



FASHION AND COSTUME COLLECTION AT CHELSEA LIBRARY

Chelsea Reference Library has a fantastic collection of books about fashion and costume, including a large archive of magazines.

This extensive collection represents a wonderful source of ideas, information and practical advice on the subject of costume and fashion from the earliest times to the present, and looking into the future.



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We have books on:

- History of costume from its earliest times
 - 20th and 21st century designers
 - Costume from around the world
 - Children's costume
 - Male fashion and costume
 - Ceremonial dress (weddings, coronations, festivals etc.)
 - Occupational dress
 - Military dress - current and historical
 - Stage costume
 - Accessories
- (jewellery, fans, shoes, buttons, gloves, hats, glasses etc.)



Fashion magazines:

- Vogue – (from 1920s to the present)
 - Tatler
- Harper's Bazaar (from 1949 to the present)
 - L'Officiel
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The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has been the birth place of some of the major movements in the fashion world.

Punk era, for example, started on King's Road just outside our front door. The borough has also been home to several designers whose work and reputation are recognised worldwide, such as Ossie Clark, Mary Quant, Biba and Vivienne Westwood.

If you are a researcher, student or just interested in the subject of fashion for pleasure, our contemporary and historical collection is a first-class archive.

All are welcome to make full use of the collection!

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