**Consider Resources**

Check subject guides: **Research by Subject**

- Film and Media
- Images
- Art
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Communications and Mass Media

**Books**

Search the library catalogue (QCAT) to find books, videos, journals (both scholarly and popular but not the articles within them) and more.

To find books on a particular topic, use either a keyword Boolean or subject search. If you know the correct subject heading you can do a subject search. Sometimes you can guess the correct subject heading but in other cases you will have to do a keyword Boolean search.

**Keyword Boolean Search**

Think of the words that best describe your topic and connect them with Boolean operators: **AND, OR, NOT**

“urban space” and cinema?

Select useful title(s) from your hits and then look at the subject headings. Use them to provide more keyword ideas or as individual searches themselves. This will lead you to similar books.

("cities and towns" or “urban space”) and ("motion pictures" or cinema?)

**Subject Search**

To find books on film topics, try a subject search using Library of Congress subject headings.

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Selected Subject Headings

- Architecture Human factors
- Cities and towns
- Cities and towns in motion pictures
- Motion picture locations
- Motion pictures Social aspects
- New York N.Y. in motion pictures [city name you want to find]
- Place Philosophy in motion pictures
- Space Architecture [with subheadings Social aspects; Psychological aspects]
- Space in motion pictures

Selected Book Titles

- Cities Reimagining the Urban
- Cinema and the City: Film and Urban Societies in a Global Context
- Cinematic Urbanism a History of the Modern from Reel to Real
- Designing Dreams Modern Architecture in the Movies
- Taking Place Location and the Moving Image

TIP: If you have a relevant book in hand, look at the bibliography to find other resources on the same topic.

Articles

Film criticism can be found in various sources, including reviews that are written for a general audience and are published in newspapers, magazines and online. Film analyses written by academics and film scholars are published in scholarly journals.

Check our Distinguishing Scholarly Journals from Other Periodicals guide at: library.queensu.ca/inforef/tutorials/qcat/qeval.htm

Use the following journal indexes to locate article citations from popular, scholarly and trade journals.

→ Film Index International
→ FIAF International Index to Film Periodicals
→ Film and Television Literature Index

Expand your search by trying these indexes!
→ Academic Search Complete
→ ARTstor (digital images)
→ ARTbibliographies Modern
→ Factiva (newspaper/trade publications' coverage varies)

To search indexes, click the tab Databases and enter title of database.
Film Index International

*Film Index International* covers films from the first silent movies to the latest blockbusters from all countries and in all languages. It has information on more than 128,000 films and includes references to journal articles on both films and personalities.

- **Title:** chinatown
- **Director:** polanski

Film and Television Literature Index

- **Find:** cinematic city

Note the variety of different limits you can apply to narrow your search results, if you wish.

FIAF International Index to Film Periodicals

This index has a more international emphasis than does Film and Television Literature Index.

- **Keyword(s):** cinematic city
- **Language:** English

**Geographies of desire: postsocial urban space and historical revision in the films of Martin Scorsese.**

Haenni, Sabine; *Journal of Film and Video* LXII:1-2 (Spring-Summer 2010)

**Click “Get It!” to see if the library has it and if it does, whether it is available online or in print.**

**TIPS:** If the “Get It!” link does not find anything, don’t assume the Library does not hold the item. A search in QCAT for the title of the book or journal might find it.

If clicking on a full text link does not take you directly to the article, you will need to navigate a bit to get the article you want - depending on the resource provider.

Bibliographies

Oxford Bibliographies Online

*OBO* offers discipline focused guides to the essential literature in subjects across the humanities/social sciences. Check the Cinema and Media Studies section.
**TIP:** If you have a relevant book in hand, look at the bibliography to find other resources on the same topic.

**Film Journals**

The following is a selective list of respected journal titles:

- Camera Obscura
- Film Quarterly
- Cineaste
- Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television
- Cinema Journal
- Journal of Film and Video
- Film Comment
- Jump Cut
- Film Criticism
- Sight and Sound
- Film History
- Wide Angle

**Trade Publications and Newspapers**

**Variety**

*Variety* (1905 to present) can be found on microfilm (PN2000.V3) for back issues and on the 2nd floor for current issues. It is also available online via the catalogue.

**Factiva**

Find reviews from popular sources such as newspapers and magazines using this database.

The Library subscribes to a number of daily newspapers. To find out what we have, search QCAT by title or search the catalogue by subject heading, e.g. New York N.Y. Newspapers.

Check out the following full text electronic newspapers:

- Globe and Mail
- New York Times
- Toronto Star Pages of the Past
- Times Digital Archive (London)

For more newspapers, check our [Newspapers subject guide](library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources).

**Summon**

With Summon, you can easily search, discover and access information on any topic from the Queen's Library collections - print and electronic books, single articles to entire e-journals, newspapers, theses and more. You can limit your results to peer-reviewed materials, filter by year and format, narrow by additional subject terms and then save, print or email references.

Summon can be a good starting point to find material for your research but if you are doing higher level research, you will want to search relevant subject specific databases.
Web Resources

Check our Search the Web guide at: library.queensu.ca/research/guide/search-web

Google Advanced Search  www.google.ca/advanced_search

...offers a variety of ways to structure a more precise search and improve the efficiency of your search results.

Google Scholar  scholar.google.ca/

...searches for scholarly materials including journal articles, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports from broad areas of research

TIP: By searching Google Scholar through the Queen’s Library website the "Get It! @ Queen’s" citation linker is activated (which allows you to click through to the Library’s subscriptions). To import citations into RefWorks choose Scholar Preferences, then Bibliography Manager. Select RefWorks. Save Preferences.

Subject Directories

These websites present comprehensive, often annotated lists of other sites on the web to find specific information and resources.

Digital Librarian (Movies)  www.digital-librarian.com/movies.html

Voice of the Shuttle (Media Studies)  vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2720

TIP: Browse by subject or search using broad subject keywords.

Selected Sites

Internet Movie Database  www.imdb.com
Features films from around the world, with filmographies, plot summaries, and links to reviews.

Moving Image Archive  archive.org/details/movies

Moving Image Source Research Guide  www.movingimagesource.us/research

New York Public Library Digital Gallery  digitalgallery.nypl.org/nypldigital/index.cfm

Find Movies Filmed in a City  moviemaps.org/cities/
**Movie Reviews**

Reviews often contain useful information and unique insights. Below is a list of some of the largest sources of online reviews.

Best 1,000 Movies Ever Made  [www.nytimes.com/ref/movies/1000best.html](http://www.nytimes.com/ref/movies/1000best.html)

Boxoffice Online  [boxoffice.com/](http://boxoffice.com/)

Movie Review Query Engine  [www.mrqe.com](http://www.mrqe.com)

Rotten Tomatoes  [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com)

**Open Access Film Journals**

Bright Lights Film Journal  [www.brightlightsfilm.com/](http://www.brightlightsfilm.com/)


Scope: an Online Journal of Film & TV Studies  [www.scope.nottingham.ac.uk/](http://www.scope.nottingham.ac.uk/)


Senses of Cinema  [www.sensesofcinema.com](http://www.sensesofcinema.com)

Also consider websites listed under the Film and Media Department  [www.film.queensu.ca/Links.html](http://www.film.queensu.ca/Links.html).

**Cite and Manage Your Sources**

Check our [Citation and Style Guides](#) page at:  How-To & Help → How to Cite Sources

MLA format is the preferred style of documentation in Film and Media. Check QCAT for print copies in the library system. There is also online access to guides from OWL at Purdue and D. Hacker’s Research and Documentation Online.

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