



## Pathfinder: 1920s

This pathfinder will help you research the 1920s in history.

**Search Tools:** When you are in the library you can use one of our two catalog lookup stations to find books that you need. From any computer in the high school you can use the same catalog by using the following URL 10.1.9.75:8080

**Introductory Materials:** Encyclopedias are a great way to start your research if you are not familiar with your subject. This will give you a quick explanation along with other terms and ideas to expand your search.

**Terms and Keywords:** Use Alexandria, our on-line catalog, to look for your book sources. You may try specific words to find your subject like “the great depression”, or you could be even more specific and use a term like “stock market crash” or a broader term like “1920s”. Just remember to use the index in the back of the book to look up specific terms and subjects. The following are terms you might want to consider for your 1920s project:

- Costume history (clothing)
- Roaring twenties
- Prohibition
- Harlem Renaissance
- Jazz

**Dewey Numbers:** We organize our books according to the Dewey Decimal System. These are some of the areas you will find books for this project.

- 973.915 General American history in the 1920s
- 363.41 Prohibition
- 92 Biographies
- 391.009 Fashion of the 1920s
- 781.65 Jazz music

**Reference Materials to Use:** The books with **reference** stickers cannot be checked out, however, you may make copies of the pages you need from these books. Don't forget to make a copy of the title page for your works cited page. Here are a few of the books we have that are reference on the 1920s.

- REF 781.65 WAR Jazz: a History of America's Music
- REF 330.973 DEP Depression America
- REF 973.915 HOW Roaring Twenties
- REF 973.915 USA U.S.A.: Twenties
- REF 973.915 AME American Decades

**Internet Resources:** When you google a topic you can literally get millions of websites. It is difficult to know whether you have a reputable website. Most websites with the suffix .edu and .org are reliable. Make sure the .com sites are credible, if they are from well known entities like historychannel.com or newsweek.com they are fine to use. Here are a few good sites.

- <http://kclibrary.lonestar.edu/decade20.html> Great links to 1920s history.
- <http://prohibition.osu.edu/> Temperance and Prohibition-history.
- [www.pbs.org/jazz/time/time\\_roaring.htm](http://www.pbs.org/jazz/time/time_roaring.htm) Ken Burns' PBS series *Jazz*.
- <http://www.money-zine.com/Investing/Stocks/Stock-Market-Crash-of-1929/> History of the stock market crash in 1929.
- [www.1920-30.com/fashion/](http://www.1920-30.com/fashion/) Women's fashion from the 1920s.

**Additional Reading:**

- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- *Witness* by Karen Hesse
- *Harlem Summer* by Walter Dean Myers
- *The Stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- *Twenties Girl* by Sophie Kinsella

**\*\*\* We also have items in the vertical file from the 1920s.**