REFERENCE SOURCES – Use reference sources for background information, broad overviews and summaries. The reference collection includes general and subject dictionaries and encyclopedias, biographies, directories, almanacs, atlases, etc. Many also contain bibliographies for further research. Reference books cannot be checked out from the library but may be photocopied.


BOOKS & AUDIOVISUALS – Use the online library catalog to find materials in the library. This will show you all the books and audiovisual materials both LPC Library and Chabot library own. You can search for a book or video by the author, title, subject, or keyword. A subject search allows you to find books about a topic or a person. In power search you may also LIMIT your search in many ways, for instance by type, “video” to find only video recordings. Example of subject heading: Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-1806)

Suggested Topics:

- Camp Dubois
- Campsites
- Columbia River
- Diet of the Expedition
- Expedition Supplies
- Flora and Fauna
- Gifts for Tribes
- Indian Tribe (for example: Arikaras, Sioux, Chinook, Mandans)
- Living Conditions of Indians
- Medical Treatments
- Sacagawea
- Trade Negotiations with Indian Tribes

Books on Reserve for ESL Students (Located at the Circulation Desk)

- Across America: The Story of Lewis & Clark
- Animals on the Trail of Lewis and Clark
- Incredible Journey of Lewis and Clark
- Lewis & Clark for Dummies
- Lewis & Clark: The Ultimate Adventure: bicentennial 1803-2003
- Plants on the Trail with Lewis and Clark
- Sacagawea Speaks: Beyond the Shining Mountains with Lewis and Clark
- Saga of Lewis & Clark: Into the Uncharted West
- The Truth about Sacajawea

Audiovisual Titles on Reserve for ESL Students (Located at the Circulation Desk)

- Journey of Sacagawea
- Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West (2 copies)
- Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery
- Lewis & Clark: Explorers of the New Frontier
- Trail: Lewis & Clark Expedition 1803-1806
- The West: parts 2, 3, and 4

Selected Book Titles

- Beyond the Stony Mountains: Nature in the American West From Lewis and Clark to Today QH104.5 .W4 B67 2004
- Fate of the Corps: What Became of the Lewis and Clark Explorers After the Expedition F592.7 .M685 2004
- The Food Journal of Lewis & Clark: Recipes for an Expedition. TX715.2.W47.G86 2003
- Into the Unknown: Leadership Lessons from Lewis & Clark’s Daring Westward Adventure. HD57.7.U43 2004

The Lewis and Clark through Indian Eyes. F592.4 2006


Lewis & Clark: Legacies, Memories, and New Perspectives. F592.7.L6945 2004

The Lewis and Clark Trail. (Bicentennial Edition) F592.7.S1265 2002

The Lewis and Clark Trail: Then and Now. F592.7.P374 2002


Venereal Disease and the Lewis and Clark Expedition. F592.7.L89 2004

PERIODICALS & DATABASES – Periodicals provide in-depth analyses of events and trends, research studies on particular subjects, and professional literature. Las Positas College subscribes to several excellent journals as well as some popular magazines that may report on research that is of interest to you. Please consult a librarian for assistance.

TIP: The Smithsonian has a Lewis and Clark feature section starting December 2003. To find extra information, pictures, and other ideas for topics take a look at this magazine located in the Periodical section. Examples of articles are: “Westward Ho! The Corps Begin its Epic Journey,” and “Grass Menagerie: Preparing to Trade with Indians.”

In addition, you may want to find articles by using an online database. These electronic print resources can be accessed in the LPC Library or from home at LPC Library Homepage. Best choices for Lewis and Clark:

History Reference Center (EBSCO) – contains thousands of citations and full-text articles on history. The database features cover-to-cover full text for more than 650 historical encyclopedias and other non-fiction books. The database also includes full text for more than 50 leading history periodicals.

• Suggestion: Do a keyword search for “Lewis Clark,” “Sacagawea,” any of the suggested topics at the beginning of this list, or other pertinent terms.

Ethnic NewsWatch contains thousands of citations and full-text articles of the newspapers, magazines and journals of the ethnic, minority and native press.

• Suggestion: Do a keyword search for “Lewis Clark,” “Sacagawea,” or other pertinent terms.

INTERNET RESOURCES – You may want to explore some Internet resources to supplement or enhance your research. Always be cautious of information you find on the Web since the quality of sources varies tremendously on the Internet. It is always a good idea to check the information against another source. As with all information resources, whether in print or on the Internet, you evaluate its quality based on the following criteria:

Accuracy ....................... Is it free from mistakes and errors?
Authority ....................... What are the qualifications of the author?
Objectivity ..................... Is there any strong bias?
Currency ....................... Is the information up-to-date?
Coverage ...................... To what extent is the topic explored?

TIP: For best sites on Lewis and Clark: Use the Librarians’ Internet Index (http://www.lii.org).

• Suggestion: Do a keyword search for “Lewis Clark,” “Sacagawea,” or other pertinent terms. Once you find a good site listed, try the subject headings listed below the annotated citations for more information.

CITATION OF SOURCES – Keep printouts of your sources, or write out all pertinent information on author, title, publisher, date, or Internet address to identify where you got the information. Follow the format recommended by your instructor or ask a librarian to show you a “style manual.” There is a link to instructions for MLA or APA citations on the LPC Library Homepage: Citation Style Guides (http://www.laspositascollege.edu/library/cited.php).

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Please ask a reference librarian for help!