

# Creative Career Paths

## Film Editing



# Library Resources

Use these LA County Library resources and services to help you explore a career in Film Editing.



# Online Learning

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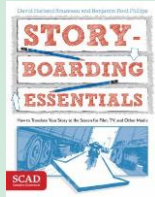


Free access to online courses with topics, such as:

- [AVID Media Composer 2020 Essential Training: 101 Fundamentals 1](#)
- [Premiere Pro 2020 Essential Training](#)
- [DaVinci Resolve Fundamentals](#)
- [Become a Video Editor Learning Path](#)
- [Creative Video Editing Techniques](#)
- [Creating a Short Film: 08 Editing](#)
- [The History of Film and Video Editing](#)

# Books

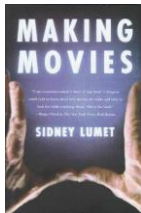
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## *Storyboarding Essentials: How to Translate Your Story to the Screen for Film, TV, and other Media*

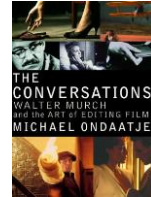
**by David H. Rousseau**

Presents a guide to visual storytelling that covers everything students and working professionals need to master the art of writing and formatting scripts, creating frames, and following visual logic to create a cohesive narrative.



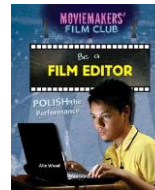
## *Making Movies* **by Sidney Lumet**

From one of America's most acclaimed directors comes a book that is both a professional memoir and a definitive guide to the art, craft, and business of the motion picture.



## *The Conversations: Walter Murch and the Art of Editing Film* **by Michael Ondaatje**

A rare intimate glimpse into the worlds of two accomplished artists, writer Michael Ondaatje and master film and sound editor Walter Murch, who share a great passion for film and storytelling, and whose knowledge and love of the crafts of writing and film shine through. The book is filled with stories about how some of the most important movies of the last thirty years were made and about the people who brought them to the screen.



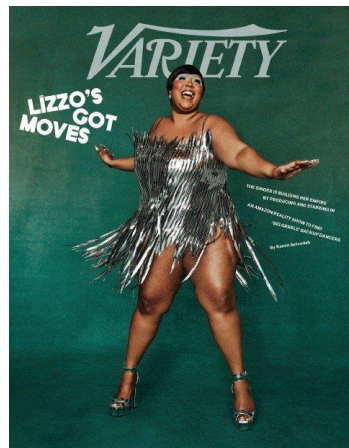
## *Be a Film Editor* **by Alix Wood**

A filmmaker's guide for teens that shows an accessible view into the fascinating career of a film editor.

# PressReader

[LACountyLibrary.org/digital-magazines](http://LACountyLibrary.org/digital-magazines)

Enjoy free, unlimited access to thousands of newspapers and magazines! With your library card, get access to searchable content, print out articles, export to an eReader, change the language, build a collection, and receive notifications when the next issue becomes available.





# Films on Kanopy

[LACounty.kanopy.com](https://lacity.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.

The screenshot displays the Kanopy website interface. At the top, the 'kanopy' logo is on the left, followed by a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search videos, subjects...'. To the right of the search bar is a 'BROWSE' button with a dropdown arrow. Further right is a link to 'GO TO KANOPY KIDS' and a small box containing the number '10'. Below the navigation bar is a large purple banner for 'Women's HISTORY MONTH'. The banner features several images: a woman's face, a woman in a floral headscarf, a woman in a military uniform, and a group of women. A 'WATCH NOW' button is centered on the banner. Below the banner, the 'Newly Added Movies' section is displayed with a row of movie posters: 'Marty', 'The Thomas Crown Affair', 'The Obituary of Tunde Johnson', 'Ma Belle, My Beauty', 'The Purple Rose of Cairo', 'The Christmas Dance', 'Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake', and 'Wild Tigers I Have Known'. Below this is the 'Newly Added Documentaries' section, which shows the beginning of a row of documentary posters, including 'WAL-MART' and 'NOT FOR RESALE'.

# Library Services



- [Virtual Programming](#)  
Check out more virtual programs that explore different careers, skills, and hobbies.
- [Laptop & Hotspot Loan Kits](#)  
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.
- [Work Ready](#)  
Resources for job seekers, those looking to build new job skills, or seeking out new career opportunities.
- [Digital Library Card](#)  
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: [concierge@dcba.lacounty.gov](mailto:concierge@dcba.lacounty.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.







# Film Editing Online & Industry Resources



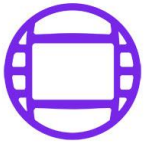
# Industry Resources

## Film Editing Software



- [Adobe Premiere Pro](#)

A timeline-based video editing software application developed by Adobe Inc. and published as part of the Adobe Creative Cloud licensing program. They also have online [Tutorials](#).



- [AVID Media Composer](#)

A film and video editing software application or non-linear editing system. There are 4 versions of the software, one of which is [Media Composer First](#) which is free. They also have online [Tutorials](#).



- [DaVinci Resolve](#)

A color grading and non-linear video editing application that combines editing, color correction, visual effects, motion graphics and audio post-production all in one. There are 2 versions, DaVinci Resolve which is free, and DaVinci Resolve studio which requires payment and includes more features. They also have [Training Videos](#).



# Industry Resources

## Stock Footage and Music Sites

For creating reels, demos, and practicing film editing skills. Make sure that you pay close attention to any licensing, credits, or rights requirements before using each video, photo, song, or asset.

- [EditStock](#)  
Professionally shot, un-edited film footage for people to practice editing and build their demo reels with. Also a place to get creative feedback on your cut.
- [Pexels](#)  
Free stock photos, royalty free images, and videos shared by creators. All photos and videos on Pexels are free to use and modify, attribution is not required, giving credit to the photographer or Pexels is not necessary but always appreciated.
- [Free Music Archive](#)  
Resource for free to download music under Creative Commons and other licenses. Search by genre or license type. Click on the song title or album name to find the license and credit info at the right side of the screen.
- [Audionautix](#)  
Music that is royalty free for you to download and use (even for commercial purposes) as long as you provide credit: "Music by audionautix.com"



# Industry Resources

## Training Programs

- [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.
- [ManifestWorks](#)  
Connects those impacted by foster care, homelessness and incarceration with job opportunities in the entertainment industry and provides ongoing life and professional skills to support long-term success.
- [Ghetto Film School](#)  
An award-winning nonprofit that educates, develops and celebrates the next generation of great American storytellers. With locations in New York City, Los Angeles and London, GFS is the most elite and inclusive film academy in the world, equipping students for top universities and careers in the creative industries.
- [Film Independent: Project Involve](#)  
A program that provides invaluable hands-on filmmaking experience from pre-production through premiere, supporting emerging filmmakers from communities underrepresented in film and entertainment. Each year, 30 participants from diverse backgrounds are paired with mentors, and receive personalized guidance to help move their projects and careers forward.
- [10 Set Production Assistant Training Programs Worth Your Time](#)  
List of Set Production Assistant Training Programs in different regions, to get you further in your film career.



# Industry Resources

## Classes, Education, & Online Learning

- [No Budget Film School](#)  
A unique series of classes specifically designed to help the no-budget filmmaker, with lessons, tools, and techniques intended to maximize very limited resources and minimize critical errors.
- [West LA College Motion Picture and Television Production Crafts Program](#)  
A multi-tiered motion picture, television and stagecraft production education training program that covers the entire spectrum of the entertainment industry's career pathways.
- [Edit Mentor](#)  
A hands-on, web-based interactive website that teaches the tools of editing but also the invaluable skills of storytelling. It provides video footage, scripts, lessons, and challenges to teach creative techniques and the language of film.
- [Master the Workflow](#)  
In-depth training and information for people aspiring to become feature film and television editors. Teaches professional editing workflow with online, video-based lessons that can be completed at your own pace. Some resources are free or low-cost, while others require a fee.



# Industry Resources

## Networking and Professional Organizations

- [American Cinema Editors](#)

An honorary society of film editors that are voted in based on the qualities of professional achievements, their education of others, and their dedication to editing. As a group of artists, they are dedicated to advancing the art and prestige of film editing.

- [Blue Collar Post Collective](#)

An accessible and focused grassroots non-profit organization, supporting emerging talent in post-production. Fosters an all-inclusive community and provides unique opportunities for members to develop professionally. There are no prerequisites or membership fees to join.

- [Los Angeles Post Production Group](#)

Organization for filmmakers with an interest in post production and film finishing. Provides a forum to share knowledge, build community, explore technologies and techniques, and encourage post production professionals to connect and expand their networks.

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## Networking and Professional Organizations (cont.)

- [Array Crew Database](#)  
Equal opportunity platform, with a mission to support professionals in the film and television industry from underrepresented populations.
- [Women in Film](#)  
Advocates for and advances the careers of women working in the screen industries—to achieve parity and transform culture.
- [Women in Media](#)  
Promotes gender balance in the film and entertainment industries through networking, professional development, and advocacy for women, women-identifying, and gender-nonconforming filmmakers who work above and below the line.
- [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

## Job Listings

- [ProductionHub.com](https://www.productionhub.com)  
Global network of local crew and vendors that serves the film and video production industry.
- [Mandy.com](https://www.mandy.com)  
Jobs platform for actors, performers, filmmakers and production crew.
- [Crew Me Up](https://www.crewmeup.com)  
Crew Me Up is a community supported mobile app bridging the gap between crew looking for work and crew looking to hire.
- [Backstage.com](https://www.backstage.com)  
Job listings and network for for directors, filmmakers, editors, animators, sound mixers, producers, and other crew and creative freelancers.
- [Staff Me Up](https://www.staffmeup.com)  
Hiring platform for media production, where people who work in the industry go to hire and get hired. Their goal is to help ensure that diversity and inclusion are incorporated throughout the hiring process.

# Industry Resources

## Reference

- ***In the Blink of an Eye: A Perspective on Film Editing* by Walter Murch**  
Celebrated film editor Walter Murch's thought-provoking essay on film editing, and the aesthetics and practical concerns of cutting film. Offers unique insights on such subjects as continuity and discontinuity in editing, criteria for a good cut, digital editing, and more.
- ***On Directing Film* by David Mamet**  
A book on the art of directing from the Pulitzer Prize-winning (and Oscar and Tony-nominated) writer. He looks at every aspect of directing—from script to cutting room—to show the many tasks directors undertake in presenting a story that will be understood by the audience.
- ***Make the Cut: A Guide to Becoming a Successful Assistant Editor in Film and TV* by Lori Jane Coleman and Diana Friedberg**  
A guide through the ins and outs of establishing yourself as a respected film and video editor. Includes insight on an array of technical issues and first-hand experience on industry protocol, providing tips on interviewing, etiquette, career planning and more.
- **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.