

Creative Career Paths Resources: Location Scouting & Management



Library Resources

Use these LA County Library resources and services to help you explore a career in the location scouting and management.



Digital Resources

Online Learning

LACountyLibrary.org/learn

LinkedIn LEARNING

Here are some LinkedIn course related to location scouting that you can access with your LA County library card:

[Location Scouting for Video and Photo Projects](#)

Learn about the steps you need to take before you begin scouting, where to start your search, and how to conduct a site survey to ensure your location will be a success technically as well as visually.

[DIY Filmmaking Tips Weekly: Location Scouting](#)

Short video with quick tips about identify a good location for video production.

[Learn How to Put Your Video Camera in Motion: Performing a Location Scout or Site Visit](#)

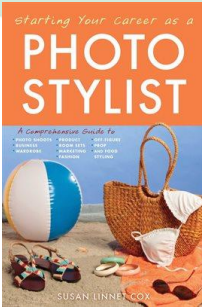
This video is part of a larger course on camera work and demonstrates the significance of finding the proper location to stage your camera work.

Books, Movies and More

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Starting Your Career as a Photo Stylist by Susan Linnet Cox

This book discusses everything readers need to know about practical aspects of the photo stylist profession, including production, casting, location scouting, working with a photo crew, creating a portfolio, and marketing their work.



The Crew: Special Effects, Construction, Locations

This film series vividly presents the jobs and lives of film production workers and explores the technical aspects of producing a film by talking to the people who make it happen.

Library Services



Virtual Programming

Check out more virtual programs that explore different careers, skills, and hobbies.

Laptop & Hotspot Loan Kits

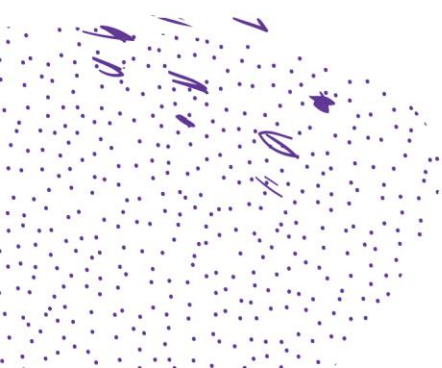
Check out a kit with a Chromebook and wireless hotspot to access the internet, from select locations. Borrow for 3 weeks, with the option to renew, if available.



Work Ready

Resources for job seekers, those looking to build new job skills, or seeking out new career opportunities.

Location Scouting & Other Industry Resources





Location Scouting Job Information

JOB TITLES in the Locations Department

- Assistant Location Managers
- Key Assistant Location Managers
- Location Managers
- Location Scouts Managers
- Commercial Location Scout Manager

[Film 101: What Is a Location Manager? Understanding What a Location Manager Does and How to Become a Location Manager](#)

Article written by MasterClass instructors, providing an overview of the profession, and details specific to location scouting.

[How to Become a Location Scout](#)

Peerspace discusses some aspects to jumping into the location scouting profession.





Training Programs

[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.

[Hollywood CPR](#)

Nonprofit organization with a 24-year history of training students to start working in key, union-recognized positions on set in the Artists, Crafts, and Technicians departments. They have the Entertainment Artists, Crafts & Technicians Certificate, a one-of-a-kind, multi-tiered, entry-level education training program designed to ensure a graduate's ability to work, on set after completion.

[Venice Arts Film + Digital Media Career Pathways](#)

Film + Digital Media Career Pathways is a free 4-Level program designed for LA County's creative, young people from low-income communities interested in exploring career pathways in the arts, entertainment, and digital media.

[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.





School Programs & Courses

[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.

[Los Angeles City College Music Songwriting and Composition Program](#)

Provides a pathway to a career in teaching music and writing and transcribing musical scores. Gain knowledge and practical technical skills in composition, theory, musicianship, piano, and music business.

[East Los Angeles College Certificates and AA in Commercial Music](#)

A comprehensive study in music, designed to award Associate in Arts degree to those who have completed a specialization in Music. Requirements optimize student prep for upper-division coursework at a 4-year institution leading or a field related to the Music discipline.

[UCLA Extension Music Entertainment Courses and Certificates](#)

This program has 3 comprehensive certificates and [individual courses](#), including a film scoring program. Take in-person, online/hybrid classes to learn from instructors who are top industry professionals.





Job Sites & Professional Organizations

[ProductionHub.com](#)

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

[Crew Me Up](#)

Crew Me Up is a community supported mobile app bridging the gap between crew looking for work and crew looking to hire.

[Backstage.com](#)

Job listings and network for for directors, filmmakers, editors, animators, sound mixers, producers, and other crew and creative freelancers.

[Location Scouting Union Information](#)

Information for union members on location scouting and other resources.

[Location Services & Agencies](#)

Provides links and information about location scouting agencies and service providers.

[International Location Managers Guild](#)

Society of Location Managers and professionals from around the world.



Other Helpful Links

[FilmLA](#)

FilmLA streamlines and enhances the on-location filmmaking process for communities and content creators, to ensure the Greater Los Angeles economy continues to thrive:

[California Film Commission](#)

State Commission for film production link with access to location information.

[International Association of Film Commissioners](#)

AFCI is a global non-profit professional organization representing city, state, regional, provincial and national film commission members on six continents. The website includes a directory of film commissioners specifically in California.