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MARDI GRAS

Your search for information on **Mardi Gras** can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources

Reference Sources

Reference materials 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 on **Mardi Gras**.

African American Experience

<http://aae.greenwood.com/default.aspx>

Encyclopedia of African American Society

REF E185 .E546 2005 (vol.2)

Encyclopedia of American Holidays and National Days

REF GT4803 .A2 E63 2006 (vol.1)

Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure in America

REF GV53 .E53 2004 (vol.2)

Electronic access : **Full-text available via Gale Virtual Reference Library. Click here to access**

Folklore of American Holidays

REF GT4803 .F65 1999

Oxford African American Studies Center

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

St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture

REF E169.1 .S764 2000 (vol.3)

Electronic access : **Available via Gale Virtual Reference Library. Click here to access**

World Book Advanced, **Oxford Art Online** and the **Gale Databases** are online resources that may provide *useful* background information and statistical information as well.

Books

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. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author*, *Title*, *Subject*, or *Keyword*.

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Books (cont.)

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to Mardi Gras. Use these terms to *Search by Subject or Keyword*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Carnival	Mardi Gras (keyword)
Carnival --- Louisiana	Masks
Carnival --- Louisiana --- New Orleans	Festivals
Carnival --- Louisiana --- New Orleans --- History	

All on a Mardi Gras Day: Episodes in the History of New Orleans Carnival

GT4211 .N4 M57 1995

Authentic New Orleans: Tourism, Culture, and Race in the Big Easy

HT325 .G68 2007

also available as an e-book:

Electronic access : [An electronic book accessible through the World Wide Web; click for information](#)

Blues for New Orleans: Mardi Gras and America's Creole Soul

GT4211 .N4 B58 2006

Book of the Year: A Brief History of Our Seasonal Holidays

GT3930 .A94 2003

Cajun Women and Mardi Gras: Reading the Rules Backward

GT4210 .L8 W37 2007

Carnaval!

GT4180 .C26 2004

Great American Spectaculars: the Kentucky Derby, Mardi Gras and Other Days of Celebration

GT4803 .L82

Magazine, Journal 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.

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](#)

[Daily Life Online](#)

[Ethnic NewsWatch](#)

[Newsbank InfoWeb](#)

[Gale Databases](#)

[Facts On File Online Databases](#)

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

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[Magazine, Journal and Newspaper Articles](#) (cont.)

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.

[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.

History of Mardi Gras

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/mardigras/mardigrashistory/mghistory.html>

How Mardi Gras Works

<http://people.howstuffworks.com/mardi-gras.htm>

A Mardi Gras Glossary

<http://people.howstuffworks.com/mardi-gras3.htm>

Mardi Gras: History and Traditions

<http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/mardigras/mardigrashistory/>

Mardi Gras on the Net – The Story of Mardi Gras

<http://www.holidays.net/mardigras/story2.htm>

includes the meaning of the colors:

purple represents justice

green stands for faith

gold stands for power

Mardi Gras Quiz

<http://www.infoplease.com/quizzes/mardigras1/1.html>

Mardi Gras: the feast before the fast

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/mardigras1.html>

Official Site of Mardi Gras 2009

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

Mardi Gras Galveston Texas 2009

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

Mobile Mardi Gras.com

<http://www.mobilemardigras.com/index.php>

William and Emily Hearin Mobile Carnival Museum

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