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WITCHCRAFT

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

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*.

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

Goddess religion

Magic

Occultism

Salem Trials (Witchcraft)

Superstition

Trials (Witchcraft)

Trials (Witchcraft) Massachusetts Salem

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Witches

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.

The Complete Book of Spells, Ceremonies, and Magic

REF BF1611 .G63 1997

A Dictionary of Omens and Superstitions

REF BF1775 .W28 1986A

A Dictionary of Superstitions

REF BF1775 .D53 1989

The Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits

REF BF1461 .G85 2000

Encyclopedia of Occultism & Parapsychology

REF BF1407 .E52 2001

The Encyclopedia of Witchcraft and Demonology

REF BF1503 .R6 1981

The Encyclopedia of Witches and Witchcraft

REF BF1566 .G85 1999

Man, Myth & Magic: The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Mythology, Religion, and the Unknown

REF BF1407 .M34 1997

The New Encyclopedia of the Occult

REF BF1407 .G74 2004

Wizards and Sorcerers: From Abracadabra to Zoroaster

REF BF1588 .O43 1997

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,

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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.

Online Databases for witchcraft:

EBSCOhost
Ethnic News Watch
Gale Databases

Gender Watch
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.

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.

Salem Witchcraft Trials 1692

<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/salem.htm>

Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive

<http://etext.virginia.edu/salem/witchcraft/>

The Salem Witchcraft Papers

<http://historyofideas.org/salem/witchcraft/texts/>

Witchcraft and Medicine (1484-1793)

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/pdf/witchcraft.pdf>