History Through a Film Lens:  
Resources in the Lane Library

Print

Books

*McGill’s Cinema Annual* 1982 - current  
Located downstairs at Ref/PN/1993.3/M34  
Published yearly, these volumes provide comment and criticism for selected titles from the previous year’s cinematic releases. Entries also include bibliographic lists of additional reviews available as well as listing primary production crew and principal cast. Includes list of contributors and table of contents (alpha by title) at the front and nine separate indexes at the back for categories such as director, performer, and editor.

Subject Headings in GIL:  
Historical films  
Historical films History and criticism  
Historic films United States history and criticism  
Motion picture industry United States History

Accuracy  
These can be browsed virtually or actually. Virtual, or electronic, browsing is available via the library’s web site at [www.library.armstrong.edu](http://www.library.armstrong.edu) and the link to the GIL catalog. Actual browsing can be accomplished by perusing the shelves on the second floor of the Lane Library that contain the call numbers PN1995.

Periodicals

Performing a keyword search at the “Periodical Database” (from the library’s main web page) for Film will yield 21 titles available either in print or electronic format (sometimes both) through Lane Library. A few titles to pay special attention are:  

*American Historical Review* in hardcopy on the second floor with the periodicals at PER E171 .A57. Available electronically at and at Ebsco. This title is of special note as its primary interest is not film, but rather history. It is the publication of the American Historical Association  

*Film Comment* 1984 - current  
*Film Criticism* 1987 - current  
*Film Quarterly* 1959 - current

Databases

Newspapers at ProQuest  
At ProQuest databases: Film Reviews available under “More Options” Tab  
Academic Search Premier

Web

Internet Movie DataBase at [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com). Consummate Internet resource for film.  
Rotten Tomatoes at [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Flashier than IMDB, this site features “Movie Mistakes” in the About tab.  
And for fun, American Film Institute’s 100 Lists at [www.afi.com/tvevents/100years/100yearslist.aspx](http://www.afi.com/tvevents/100years/100yearslist.aspx) recount the institute’s top picks in fields such as quotes, actors, moments, and laughs for films throughout the history of the industry.