

# Cerritos College Library

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## ***THE FREEDOM WRITERS DIARY***

Your search for information on the book *The Freedom Writers Diary* or the movie inspired by it can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

### **Selected Reference Books**

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

**Encyclopedia of School Psychology**  
REF LB1027.55 .E523 2005

**Magill's Cinema Annual, 2008**  
REF PN1993.3 .M34 2008

### **Finding Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles**

Journal 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.

You may use any of the Online Databases below to find information about the book *The Freedom Writers Diary* or about the movie inspired by it:

***EBSCOhost***  
***ERIC***  
***Ethnic News Watch***

***Gale Databases***  
***Gender Watch***  
***Proquest Newspapers***

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.

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

**Biography Index** Sept. 2006 – Aug. 2007 (biographical article on Erin Gruwell)  
**Book Review Index** 2007  
**Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature** 2007 (reviews of movie, articles on author)  
**Book Review** 2000

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### **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.

#### **Freedom Writers Foundation**

[http://www.freedomwritersfoundation.org/site/c.kqIXL2PFJtH/b.5183373/k.DD8B/FWF\\_Home.htm](http://www.freedomwritersfoundation.org/site/c.kqIXL2PFJtH/b.5183373/k.DD8B/FWF_Home.htm)

#### **Freedom Writers at IMDB**

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0463998/>

#### **Official Freedom Writers Website**

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

#### **Information about Erin Gruwell (CSULB)**

<http://www.csulb.edu/search/?cx=008228339182088589610%3A7g2hkai1j4c&cof=FORID%3A11&q=erin+gruwell&btnG.x=0&btnG.y=0#1100>

#### **Denver Post Article**

[http://www.denverpost.com/watercooler/ci\\_8382634](http://www.denverpost.com/watercooler/ci_8382634)

#### **New York Times Review of the Film**

<http://movies.nytimes.com/2007/01/05/movies/05free.html>

#### **Variety: Film**

<http://www.variety.com/review/VE1117932389.html?categoryid=31&cs=1>

#### **Committee for Children: Freedom Writers Diary Book Review**

<http://www.cfchildren.org/support/bookreviews/freedomwriters/>