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THE CALIFORNIA DREAM, MY DREAM

"Of all the states in the union, only California has attached to its identity the concept of dream."
Kevin Starr, State Librarian of California, retired.

Your search for information on **California Dreams** can include books, periodical articles, online databases and authoritative Internet resources.

Books

Use the [Library Catalog](#) to find books on your subject. You can search for books by author, title, subject, or keyword. The general call number for books relating **California History** is **F860 - F870**.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the online catalog for books relating to **California Dreams**. Add any of these selected **subtopics** to your main subject **California**:

Description and Travel	Architecture	Emigration and immigration
History	Climate	Ethnic relations
Politics and government	Pictorial works	Gold discoveries
Social life and customs	Economic conditions	Popular culture

Related subjects to use:

California, Northern	Los Angeles	Yosemite National Park
California, Southern	Outdoor Recreation	Frontier and pioneer life
Historic Sites	Railroads, California History	Music, California
Hollywood, California	San Francisco	

Reference Books

Listed below are some Reference Books that may be useful in your research.

Landmarks of Los Angeles

REFERENCE F868.L843 M38 1994

Encyclopedia of California

REFERENCE F859 .E52 1997 (2 vols.)

A Guide to the History of California

REFERENCE Z1261 .G85 1989

Missions of California

REFERENCE F862 .C17 1979

California Trivia

REFERENCE F861.5 .P67 1998

California A to Z

REFERENCE F860 .C34 2000

The City Observed, Los Angeles

REFERENCE NA735.L55 M66 1998

A Companion to California

REFERENCE F859 .H33

Atlas of California

Atlas Case in Reference Area G1525 .A8 1979

Los Angeles A to Z

REFERENCE F869 .L84 P58 1997

LA 2000: A City for the Future

REFERENCE F869 .L8 L66 1988

Historic Spots in California

REFERENCE F862 .H57 2002

California Gold Camps

REFERENCE F865 .G82 1975

Magazine and Newspaper Articles

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

CALIFORNIA DREAMS

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the Library Home Page. Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

[*EBSCOHost*](#)
[*Ethnic News Watch*](#)
[*Facts on File*](#)
[*Gale Databases*](#)
[*NewsBank*](#)
[*Gender Watch*](#)
[*In the First Person*](#)
[*Proquest Newspapers*](#)

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [*Library*](#) using your Cerritos College ID number. The Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

[*Internet Sites*](#)

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

California State Historical Landmarks
<http://www.donaldlaird.com/landmarks>

California Gold Rush
<http://www.library.ca.gov/goldrush>

Yahoo Directory – California
http://dir.yahoo.com/Regional/U_S_States/California/

California and the American Dream
<http://www.pbs.org/california/topicfeature.html>

Five Views: An Ethnic Historic Site Survey for California
http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/5views/5views.htm

California State of the State Address 2009
www.stateline.org/live/details/speech?contentId=369337

California Mission Resource Center
<http://www.missionscalifornia.com/>