

Visions and Voices and the USC Libraries have collaborated to create a series of resource guides that allow you to build on your experiences at many Visions and Voices events. Explore the resources listed below and continue your journey of inquiry and discovery!

DOWNTOWN L.A. ART WALK

USC LIBRARIES RESOURCE GUIDE

See the streets of downtown Los Angeles transform into a public-art phenomenon. The Downtown L.A. Art Walk brings together art lovers and friends for exciting and unique offerings around every corner. The art walk is a monthly showcase and celebration of the best galleries, restaurants and shops the area has to offer, accompanied by live music and performances. With cars replaced by bicycles and pedestrians, this fun and dynamic event will show you a side of Los Angeles you never knew existed.

To complement your introduction to downtown's bustling art scene, **RUTH WALLACH** of the USC Libraries has selected the following resources to help you learn more about the abundance of public art downtown—much of it available for viewing during the art walk or on excursions of your own.

Background

Much of the public art in downtown Los Angeles dates from the 1980s, spearheaded by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and its percent-for-art program. The program requires that redevelopment projects set aside 1% for public art. The process of commissioning public art is overseen by the CRA and its advisory panels, which comprise professionals working in the downtown area and people living there.

Older sculptures found in downtown previous to the percent-for-art program were often commissioned and placed by local associations and city departments or were part of the decorative aspect of architecture. Downtown also has a large number of murals and street art.

Selected Books and Guides

Placemaking: Public Art in Los Angeles

By the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: N8845.L67C66 1996

Street Gallery: Guide to 1000 Los Angeles Murals

By Robin J. Dunitz

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: N2638.L67D86 1988

The Power of Place: Urban Landscapes as Public History

By Dolores Hayden

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: F869.L857H39 1955

Doheny Memorial Library: F869.L857H39 1955

Leavey Library: F869.L857H39 1955

Art and the City: Civic Imagination and Cultural Authority in Los Angeles

By Sarah Schrank

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: N8845.L67S37 2009

Little Tokyo

By Michael Several

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: N8845.L67S48 1994

The Public Art of Los Angeles:

Part 1, El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument and Adjacent Freeway Murals

By Michael Several

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: N8845.L67S484 1991

Urban Surprises: A Guide to Public Art in Los Angeles

Edited by Gloria Gerace

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: N8845.U727 2002

Selected Websites

Art program at the Community Redevelopment Agency:

www.crala.org/internet-site/Other/Art_Program/index.cfm

Public Art in Los Angeles:

www.publicartinla.com