

Finding San Francisco Neighborhood Information

Our Library's Resources:

Books:

The USF Library's catalog *Ignacio*, is a listing of all of the books we own and all of the periodicals to which we subscribe. You may not find many books on specific neighborhoods, but books about SF may have chapters on different neighborhoods. Also, you can access **LINK+** from Ignacio, which lets you borrow books from other libraries. **Ignacio:** <http://ignacio.usfca.edu/>

Sample San Francisco searches in Ignacio:

- For specific titles, do a Title Search: *Reclaiming San Francisco*
- For topics, do a Keyword or Subject Search: Coit Tower, Haight Ashbury, Murals
- To view subtopics on San Francisco, do a Subject Search on San Francisco to see subjects like San Francisco African Americans, San Francisco Architecture, San Francisco Working Class, San Francisco Labor Movement and others.

Selected Books in Gleeson Library (all can be found in the Reference Area, First Floor):

- *The Sourcebook of Zip Code Demographics: Ref. HA 203 S66 2003*. Has information organized by zip code, including median income, population, racial breakdown, projected spending.
- *The Thomas Guide: Metropolitan Bay Area: Ref G 1528 S35 T45 2001* (at the Reference Desk). Use for finding the zip code or codes that best match your neighborhood.
- *San Francisco: The Ultimate Guide: Ref F 869.37 D44 1989*. Contains great historical information for many neighborhoods.

Newspapers, Magazines, and Journals:

LexisNexis (<http://www.usfca.edu/library/databases/academicuniv.html>) is a database that has the full text of many newspapers, including the *SF Chronicle* and the *SF Examiner* up until the Hearst Corporation sold it. It also has the full text of the *SF Weekly*. In the **Power Search**, you can limit to specific publications, like the *SF Chronicle*, or to California sources.

Most of our other full text databases are national in scope, not local, so you may not find too much on specific SF neighborhoods.

Note: Some neighborhoods and local groups have their own newspapers, such as *the Noe Valley Voice*. Local branches of the SFPL may have copies of them. Some of the newspapers also have websites.

San Francisco Public Library (SFPL):

SFPL Homepage: <http://www.sfpl.org>. The homepage for the SFPL.

Neighborhood Branches: <http://sfpl4.sfpl.org/librarylocations/hours.htm>. Neighborhood branches may have local papers and community information files. They might collect information on the history or current conditions of the neighborhood.

SFPL Catalog: <http://sflib1.sfpl.org/>

San Francisco Community Services Directory: <http://sflib1.sfpl.org:83/>. Information about social service organizations in the neighborhoods.

San Francisco Statistics:

<http://www.sfpl.org/librarylocations/main/gic/sanfranciscostats.htm>. Links to San Francisco statistics, including crime rates, demographic data, economic, housing, historical data and more.

San Francisco Historical Photographs Collection

<http://sfpl.org/librarylocations/sfhistory/sfphoto.htm>. A database of old photographs of San Francisco, to give you a visual sense of how neighborhoods have changed,

Web Sites:

American FactFinder: <http://www.factfinder.census.gov>

The web site from the United States Census Bureau. Includes demographic data that can be broken down by census tract and census block data.

City and County of San Francisco: <http://www.ci.sf.ca.us> or <http://www.sfgov.org>

The web site of the government of the City and County of San Francisco. Links to lots of city government agencies and their web sites.

Gleeson Library's San Francisco Government Information Page:

<http://www.usfca.edu/library/govdocs/sanfrancisco.html>

San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board:

http://www.sfgov.org/site/lhcb_index.asp

On this website you can find the annual census of homelessness, with data by Supervisor's district.

Mister SF: <http://www.mistersf.com>

A web site about the city of San Francisco. The Links page has links to community service organizations and neighborhood newspaper sites.

San Francisco Bay Guardian: <http://www.sfbg.com>

The web site of the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*. Has a search engine for the site.

San Francisco Chronicle: <http://www.sfgate.com> or

<http://www.sfgate.com/traveler/guide/sf/neighborhoods/>

The web site of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the Hearst owned version of the *San Francisco Examiner*. Has the full text of both the old Examiner and the Chronicle for the last several years.

San Francisco City Guide: <http://www.sfcityguides.org/>

Take a walking tour of your neighborhood!

San Francisco History Association: <http://www.sanfranciscohistory.org/links/>

This website includes links for a variety of San Francisco history topics.

San Francisco History Index: <http://www.zpub.com/sf/history/>

Includes information on San Francisco's history, ethnic groups, landmarks, neighborhoods, historical figures, maps, and more!

The SF Police Department Crime statistics by district:

http://www.sfgov.org/site/police_index.asp?id=23813. This website has crime statistics broken down by neighborhood, police districts, address, intersection or landmark.

SF Prospector: http://sfgov.org/site/sfprospector_index.asp

Demographic and business statistics by neighborhood, zip code or district.

Shaping San Francisco: <http://www.shapingsf.org/tour.html>

An Interactive Political History. Links trace the history of particular groups in San Francisco, including labor, African Americans, women and gays and lesbians.

Terra Fly: <http://www.terrafly.com>

A web site that has aerial photos of the entire US. You can find your neighborhood here, and also find links to data about that neighborhood from sources like the United States Census.

Virtual Museum of the City of San Francisco: <http://www.sfmuseum.org/hist1/index0.html>

This site has links to information on general San Francisco history, as well as tracing the history of ethnic groups, neighborhoods, arts, labor, landmarks and more.

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