National History Day Research Resources
Reference Services Department

Topic: Salem Witch Trials

Print Resources Available at Denver Public Library include:

- The Salem Witch Trials by Don Nardo
- Witch-hunt: Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials by Marc Aronson
- A Delusion of Satan: The Full Story of the Salem Witch Trials by Frances Hill
- Salem Witch Trials: A Day-By-Day Chronicle of a Community Under Siege by Marilynne K. Roach
- The Salem Witch Trials (graphic novel) by Michael Martin
- The Salem Witch Trials: A Primary Source History of the Witchcraft Trials in Salem, Massachusetts by Jenny MacBain

Prospector and Interlibrary Loan

Prospector: http://prospectorhome.coalliance.org/

Prospector is a unified catalog of academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. For items not available at the Denver Public Library, search here first. Items can take 1-2 weeks to arrive.

WorldCat: http://www.denverlibrary.org/content/didnt-find-it

Use this national and international catalog to search for items not available at DPL or in Prospector. You must fill out a one-time Request It registration to place Interlibrary Loan requests. These requests may take 2-3 weeks to arrive.
Databases/Digital Resources

To access the Denver Public Library databases:
www.denverlibrary.org
Click on the “Research” tab
Click on “Databases A-Z”
Database suggestions:

- **America: History and Life** - Index to historical coverage of the United States and Canada from pre-history to the present.
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library** - Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more! Great for research and homework.
- **History Reference Center** - Search full-text articles, historical documents, biographies, maps and photos. Great for students of history.
- **Middle Search Plus for Middle School Research** - Full-text magazines, reference books, biographies, primary source documents, and an Image Collection of photos, maps and flags.
- **Student Resources in Context** (use “Salem Witch Trials” to search) - Reference essays, magazine and journal articles, newspaper articles and primary source documents, historical timelines, biographies, and classroom topics. Great for homework.

Keywords for Catalog and Database Searching

Salem Witch Trials
Trials (Witchcraft) -- Massachusetts -- Salem
Salem (Mass.) -- History -- Witchcraft Hysteria, 1692-1693
Trials (Witchcraft)

Primary Sources

- Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project, from the University of Virginia: http://salem.lib.virginia.edu/home.html
- University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law website on Famous American Trials – Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692: http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/salem/salem.htm
A Guide to the On-Line Primary Sources of the Salem Witch Trials:  
http://www.17thc.us/primarysources/

Internet Resources

- National Geographic has an interactive feature on the Salem Witchcraft Hysteria:  
  http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/97/salem/
- The Salem Witch Museum in Salem, Massachusetts, has an informative website:  
  http://www.salemwitchmuseum.com/education/
- Smithsonian Magazine article, A Brief History of the Salem Witch Trials:  
  http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/brief-salem.html
- The Salem Witchcraft Site, from Tulane University:  
  http://www.tulane.edu/~salem/
- PBS’s Secrets of the Dead series on The Witches Curse:  
  http://www.pbs.org/wnet/secrets/previous_seasons/case_salem/

Purdue University Online Writing Lab (Purdue OWL)

- MLA Formatting and Style Guide  
  https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/
- Annotated Bibliography  
  https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/

Google Searching

By adding [site:gov] or [site:edu] to a Google search, you will return only government or academic webpages.

By adding [-.com] to a search, you will remove .com sites from your returned results.

Put quotation marks around words "[any word]" to search for an exact phrase in an exact order.

For more advanced Google searching tips, visit:  
https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/136861