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CINEMA OF MEXICO

[Getting Background Information on Your Topic](#)

Reference books such as the encyclopedias, dictionaries, and handbooks listed below are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic.

[Reference Books](#)

A Guide to Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino-made Film and Video
REF PN1995.9 .L37 G85 1998

Magills's Survey of Cinema: Foreign Language Films
REF PN1993.45 .M34 1985 v.1

Enciclopedia de México
REF F1204 .E46 1998 v.3
(entry under "cine")

Encyclopedia of Modern Mexico
REF F1234 .D364 2002
(entry under "cinema")

The Film Encyclopedia
REF PN1993.45 .K34 2001

The Encyclopedia of Ethnic Groups in Hollywood
REF PN1995.9 .M56 M85 2003

Encyclopedia of Mexico
REF F1210 .E63 1997 v.2
(entry under "motion pictures")

Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture
REF F1406 .E53 2008 v.2

[Getting More Information on Your Topic](#)

Once you have done your background research you will be ready to conduct more comprehensive research using books, journals, magazines, newspapers, and the Internet.

[Books](#)

Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. Use the [Library Catalog](#) located on the Cerritos College [Library Home Page](#) to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library.

You can search for books by author, title, subject, or keyword. Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the online catalog for books relating to [Mexican Cinema](#). Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Selected Subject Headings:

Motion pictures – Latin America
Motion pictures - Mexico
Motion pictures – Mexico - History
Mexico in motion pictures - History

The general call number for books relating to **Film** is **PN 1995.9**.

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Newspaper and Magazine 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. 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
NewsBank
Gender Watch
Ethnic News Watch
Gale Databases
Latino American Experience
Project Muse

For remote access to the library databases, login to the ***Library*** using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the ***Database Page*** or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

The Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

Internet Sites

Movie Review Query Engine

<http://www.mrqe.com>

The Mexican Film Resource Page

<http://www.wam.umd.edu/~dwilt/mfb.html>

The Internet Public Library: Movies

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/ent50.00.00>

Latin American Cinema: Library Research Sources & Strategies

<http://www.library.tufts.edu/TISCH/tutorials/LatinAmericanCinema/index.html>