

Books

- The Thon of lion city : a memoir by Lum Loy
  - Call Number: English 569.570392 LUM
  - ISBN: 9780072300344
- A first-hand account of the Japanese Occupation, The Thorn of Lion City also traces the author’s turbulent childhood in wartime Singapore.
- The Japanese occupation 1942-1945: a pictorial record of Singapore during the war by Tan Beng Luan, Irene Quek
  - Call Number: English 940.0425 TAN (WAV)
  - ISBN: 9812047417
- Presents a pictorial history of Singapore during the Japanese Occupation.
- Syonan : Singapore under the Japanese 1942-1945 by Lee Gekk Bi. [edited by Slow Jin Hu; photography by Albert Lim K.S.]
  - Call Number: SING English 659.57 LEE
  - ISBN: 9812047241
- A highly readable and well-illustrated description of the Japanese Occupation of Singapore which won the National Book Development Council award for non-fiction books. Issued in a kit with samples of Japanese currency, ration cards and newspaper articles.
- Paths not taken : political pluralism in post-war Singapore by Michael D. Barr. Carl A. Trocki
  - Call Number: English 955.0705 PAT
  - ISBN: 9780971693787
- A highly readable and well-illustrated description of the Japanese Occupation of Singapore which won the National Book Development Council award for non-fiction books. Issued in a kit with samples of Japanese currency, ration cards and newspaper articles.
Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various players. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term of "Singapore" and "Japanese Occupation". The "Accessing the Resources" sections of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- **Renaissance and War Trauma: Recalling the Japanese Occupation of Singapore, 1942-1945**
  - Author: Kevin Blackburn
  - Database: JSTOR
  - Abstract: The process of remembrance, the act of recalling one's life story, entails a self-discovery of who one is. Understanding one's past and making sense of it is important for an individual's identity. However, remembering traumatic events or periods of many years ago can interrupt and challenge this process of having remembrance affirm identity. The Japanese Occupation of Singapore was a traumatic period in the lives of people now over seventy years old. This study traces how individuals interviewed on the Japanese Occupation in Singapore integrated what they experienced and witnessed during the Japanese Occupation into their overall life story. The study derived from an oral history course for trainee teachers who would be using oral history in schools. It seeks to integrate lessons from oral history and remembrance work.

- **A Study of Three Early Political Parties in Singapore, 1945-1955**
  - Author: Yeo Kim Wah
  - Database: JSTOR
  - It was not always only the PAP. This article talked about three political parties that were active in Singapore's early days.

urbulence & unrest

Please find listed below Singapore Infopedia articles on some of the riots and strikes that took place in Singapore during this time of turbulence.

- **Monday, Dec 11, 1950: Maria Hartogh Riots**
  - http://infopedia.sg/articles/SP_83_2006-02-02.html
  - The Maria Hartogh Riots between ethnic Malays and the European and Eurasian communities.

- **Wednesday, Feb 3, 1954: The Straits Times Strike**
  - The first Straits Times strike arose from a dispute over the terms of reinstatement of a dismissed worker.

- **Thursday, May 13, 1954: National Service Riots of 1954**
  - Singapore's earliest attempt to introduce a compulsory conscription rule in 1952 was vigorously resisted by the Chinese Middle School students.

- **Wednesday, Apr 27, 1955: Hok Lee Bus strike and riots**
  - The Hok Lee bus strike began peacefully on 23 April 1955 but escalated into a violent riot.

- **Thursday, Jul 14, 1955: The Great Singapore Tracton Company Strike**
  - On 14 July 1955, the delicate balance of industrial relations was challenged once again when workers.

- **Friday, Oct 21, 1960: Singapore Glass Factory strike**
  - Relations between the company and its employees had been strained due to several issues such as rehrenchment of workers.

- **Friday, Jul 21, 1961: Singapore Association of Trade Unions**
  - From 21 July 1961 to 31 December 1961, there were 84 strikes in Singapore. SATU was allegedly behind 77 of them.

- **Wednesday, May 1, 1963: The Indonesian-Malaysian Confrontation**
  - http://infopedia.sg/articles/SP_1073_2010-03-25.html
  - The Indonesian-Malaysian Confrontation or Konfrontasi lasted from 1963 to 1966.

- **Tuesday, Jul 21, 1964: Communal riots of 1964**
  - http://infopedia.sg/articles/SP_45_2006-01-05.html
  - Singapore went through racial or communal riots between Malays and Chinese over two five-day periods.

urbulence cares

Common descriptors given for Singapore are “peaceful” and “safe”, and it is indeed very hard to visualise a time when Singapore was plagued with unrest and turbulence. Yet, that was once a reality in the country’s past - industrial strikes was a real risk to the country’s economic development, while fears of communist infiltration was widespread and viewed with trepidation by foreign entities. It was also a time when ethnic rivalries sometimes clashed with nationalistic sentiments.

This section introduces resources describing these years of turbulence in Singapore.

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- **The Nadia tragedy: the Maria Hartogh controversy by Haja Maideen**
  - Call Number: SING English 959.5704 MAI (HILB)
  - ISBN: 9679728875
  - http://infopedia.sg/articles/SP_1087_2005-08-08.html
  - Gives an account of the legal fight over the custody of a Dutch girl brought up as a Muslim that led to religious and racial riots in post-war colonial Singapore.

- **The open-united front: the communal struggle in Singapore, 1954-1966 by Lee Teng Hui**
  - Call Number: SING English 959.5703 LEE (HILB)
  - ISBN: 9679781736
  - Singapore went through a period of communal struggle between Malay, Chinese, and Indians from 1954 to 1966.

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Provides an account of the struggle of the Malay Communist Party in Singapore in the years 1954 to 1966. Work serves as an essential reference for anyone interested in the history and significance of communism in Singapore.

- The long long war - the emergency in Malaya 1948-1960 by Richard Clutterbuck
Call Number: SING English 559.704 CLU
ISBN: 9810465316
An account of the Malay Emergency from post-war till its end in 1960, drawing parallels with the Vietnam War. Also includes a chronological summary of events.

Journal Articles
Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various authors. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term of "Singapore" and "communism". The "Accessing the Resources" sections of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- 'Communal Violence in Singapore' [1]
  Author: Michael Leifer
  Database: JSTOR
  Article talks about the communal riots of 1964, and also referred to the earlier Maria Hertogh riots.

- 'Students and Politics in Singapore' [2]
  Author: Stanley Spitzer
  Database: JSTOR
  This article talks about how students were led by the Malay and Chinese Communist parties to create unrest in Singapore in the 1950s, and the impact of this on the country's politics.

- 'Communalism and Communism in Malaya' [3]
  Author: Francis C. Hall
  Database: JSTOR
  This article talks about communalism and communism in Malaya and analyses their impact on possible future political routes of the region (continuance under British rule vs. Malay nationalism).

In the News!
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- Going Red? Colony Chinese see red
  http://www.ntr.sg/old/DrP/Article.aspx?printid=78296c8b8d733c4bc9b8d54a1098a168&amp;keyword=Singapore+nationalism+and+peninsula+communism+and+spreading+of+red+influence+and+the+confusion+it+caused+and+the+responding+reaction+of+Chinese+communists
  Source: The Straits Times, 28 January 1999, Page 2
  Database: NewspaperSG
  Article reports indignation from Singapore Chinese population in response to U.S. journalist's claim that Singapore is "prime example" of red infiltration. Dr Toh Chin Chye warns against confusing nationalism with communism.

- EMPLOYERS BLAME Politics FOR PRESENT INDUSTRIAL LUST IN SINGAPORE
  http://www.ntr.sg/old/DrP/Article.aspx?printid=78296c8b8d733c4bc9b8d54a1098a168&amp;keyword=Singapore+nationalism+and+spreading+of+red+influence+and+the+confusion+it+caused+and+the+responding+reaction+of+Chinese+communists
  Source: The Straits Times, 10 July 1958, Page 9
  Database: NewspaperSG
  Article reports on the spate of industrial strikes that been going on in Singapore and the adverse impact on the country's economy. Mention of "professional labour agitators".

- The 'October Scream' (the so-called October 1957 riots)
  http://www.ntr.sg/old/DrP/Article.aspx?printid=78296c8b8d733c4bc9b8d54a1098a168&amp;keyword=Singapore+nationalism+and+spreading+of+red+influence+and+the+confusion+it+caused+and+the+responding+reaction+of+Chinese+communists
  Source: The Straits Times, 11 July 1999, Page 32
  Database: NewspaperSG
  Article talks about how Ong Pang Boon, Lee Khoon Choy, and Jek Yeun Thong managed to demonstrate that Chinese-ness does not always equate communism, and instead advocated for a multiracial nationalism.

Merger, Separation, Independence

National Symbols
Want to know the stories behind some of Singapore's national symbols? Listed below are some Singapore Infopedia articles providing information on the history and significance of these symbols.

- The national flag of Singapore
  The national flag of Singapore was designed by a committee, headed by Toh Chin Chye (D),...

- National coat of arms (State crest)
  The National Coat of Arms of State crest together with National Flag was designed by a committee headed by Dr Toh Chin Chye....

- The Singapore national anthem
  http://infopedia.nas.sg/articles/SIP_415_2004-12-23.html
  Singapore's national anthem, "Malayik Syurga", was composed in Malay by Zubir Said in 1958....

- Singapore (National) pledge
  The National Pledge embodies the ideas for building a united Singapore. It was written in August 1966 by Mr S. Rajaratnam....

- Lion head symbol
  "The Lion Head Symbol was launched in 1986 as an alternative national symbol...."
Books
Click on the links for more information on where to get the books in NLB.

- From Malay Union to Singapore separation: political unification in the Malaysia region, 1945-65 by Mohamed Noorin Sopiee
  Call Number: RSISN English 959.5 MNO
  Location: FISL
  The author refers to cabinet papers, memoranda and other primary documents to track the various political developments in the post-war Malaysian region, including Singapore. He studies the causes and development of the Malay Union, the Federation of Malaysia, the formation of Malaysia and the separation of Singapore in 1965.

- Creating "Greater Malaysia": decolonization and the politics of merger by Tan Tai Yong
  Call Number: English 959.051 TAN
  Location: FISL
  Analyses the processes that led to the formation of the Federation of Malaysia in 1963, focusing on the negotiations, compromises and disagreements which led to the eventual fallout between the governments of Malaysia and Singapore.

- A moment of anguish: Singapore in Malaysia and the politics of disengagement by Albert Lau
  Call Number: RSISN English 959.5705 LAU
  ISBN: 9812102665
  Location: FISL
  Author gives an account of the dramatic events leading to the historic separation of Singapore from Malaysia. Offers new insights into the principal personalities of the period and the circumstances under which Singapore was separated from Malaysia.

Journal Articles
Journal articles are often good references for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various players. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term “Singapore” and “Independence”. The “Accessing the Resources” sections of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- The 1959 Singapore General Election
  Location: FISL
  The author, Ding Chih Chong analysed the 1959 election, which he saw as the culmination of the political development that took place after the Japanese Occupation.

- Singapore in Malay
  Location: FISL

- Singapore: Problem Child
  Location: FISL
  The author, William F. Mallory provided a review of the Foreign Affairs, 40, No. 3, April, 1962.

- Article gives a summary of the social and political issues plaguing Singapore in the post-war years, and how these affected British and Malay attitudes toward a possible merger.

- Singapore and the Federation: Problems of Merger
  Location: FISL
  The author, Emmi Sadauki provided a study of the problems of Singapore-Federation merger from the demographic, economic, political, aspects.

In the News
Newspaper articles often constitute a narrative of the event/instance even as it is unfolding in time. As such, these could provide an interesting counterpoint to subsequent analytical pieces found in books and journals.

- BIG UNITY PLAN
  Location: FISL
  The article provides an overview of the Singapore general election 1961.

- Singapore is out
  Location: FISL
  The article provides an overview of the Singapore general election 1965.

- Forever and ever
  Location: FISL
  The article provides an overview of the Singapore general election 1972.

- The article contains Tengku Abdul Rahman's comments on Singapore's split from Malaysia.

Beyond Independence
Newspaper articles often constitute a narrative of the event/instance even as it is unfolding in time. As such, these could provide an interesting counterpoint to subsequent analytical pieces found in books and journals.

- Pioneer spirit needed anew, says Lim
  Location: FISL
  The article contains Tengku Abdul Rahman's comments on Singapore's split from Malaysia.

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Beyond Independence
Singapore’s surprise exit from the Federation of Malaysia meant that Singapore’s leaders had to act quickly and think fast to ensure the country survive this loss of its hinterland. Some of the challenges they grappled with included stability and social cohesion, economic development and proving for people’s basic needs, as well as, nurturing a uniquely Singapore identity. These section lists some resources on the initial years after Singapore’s independence, as well as, the challenges the government faced, and continues to face, in nurturing Singapore as a nation in the world.

Books
Click on the links for more information on where to get the books in NLB.

- Singapore, struggle for success by John Drysdale
  Call Number: English 959.57 DRY [H3]
  ISBN: 9812047719
  gives a fascinating account of Singapore’s birth and its development over a twenty-year period.

- Struck by lightning: Singaporean voices post-1965 by Azhar Gani et al.
  Call Number: SING English 959.57595 STR
  This book contains snippets from the ‘Post-65ers’ column of The Straits Times, a platform for Singaporeans born after 1965 to offer their views on different aspects of post-independence Singapore.

Journal Articles
Journal articles are often good reads for the more specific aspects of a topic, as well as, alternative perspectives of an issue from various players. Listed below are some samples retrieved from JSTOR using the search term of “Singapore” and “nation-building.” The “Accessing the Resources” sections of this guide provides more information on how to access and use the databases.

- Urgent Singapore, Patient Malaysia
  Database: JSTOR
  The later half of the article talks about the issues and concerns confronting Singapore and her leadership in her newfound independence.

- Nation-Building in Singapore
  Database: JSTOR

- Malaysia-Singapore Relations: Crisis of Adjustment, 1965-68
  Database: JSTOR

- Big Fish, Small Pond
  Database: JSTOR

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All featured books and periodicals are located at the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library.

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| 1 - Singapore and Southeast Asia (English) Collections | RNSING, RSEA, JRSING, YRSING, RAV, RCOLS, RRARE | ALL SING/SEA English materials except: Arts and Literature (which are on L3)
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| 10 - National Library Gallery | RDTYS, RDTSH, RDKSC | Donors' Collections |
|       |               | Donors' Gallery |
|       |               | Exhibition Gallery |
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|       |               | Singapore&SEA English literature |
|       |               | Non-SING/SEA Social Sciences collection, including literature-
|       |               | Education prospectuses |
|       |               | Edwin Thumboo Collection |
|       |               | French Comar |
| 7 - Business and Science & Technology Collections | RSING-[AR], RBUS, R | Business, Science & Technology collections |
|       |               | Annual Reports |
|       |               | Standards |
|       |               | Bloomberg and SGX IRIS stations |

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