



Los Angeles Conservancy Walking Tour: **ART DECO** USC LIBRARIES RESOURCE GUIDE

Docents from the Los Angeles Conservancy will lead USC students on an in-depth tour exploring the history, materials and style of Art Deco architecture, popular in Los Angeles in the 1920s and 1930s. Downtown L.A. boasts an extraordinary collection of Art Deco buildings, due to a building boom during the heyday of this architectural style. New, modern and angular, the style was perfect for the machine age, and was used for everything from jewelry to teapots to skyscrapers. Typified by vertical lines, geometric patterns and references to Gothic, pre-Columbian and Egyptian art, Art Deco is stunning in its varieties of color and design.

The USC Libraries have selected the following resources to help you learn more about Art Deco design in downtown Los Angeles.

Selected Books

Images of America: Los Angeles Art Deco (2005)

By Suzanne Tarbell Cooper

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: NA735.L55C66 2005

Art Deco: Los Angeles (1977)

By Ave Pildas

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: N6535.L6P54 1977

Art Deco Style (1997)

By Bevis Hillier

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: N6494.A7H564 1997X

Los Angeles: An Architectural Guide (1994)

By David Gebhard

Leavey Library: NA735.L55G44 1994

Los Angeles: Architecture & Design (2004)

By Karin Mahle

Architecture and Fine Arts Library: NA735.L55L664 2004

Recommended Databases

The following databases are a good place to begin your focused search for scholarly articles, newspaper and magazine articles, conference proceedings and book chapters related to jazz. Access them through the homepage at www.usc.edu/libraries.

Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals

Surveying more than 700 journals, the index is a comprehensive resource for research related to architecture.

Engineering Village 2

This database provides access to a wealth of information about structural engineering.

Los Angeles Times (Historical)

This Proquest database provides access to *Los Angeles Times* articles and images dating back to the newspaper's first issue in 1881.