



Finding Filmmakers, Film Reviews & Criticism

Using the Online Catalog

Books related to this topic can be located by doing a SUBJECT search in the library's catalog.

MOTION PICTURES

MOTION PICTURE PLAYS – HISTORY AND CRITICISM

MOTION PICTURES REVIEWS

COMEDY FILMS

HORROR FILMS

SCIENCE FICTION FILMS

You can also search under the names of actors, or directors, or screenwriters, or use keywords.

Reference Books

Films are usually reviewed in newspapers and magazines when they are first released. Check the following reference books for film information and release or review dates.

Dictionary of film terms : the aesthetic companion to film art	Ref PN1993.45 .B33 2006
The encyclopedia of filmmakers	Ref PN1998.2 .T53 2002
100 years of American film	Ref PN1993.5.U6 A59 2000
The encyclopedia of novels into film	Ref PN1997.85 .T54 1998
The encyclopedia of stage plays into film	Ref PN1997.85 .T544 2001
Women filmmakers & their films	Ref PN1998.2 .W66 1998
International Motion picture almanac	Ref PN1993.3 .I55 2001
Reel Black talk : a sourcebook of 50 American filmmakers	Ref PN1998.2 .M66 1997
Encyclopedia of film noir	Ref PN1995.9.F54 M39 2007
The animated film encyclopedia : a complete guide to American shorts, features and sequences 1900-1979	Ref NC1765 .W42 2000
Hollywood song : the complete film & musical companion	Ref ML128 .M7 B6 1995
Quinlan's character stars	Ref PN1998.2 .Q56 2004
The encyclopedia of superheroes on film and television	Ref PN1995.9.S76 M85 2004

Printed Periodical Sources for Films

Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature indexes magazines from 1900 to present. Films produced after 1975 are under the subject heading **Motion Picture Reviews-Single works**. Films are listed alphabetically. For films prior to 1975 use the heading **Moving Picture Plays-Single works**. Check the West Valley College Library Periodical List (green binder) for the library's holdings.

New York Times Index (1924-1994) covering the New York Times newspaper (on microfilm) from 1929 to within 3 months of the present. Films are listed under the subject **Motion Pictures** and then alphabetically by title. Recent NYT reviews may be found in Proquest.

FULL TEXT ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Access databases on campus, off campus or through campus' wireless network at:

<http://www.westvalley.edu/library/databases/>

You will need your **name** and **student ID** number to log in.

Wilson Biographies

This database contains 400,000 full text biographies including many authors through the ages.

Literary Reference Center

Literary criticism, critical essays on contemporary authors/works and literary genres, including cinema.

Proquest

This web-based index to magazines, journals and newspapers can be used to find full-text book reviews, critical analysis and biographical information.

NOTE: View the **Basics for searching some of the library's databases video** here:

<http://westvalley.edu/library/research-guides/online-orientation/databases.swf>

INTERNET RESOURCES:

UC Berkeley Library: Film Reviews and Film Criticism: An Introduction

<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/filmstudies/filmreviewsintro.html>

This site give an overview of the differences between film review and criticism/analysis.

Internet Movie Database <http://www.imdb.com/>

Online databases containing information about films, television programs, actors, and production crews. The database includes U.S., international, short films, and video games.

Britfilms.com: <http://www.britfilms.com/>

Online version of "The British Films Catalogue" (annual) giving information on new and recent films. Annuals cover 1998-2003. Has film synopses and cast names and also contains information on International film festivals.

UCSD Chinese Cinema Web-based Learning Center <http://chinesecinema.ucsd.edu/>

This goal of this site is to a establish film library, film archive, and film research on Chinese cinema. A unique feature is its attempt to gather statistical information about production, distribution, exhibition, and reception.

Cinema in Latin America <http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/cinema/>

The Latin American Network Information Center's cinema resources page contains general, educational, film festival and country specific links for Latin American film.