

# Palomar College Library

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## North American Indian & California Indian Art History:

### A Guide to Library Research at Palomar College

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## Part I: Getting Started

### Topic Selection

Some resources to use when getting ideas for your research project:

- look at the topics listed for lecture & discussion in your course syllabus
- surf the links on your AIS course web page <http://daphne.palomar.edu/ddozier/>,
- read through the table of contents of your textbook
- browse through a subject-related periodical
- search the Internet for AIS related web sites →Tip: Choose a topic that interests you (this sounds like a no-brainer, but it really does make a huge difference!)

1. Make a list of keywords that describe your topic and related aspects.
2. Get an overview of your topic in an encyclopedia or other reference books
3. Use the Library Catalog and Databases to help you explore subject headings and come up with alternative keywords for your topic.

## Part II: Finding Information

### Finding Books | Finding Articles | Finding Web Sites

#### When you need Books & Videos...

#### Use the Catalog

- For books at Palomar College Library: Use **Library Catalog**
- From the Library Home Page <http://www.palomar.edu/library>, click on **Catalog**

Possible search terms (refer to your keyword list for your topic):

- Use **broad topics** to find items that may have a section or chapter on your specific topic and other relevant information: for example, **Indian art North America**
- Also use **narrower topics**: for example, **Indian costumes**, or **Indian baskets**
- Consider **synonyms** for your keywords: for example, when looking for **California rock art**, also try the related terms **rock painting**, and **petroglyphs**

*Tip:* Pressing “enter” to search everything will look for your keywords in book titles, subject headings and other fields.

### Finding Books in Other Libraries:

- From the Library Home Page <http://www.palomar.edu/library>, click on **Other Libraries**
- Click on the link for the San Diego area library whose Catalog you wish to search (remember: as a Palomar College student, you may check out books from CSU-San Marcos and MiraCosta College; public libraries allow area residents to check out materials, too; at other libraries, you are welcome to use the collections, but you may not be able to check material out).

*Tip:* To begin your search, use the terms from your keyword list; when looking at the search results, notice subject headings and other terms in the catalog records and use them to further develop your keyword list.

Use **Inter-Library Loan** services to request books and articles not available in Palomar College Library collections. See the Library Reference Desk for request forms. Fees are nominal.

Resources	Location (REF: item located in Reference, 2nd floor, San Marcos; STACKS: 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor, San Marcos)
<b>Reference Sources (REF / 2nd floor)</b>	
<u>Art Index</u> V.47 November 1998-October 1999	INDEX TABLE N7425 .A75 V47
<u>Encyclopedia of American Indian Costume</u>	REF E 98 .C8 P37 1994
<u>Guide to Research on North American Indians</u>	REF E 77 .H57 1983
<u>The Native North American Almanac</u>	REF E77 .N37 1994
<u>Handbook of North American Indians: Vol 8 – California</u>	REF E 77 .H25 V.8
<b>Circulating Books (STACKS / 3rd floor)</b>	
Editors of Time-Life Books. <u>The Indians of California</u>	E 78 .C15 I352 1994
<u>Native American Art and Folklore: A Cultural Celebration</u> Campbell, David, ed.	E 98 .A7 N357 1993
<u>Indian &amp; Eskimo Artifacts of North America</u> Miles, Charles.	E 77.5 .M62 1963
<u>Basket Weavers for the California Curio Trade: Elizabeth and Louise Hickox</u> Cohodas, Marvin.	E 99 .K25 H533 1997
Knaak, Manfred. <u>The Forgotten Artist: Indians of the Anza-Borrego and Their Rock Art</u>	E 78 .C15 K58 1988
Pericot-Garcia, Luis et al. <u>Prehistoric and Primitive Art</u>	N 5310 .P4813
<b>Books on Museums and artifact preservation</b>	
Dyal, Susan. <u>Preserving Traditional Arts: A Toolkit for Native American Communities</u>	E 98 .A7 D92
Lewis, Ralph H. <u>Manual for Museums</u>	AM 5 .L48

## When you need Magazine & Journal Articles...

### Use a Database

Some suggestions:

- From the Library Home Page <http://www.palomar.edu/library>, choose a quick link: **EBSCOhost** is a good place to begin when you need articles.
- Also from the Library Home Page <http://www.palomar.edu/library>, click on **Databases** for more full-text resources:
- **JSTOR** includes full text articles from several Anthropology journals

<b>Some Periodicals (located in Palomar College Library) which may be useful for your AIS research</b>	Anthropology & Culture	Fine Arts
American Indian Art Magazine (current subscription) American Indian Crafts & Culture (1970-1974) American Indian Culture & Research Journal (current) American Indian Quarterly (current) American Indian Report (current) Masterkey (1951- 1989)	American Anthropologist Journal of American Folklore	ArtNews Southwest Art

## When You Want Web Sites...

### Use the Internet

- From the Library Home Page <http://www.palomar.edu/library>, click on **Internet**.

**Yahoo** <http://yahoo.com> is a directory of web sites arranged by subject  
Click on: **Society and Culture** -- Cultures and Groups – Cultures – Native American – Arts (See Also links for sites about Archaeology, Jewelry, Museums and Exhibits, and more.)

**Google** <http://google.com> is a great search engine for finding Web Sites by keywords  
Go back to your keywords list; be as specific as you can by entering several keywords.

- For example, try this search: **california american indian basketry**

**Tip:** Unsure of how to get the best information on the Web for your college research projects?  
Review our easy tips for evaluating web sites  
<http://www.palomar.edu/library/ResearchAids/HowTo/EvalWWW.htm>.

## Use Subject Links

From the Library Home Page <http://www.palomar.edu/library>, click on **Subject Links**.

**Subject Links** are lists of high quality Web Sites arranged by topic. For research in this class, you may want to explore pages for:

- **American Indian Studies**
- **Anthropology**
- **Archaeology**
- **Art**
- **History - California, or San Diego**
- **Museums**
- **And others...**

## Part III: Putting it All Together

- If need to know more, please **stop in to see a Reference Librarian** on the 2nd floor of the library, we are here to help you.
- Or visit our page of online **Research Guides** <http://www.palomar.edu/library/refguides.htm>, where you will find information about **Writing Papers** <http://www.palomar.edu/library/ResearchAids/SelfHelp.htm#writepaper> and **Creating a Bibliography** <http://www.palomar.edu/library/ResearchAids/SelfHelp.htm#bibliography>.
- You may want to check out this brief **tutorial** <http://www.palomar.edu/library/tutorial/default.htm> on how to use the electronic library resources listed above.