

The Youth Services Division of the Fresno County Public Library is committed to sharing essential pieces of literary news and highlighting new or exciting informational resources to complement and expand on the work of educators in our community.

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The Olympic Games

This pathfinder was designed as a resource for teachers, librarians, and other educators for professional use and to share with students in grades K-12 for the Olympic Games.

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One of the key factors to successful database information retrieval is utilizing each database's search terms and subject/category headings. We have provided such helpful search information below, but as a reminder, it will save you time to check the "search tips" page for any database you utilize.

- [Biography Resource Center](#) – scroll and click for in-house or at-home use (library card needed)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 3-12
 - The Biography Resource Center contains information on more than 340,000 important and famous people from around the world and throughout history from reputable, cited print resources.
 - Search Tips:
 - This site provides an [Athletes Category Browse](#)
 - You can also use the [Biographical Fact Search](#) to search for specific nationalities.
- [Culture Grams](#) – scroll and click for in-house or at-home use (library card needed)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 3-12
 - Culture Grams provides up-to-date information on countries and states, including statistics, flags, maps, currency, common greetings and phrases, and much more. Each entry has a photo gallery, biographies of famous people, and recipes. Find out more about China and Beijing with this useful site.
- [Kids Search](#) – scroll and click for in-house or at-home use (library card needed)
 - Recommended Grade Level: K-5
 - KidSearch is a child-friendly research database with picture subject headings accompanied by large, bright font. Subject headings include everything from "Animals" to "Sports."
 - Search Tips:
 - When you enter in a broad search term like "Olympic Games," it will offer up more specific headings for the user.
 - You also easily click on a bright tab to narrow down your results to include magazines, newspapers, books & encyclopedias, biographies, radio & TV transcripts, primary source documents, and photos.
 - Check out the [Teachers Resources](#) search as well.
- [Opposing Viewpoints](#) – scroll and click for in-house or at-home use (library card needed)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 7-12
 - Find information on all types of social issues and the debates related to them. Full-text articles, photos, statistics, Web links and primary documents are available.
 - Search Tips:
 - [Drugs and athletes](#) is one of their popular categories to learn about how drugs effect sports in general and the Olympic Games.
- [ValleyCat](#) – online catalog for Fresno County Public Library and the San Joaquin Valley Library System
 - We've compiled our best subject search terms directly linked to our catalog and the print resources you need for the Olympics:
 - [Olympics](#)
 - [Olympics](#) – History
 - [Olympic Games](#) (lists subject headings for game years)
 - [Olympic Games](#) – Ancient
 - See our [Dewey Subject Headings](#) for specific sports, use of drugs in sports, etc.



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DVDs

- **OLYMPIC CENTURY: THE OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE MODERN OLYMPIC GAMES** by the International Olympic Committee
 - Recommended Grade Level: 9th-12th
 - "Using newly acquired and fully restored film material, re-cut in an up-to-date collection of triumphs and tragedies, "The Olympic Century" tells the remarkable story of the successes, the failures and the glory that are the Olympic Games."
- **THE OLYMPIC SERIES** by St. Clair Entertainment Group
 - Recommended Grade Level: 7th-12th
 - "This special collection of historic Olympic moments has been divided into compelling, never-before-seen segments. Includes: The Spirit of the Olympics, The Winter Games and Olympic Highlights. Contains highlights from all the modern Olympics dating back to the 1920's."
- **THE REAL OLYMPICS** by Anthony Thomas
 - Recommended Grade Level: 7th-12th
 - "To mark the Olympics' 2004 return to its birthplace of Athens, this series tells the 'real' story of the original games. It combines lavish reconstruction of the ancient Greek games with dramatic highlights from the modern olympics."

PRINT RESOURCES

Have you searched our catalog, [ValleyCat](#), but still want to find out more? Here are some relevant Dewey Decimal subject numbers for you to peruse. If you ever need help, don't forget our librarians are always happy to further assist you.

General Subject Numbers

- Ancient Greece – 938
- Athletic and outdoor sports and games – 796
- Biography of athletes, collective or individual – 920
- Drugs and sports – 362.29
- Olympic games – 796.48
- Promotion of Health (use of drugs in sports) – 613
- Sports encyclopedia – 790

Specific Subject Numbers

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| • Archery – 799.3 | • Racquetball – 796.343 |
| • Badminton – 796.345 | • Roller Sports – 796.21 |
| • Baseball – 796.357 | • Sailing – 797.124 |
| • Basketball – 796.323 | • Soccer – 796.334 |
| • Bowling – 794.6 | • Softball – 796.357 |
| • Boxing – 796.83 | • Swimming – 797.21 |
| • Canoe/kayaking – 797.122 | • Table Tennis – 797.346 |
| • Cycling – 796.6 | • Tennis – 796.342 |
| • Diving – 797.2 | • Track & Field – 796.420 |
| • Equestrian sports – 798 | • Triathlon – 796.42 |
| • Fencing – 796.86 | • Volleyball – 796.325 |
| • Field Hockey – 796.355 | • Water Polo – 797.25 |
| • Gymnastics – 796.44 | • Weightlifting – 796.41 |
| • Martial Arts – 796.81 | • Wrestling – 796.812 |



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Looking for some recommendations? Here is a sampling of some our Olympic resources:

CHILDREN'S TITLES (Pre-school-6th grade)

Bachrach, Susan D. [THE NAZI OLYMPICS: BERLIN 1936](#)

"Recounts the story of the Olympics held in Berlin in 1936, and how the Nazis attempted to turn the games into a propaganda tool for their cause."

Blacklock, Dyan. [OLYMPIA: WARRIOR ATHLETES OF ANCIENT GREECE](#)

"Illustrations and text recount King Iphitus of Elis's revival of an ancient tradition of athletic contests to honor the gods in the eighth century B.C. in Greece."

Kroll, Virginia L. [CRISTINA KEEPS A PROMISE](#)

"Having promised her younger brother that she will watch him race in the Special Olympics, Cristina is offered the chance to meet a famous author--her favorite--on the same day and must make a tough choice."

Osborne, Mary Pope. [ANCIENT GREECE AND THE OLYMPICS: A NONFICTION COMPANION TO HOUR OF THE OLYMPICS](#)

"Annie and Jack present information about ancient Greece and the athletic events known as the Olympic games that were held there."

- Special Note: [The Hour of the Olympics](#) "takes Jack and Annie back to retrieve a lost story in ancient Greece, where they witness the original Olympic games and are surprised to find what girls of the time were not allowed to do."

Oxlade, Chris. [OLYMPICS](#)

A DK Eyewitness book that "surveys the history and traditions of the Olympics highlighting memorable events from ancient Greece to the present day."

Yoo, Paula. [SIXTEEN YEARS IN SIXTEEN SECONDS: THE SAMMY LEE STORY](#)

"This book tells the story of Sammy Lee, a Korean American, who overcame prejudice to become an Olympic gold medalist. In addition to training for sixteen years as a diver, Lee also successfully completed medical school."

YOUNG ADULT TITLES (7th-12th grade)

Blumenthal, Karen. [LET ME PLAY: THE STORY OF TITLE IX - THE LAW THAT CHANGED THE FUTURE OF GIRLS IN AMERICA](#)

"Up until the 1970s, if you were a girl, you were told you shouldn't play team sports, or go to college. But, in 1972, Title IX changed that, by ensuring that girls have the same opportunities as boys to participate in sports and classes. But that change did not come without a fight."

Gottesmann, Jane. [GAME FACE: WHAT DOES A WOMAN ATHLETE LOOK LIKE?](#)

Game Face is a photographic window of women and girls from various sports backgrounds and achievements. It also includes a brief outline of anecdotal stories of women athletes from 1827 to modern day.

Klass, David. [DANGER ZONE](#)

"When he joins a predominantly black "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics."



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Live Homework Help (Tutor.com)

Now accessible at all branch computers as well as to users at home. Students in grades 4 - 12 can get free online tutoring in Math, Science, English, and Social Studies, available every day from 1 to 7pm. Spanish language tutors are also available in Math and Science related subjects from 1 to 7pm, Sunday through Thursday.

If you have any requests, questions, comments, suggestions, or you don't want to receive eTeachers anymore, feel free to email eteachers@fresnolibrary.org



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Macy, Sue. [SWIFTER, HIGHER, STRONGER: A PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE SUMMER OLYMPICS](#)

"A detailed look at the history of the Olympic Games, from their origins in Ancient Greece, through their rebirth in nineteenth century France, to the present, highlighting the contributions of individuals to the Games' success and popularity."

Nardo, Don. [GREEK AND ROMAN SPORT](#)

"Discusses the role of sports in the ancient Greek and Roman world, covering the Olympics, the glories of physical achievement, spectacle sports, horse and chariot racing, and leisure sports."

WEB RESOURCES

- [The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 5th-12th
 - This is the "official site for the Beijing Summer Olympic Games to be held August 8-24, 2008.... Includes current news, detailed events schedule, venue, and more."
 - Special Note:
 - You can view [Beijing's Olympic venues](#) or follow the torch relay. There is a cute animated character that counts down the days until the opening ceremony as the homepage loads.
- [Olympic Coloring Pages](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: Pre-school-2nd
 - This site is a wonderful resource for coloring sheets on sport figures, the Olympic flag, and the Olympic torch.
- [Olympic Facts](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 4th-8th
 - About.com gives the reader short descriptions on the Olympic creed, flag, hymn, oath, motto, torch, medals the procession order for opening ceremonies, and more.
- [Olympic Games: All the Games Since 1896](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 4th-12th
 - This site was created by the International Olympic Committee and includes information on all the summer and winter Olympic Games and medalists since 1896.
 - Special Note:
 - Search the [multimedia gallery](#) for specific athletes or teams.
 - Teachers can download an [education kit](#) on the 2008 Beijing Olympics that includes photos.
 - There are also [education files](#) for the Ancient Olympic Games.
- [The Real Story of the Ancient Olympic Games](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 4th-8th
 - Created by the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, this site discusses the ancient games, women, politics, and the commercialism of the ancient Olympic Games. It also includes a glossary, related links, and FAQs that clear up such myths as, "The marathon race was an ancient Greek event."
- [USA Olympics](#)
 - Recommended Grade Level: 3rd-12th
 - This is the "official site of the U.S. Olympic team. Includes team sites, photos, feature articles, and news on Olympic athletes, and more." There are also print-outs and cartoons for kids.