



Cinema and Television: A Guide to Selected Resources

The following is a selective list of resources for the study of cinema and television available in Owen Library or through electronic access. 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

Contemporary Theatre, Film and Television

Available online through PITT*Cat+*

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: The Complete Guide to Film and the Film Industry

Reference PN 1993.45 .K34 2008

A comprehensive one volume book discussing the people involved with motion picture production, production techniques, and equipment.

Filmography of American History

Reference PN 1995.9 .H5 T73 2002

For those “interested in using films to enhance their knowledge of American historical events and periods.” Organized by time periods, with special emphasis on immigrant, multi-cultural, and women-centered films.

***History of American Cinema* (10 volumes)**

PN1993.5.U6 H55

Also available online through PITT*Cat+*

History of the Mass Media in the United States

Reference P92.U5 H57 1998

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.

International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers

Available online through PITT*Cat+*

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.

St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture

Reference E 169.1 .S764 2000

Available online through PITT*Cat+*

Multi-volume set about popular culture in the United States. It includes essays on well known actors, movies, and television programs.

Schirmer Encyclopedia of Film

Reference PN1993.45 .S35 2007

Also available online through PITT*Cat+*

Women and American Television

Reference PN 1992.8 .W65 L69 1999

Alphabetical entries give a brief synopsis of television shows and biographies of women who have participated or starred in the shows.

Databases

*Access through “Find Articles” tab then click “Locate databases and By Title”.

American Film Institute Catalog*

The American Film Institute Catalog draws its content from six printed volumes that document every American film from 1893 to 1970 (except 1951 to 1960). Each film record has been meticulously compiled by the experienced editors and filmographers at the American Film Institute (AFI).

Cinema Image Gallery*

An online collection of still images from movies, television and the entertainment industry. It presents the history of movie-making, still images of films in production, directors working on-set with the stars, set, costume and production design, as well as, hair and make-up shots and rare behind-the-scenes material.

FIAF International Index to Film Periodicals Plus*

Contains scholarly and popular articles on many aspects of motion pictures. Also includes scholarly literature on television.

Film Literature Index*

Contains approximately 700,000 citations to articles, film reviews and book reviews published between 1976-2001. The periodicals indexed range from the scholarly and critical to the popular.

Theatre in Video*

Contains definitive performances of the world's leading plays, together with film documentaries, all online in streaming video. There are currently 279 titles available. When complete, Theatre in Video will contain more than 350 full-length plays and documentaries.

Guides

America's Film Legacy the Authoritative Guide to the Landmark Movies in the National Film Registry

Available online through PITT CAT+

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

Reference PN1995.9 W4 A3

Film and Television: A Guide to the Reference Literature Reference Z5784.M9 E47 2006

Total Television

Reference PN 1992.3.U5 M3 1996

“A comprehensive guide to programming from 1948 to 1996.”

Internet and Electronic Resources

Archive of American Television

<http://www.emmytvlegends.org/>

Nearly 700 long-form videotaped interviews with the pioneers of television online.

American Film and Society Since 1945

Available online through PITT*Cat*+

Each of the book's 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 823 scripts by 969 writers together with detailed, fielded information on the scenes, characters and people related to the scripts."

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 on close to half-million actors and actresses, almost 50,000 directors and much more."

New Biographical Dictionary of Film

Available online through PITT*Cat*+

Provides brief biographical synopses of people involved in motion pictures.

Television Resources

<http://www.loc.gov/film/tele.html>

Created by the Library of Congress, this site contains links to many other sites relating to television on the Web.