National History Day Research Resources
Reference Services Department

Topic: The Silk Road and Cultural Exchange

Print Resources available at Denver Public Library

*Traveling the Silk Road: ancient pathway to the modern world* by Mark Norell

*The Silk Road: a new history* by Valerie Hansen

*The Silk Road: two thousand years in the heart of Asia* by Frances Wood

*Life along the Silk Road* by Susan Whitfield

*Mapping the silk road and beyond: 2,000 years of exploring the East* by Kenneth Nebenzahl

*Xuanzang: a Buddhist pilgrim on the Silk Road* by Sally Hovey Wriggins
Cave temples of Mogao: art and history on the silk road by Roderick Whitfield
http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.6&cn=405720

The travels of Marco Polo
http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.6&cn=663883

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 the Denver Public Library. You must fill out a one-time Request It registration to place Interlibrary Loan requests. These requests may take two - three 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:

Gale Virtual Reference Library – articles from specialized encyclopedias can be very helpful at the beginning of a project to introduce the researcher to the topic. There are helpful articles available in this database, for example:

http://go.galegroup.com/p/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CCX3408500024&v=2.1&u=denver&it=r&p=GVRL&asid=b15a8f1fab4dc7e8dc2ad3e073a64a09


**History Reference Center** - Search full-text articles, historical documents, biographies, maps and photos. Great for students of history.

**Keywords for Catalog and Database Searching**

- Silk Road
- Silk Road – Civilization
- Silk Road – Description and travel
- Silk Road – History
- Trade routes – Asia
- Xuanzang
- Marco Polo

**Primary Sources**

*The travels of Marco Polo*

[http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.6&cn=663883](http://catalog.denverlibrary.org/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.6&cn=663883) (this is Marco Polo’s narration of his own journey)

*The travels of Marco Polo: the illustrated edition*


International Dunhuang Project

[http://idp.bl.uk/](http://idp.bl.uk/)

**Internet Resources**

The Silk Road by Oliver Wilde:


The Silk Road Journal

The Silk Road Foundation
http://www.silkroadfoundation.org/toc/index.html

Silk Road: The Virtual Labs Project at Stanford University
http://virtuallabs.stanford.edu/silkroad/SilkRoad.html

Silk Road Seattle from the University of Washington
https://depts.washington.edu/silkroad/

Luxury Arts of the Silk Route Empires from the Freer Gallery of Art
http://www.asia.si.edu/exhibitions/online/luxuryarts/default.htm

**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

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Resources and research assistance provided by Denver Public Library Reference Services Department, 720-865-1363. We are available to help students with research projects. Drop in at the reference desk on the 3rd floor of the Central Library, contact us live online with the Ask Us service, or make an appointment to work one-on-one with a librarian.