

Creative Career Paths Costume Designer Resources



Library Resources

Use these LA County Library resources and services to help you explore skills and resources for costume design for film and TV.



Online Learning

LACountyLibrary.org/learn

Free access to these online learning platforms with classes, such as:

LinkedIn LEARNING

- [Costume Design Basics](#)
- [Creating a Short Film: Working on Set – Dressing the Cast](#)
- [Become a Fashion Designer Learning Path](#)
- [Essentials of Team Collaboration](#)



- [Sewing 101](#)
- [Assertiveness Training](#)

Books

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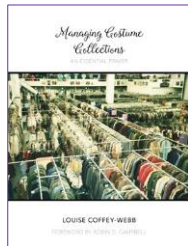
[Hollywood Costume](#) by Deborah Nadoolman Landis

Featuring the most beloved costume designs from the past 100 years of Hollywood films, this book celebrates, for the very first time, the costume designer's contribution to the telling of the cinematic story.



[Costume Design](#) by Deborah Nadoolman Landis

In this volume of the FilmCraft series of books, sixteen of the world's leading costume designers come together to share their inspiration and knowledge with the reader. They provide insights into the challenges of envisioning a character, working with budgets, and collaborating with production designers, actors and directors.



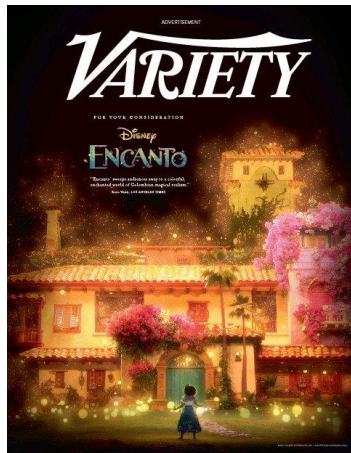
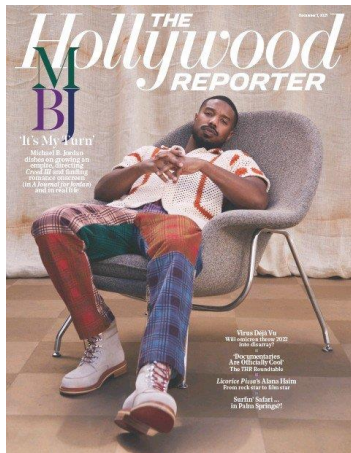
[Managing Costume Collections](#) by Louise Coffey-Webb

This book offers systematic approaches to organization, accessibility, record keeping, safety, and a host of other stewardship concerns related to managing costume collections of every type. Conceived to address needs long identified by the Costume Society of America, this guide is written for a broad spectrum of collection managers at museums, historical societies and houses, university theaters and study collections, and company archives, as well as for vintage dealers, private collectors, and living history performers.

PressReader

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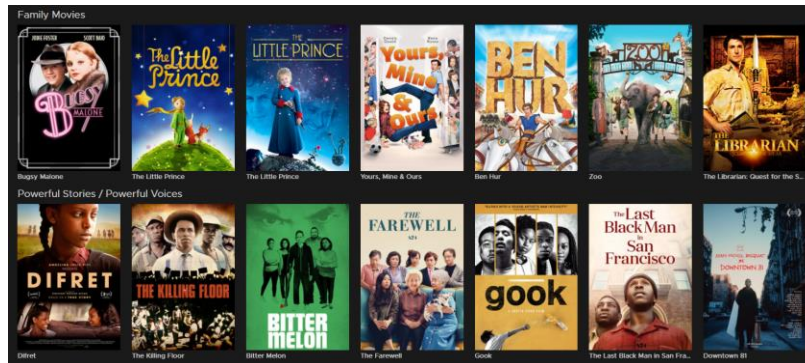
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Films on Kanopy

LACounty.kanopy.com

On-demand streaming film service with over 30,000 films from independent filmmakers, documentaries, Great Courses, art films, and more. Play up to 10 films per month for free with your library card.



Edith Head - Portrait of a Hollywood Costume Designer

A light-hearted, toe-tapping portrait of the well-known 8 Oscar winning Hollywood costume designer filmed in her opulent house and garden. She presents some of her famous designs using glamorous models to impersonate Mae West, Barbara Stanwyck, Dorothy Lamour, and more.



The Crew: Costume, Camera, Grip Departments

In each program, The Crew follows technicians from three various departments, in the milieu of a film set as they perform their jobs.



Library Services

- **Work Ready**

LACountyLibrary.org/work-ready

Borrow a laptop and wireless hotspot kit for 6 weeks from participating libraries, receive special support items to aid in the job search process, and attend weekly virtual events covering topics ranging from writing cover letters and interviewing to identifying high-growth careers and working from home.

- **Virtual Programming**

LACountyLibrary.org/virtual-programming

Check out more virtual programs that explore different careers, skills, and hobbies such as [Fashion Sketching](#), [Adult 101: Hand Sewing](#), [Adult 101: Mend and Hem](#), and more.

- **Laptop & Hotspot Loan Kits**

LACountyLibrary.org/express-service

Check out a kit with a Chromebook and wireless hotspot to access the internet, from select locations. Borrow for 3 weeks, with the option to renew, if available.

- **Digital Library Card**

Catalog.LACountyLibrary.org/custom/web/registration/index.html

Receive immediate free access to the Library's online resources, including eBooks and audiobooks, movie and TV streaming, and music downloads. Gives the ability to place holds and check out 3 physical items at a time.



LA County Office of Small Business East LA Entrepreneur Center

[The Entrepreneur Center](#) is a LA County service that assists prospective business owners to successfully open and grow their small businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Email: conciierge@dcbalacounty.gov

Phone: 844.432.4900

- **Small Business Webinars**

[Bit.ly/dcbaBizEvents](https://bit.ly/dcbaBizEvents)

Webinars cover topics such as social media marketing, business entities, local and state certifications, how to start your small business, and doing business with the VA.

- **Concierge Service (Virtual or In-Person Appointments)**

[Bit.ly/BizCounseling](https://bit.ly/BizCounseling)

The Small Business Concierge is a free consulting service offered by Los Angeles County that helps prospective business owners who are interested in opening small businesses in the unincorporated areas of the County. The Concierge acts as a single point of contact during the complex process of opening a business and provides counseling services to you. Also provides business development opportunities.



Costume Design for Film & TV

Online Resources

Industry Resources

Reference

- [Costume Department Job Classifications](#)

Learn more about all the different types of jobs and careers in costuming for film & TV, according to the Motion Picture Costumers union classifications.

- [IMDB](#)

An online database of information related to films, television programs, home videos, video games, and streaming content online—including cast, production crew and personal biographies, plot summaries, trivia, ratings, and fan and critical reviews.

- [Film Freeway](#)

A website for filmmakers to submit their films to hundreds of film festivals globally, making it easy to discover, submit, and get tickets to thousands of events.

Industry Resources

Education, Training, & Jobs

- [Educational Institutions with Costuming Programs](#)

Check out this list of local educational institutions put together by the Motion Picture Costumers union, which offer costuming programs taught by top practitioners and instructors in the industry.

- [Master Class](#)

Online classes created for students of all skill levels taught by well-known celebrities and industry leaders.

- [Streetlights](#)

As a job training, job placement, and career advancement organization, their mission is to assist talented and motivated young adult minorities, many economically and socially disadvantaged, to achieve long-term economic stability and career success.

- [ProductionHub.com](#)

Global network of local crew and vendors that serves the film and video production industry.

- [Mandy.com](#)

Jobs platform for actors, performers, filmmakers and production crew.



Industry Resources

Professional Organizations & Costume Houses

- [Hollywood Shorts](#)
An Industry screening series & microcinema based in Hollywood which launched in 1998, featuring the best short film and animation from filmmakers and artists from all over the world. Twitter and Instagram @HollywoodShorts
- [Costume Society of America](#)
Nonprofit organization whose mission is to fosters an understanding of appearance and dress practices of people across the globe through research, education, preservation, and design. Holds [Annual Meeting and Symposium](#).
- [The Ruby Fashion Library](#)
A wardrobe rental house catering exclusively to top stylists and costume designers working in the entertainment and fashion industries.
- [Palace Costume & Prop Co.](#)
Costume rental house that contains over half a million items, including 19th and 20th century vintage, traditional dress from around the world, historic costumes, and more.

Industry Resources

Guilds & Unions

- [United Scenic Artists, Local 829](#)

A labor union and professional association of Designers, Artists, Craftspeople, and Department Coordinators, organized to protect craft standards, working conditions and wages for the entertainment and decorative arts industries. The members of Local USA 829 work in film, theatre, opera, ballet, television, industrial shows, commercials and exhibitions.

- [Costume Designers Guild, Local 892](#)

A union of professional costume designers, assistant costume designers, and illustrators working in film, television, commercials and other media.

- [Motion Picture Costumers, IATSE Local 705](#)

The largest union of costumers, artisans, and craftsmen in film and television, representing them in the collective bargaining process. They also provide education and training for members to build and enhance their skill sets, and opportunities for members to promote themselves and network at job-marketing events.