



# Motion Picture and Television: A Guide to Selected Resources

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The following is a selective list of motion picture and television resources in the Owen Library. It is not intended to be comprehensive. Please consult with a Reference Librarian for advice on the best sources and research strategy on your specific topic.

## Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

*Encyclopedia of Television* Reference PN1992.18 .E53 2004  
This four volume set gives useful information about television programs, actors, television organization and movies.

*Film Encyclopedia* Reference PN 1993.45 .K34 1998  
A comprehensive one volume book discussing the people involved with motion picture production, production techniques, and equipment.

*Magill's Survey of Cinema* Reference PN 1993.45 .M32  
Multi-volume set about movies. Lists principle actors and gives critical reviews of movies during the early to late twentieth century.

*History of the Mass Media in the United States* Reference PN92.U5 H57 1988  
A guide to how society has been changed by moves television, newspapers, magazines, and the internet. Discusses how mass media has evolved over the years.

*St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture* Reference E 169.1 .S764 2000  
Multi-volume set about popular culture in the United States. It includes essays on well known actors, movies, and television programs.

*Women and American Television* Reference PN 1992.8 .W65 L 9 1999  
Alphabetical entries give a brief synopsis of television shows and biographies of women who have participated or stared in the shows.

## Biographies and Indexes

*Total Television* Reference PN 1992.3.U5 M3 1996  
“A comprehensive guide to programming from 1948 to 1996.”

*Filmography of American History* Reference PN 1995.9 .H5 T73 2002  
Motion pictures represent how we view the world and reflect our culture. This book helps chronicle how our view of the world has changed.

## Guides

*The Technique of Screen & Television Writing.* PN1996. V27 1982

***Shoot-em-ups: The Complete Reference Guide to Westerns of the Sound***

Reference PN1995.9 W4 A3

**Internet and Electronic Resources**

***Internet Movie Database***

<http://www.imdb.com>

User friendly database containing ...”over 260,000 film and television productions made since 1892. We catalog information on who made them, who appeared in them, where they were filmed, awards they received, trivia, quotes, and many other categories. Along with being able to look up the movies, you can look up people. We have information of close to half-million actors and actresses, almost 50,000 directors and much more.”

***New Biographical Dictionary of Film***

Available online through PITT*Cat*

Electronic resource providing brief biographical synopses of people involved in motion pictures.

***American Film and Society Since 1945***

Available online through PITT*Cat*

Each of the books six chapters discusses a different decade from the 1950's through the 1990's. The more famous movies of each decade are reviewed and analyzed. Because motion pictures reflect society, each chapter also reviews the history of that decade.

***American Film Scripts Online***

<http://www.alexanderstreet2.com/afsolive/index.html>

“This edition of American Film Scripts Online (AFSO) contains 497 scripts by 605 writers together with detailed, fielded information on the scenes, characters and people related to the scripts.”

***TV.com***

<http://www.tv.com/>

“TV.com (formerly TV Tome.com) provides information on most current and many older television series and their casts. Volunteers who have an interest in a particular television show can apply to become editors, responsible for adding information about a show and editing others' contributions”