

Alice Staler Library Pathfinder for Regional American Cuisine

The Statler Library was established to support the curriculum of the Culinary Arts and Hospitality Studies department of City College of San Francisco. Library resources are focused on current restaurant and hotel information and practices. The library's website can be accessed at:

<http://www.ccsf.edu/Library/alice/index.html>

The library's catalog can be directly accessed at:

<http://diego.ccsf.edu/>

Subject Headings for Regional American Cuisine

When searching the library's catalog for materials about regional American cooking, a useful place to start is to search by "subject keyword(s)". A direct link to this type of search can be found on the catalog's search page.



Search for Books, Reserves, CDs, DVDs, videos in ALL CCSF libraries by selecting a search option:

[Title begins with](#)

(Use if you know the exact title)

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(Use if you know the exact subject)

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The following subject headings are used when searching for materials which relate to the art or practice of preparing food and when searching for collections of recipes. To search for works about the foods of a specific region use the following subject headings:

Cookery, American--Appalachian
Cookery, American--Middle Atlantic State
Cookery, American--Midwestern style
Cookery, American--New England style
Cookery, American --Northwestern states
Cookery, American--Pacific Coast(U.S.)
Cookery, American--Pacific Northwest style
Cookery, American--Southern style
Cookery, American --Southwestern style

To search for works about specific states, either of the two formats below may be used:

Cookery, American--California Style
Cookery, American--Louisiana style
Cookery--New Mexico
Cookery--Florida (etc...for each state)

Some other useful subject heading which don't follow the simple pattern above but which may be useful when researching American Regional Cooking include:

African American cookery
Cookery Amish
Cookery Cajun
Cookery Creole
Cookery Cuban
Cookery Mennonite
Food social aspects
Food habits United States
Hawaiian cookery
Indian cookery (USE FOR Native American)
Mexican American cookery (USE FOR Tex Mex)

Works that examine a specific ingredient or dish may provide useful cultural or historical information. Most of these use the following Subject Heading pattern: **Cookery [type of food]**. For example:

Cookery artichokes
Cookery potatoes
Cookery rice

Browsing Call Numbers

To find general works on American cookery, see **TX715**. For ethnic or regional cookery, see **TX714-725** on the library shelves.

See also *Food Habits United States* **GT2853 .U5** for information on eating and drinking customs in America.

Reference Works

These titles provide listings of historic American cookbooks and contextual information. They are only available at the reference desk.

American Regional Cookery Index. Kleiman, Rhonda H. N.Y.:Neal-Schuman, 1983.

[Z5776.G2 K56 1989](#)

The Taste of American Place: A Reader on Regional and Ethnic Foods. Ed. Barbara G. Shortridge and James R. Shortridge. Lanham, Mass. : Rowman & Littlefield, 1998.

[TX715 .T2127 1998](#)

Bibliography of American Cookery Books, 1742-1860. Lowenstein, Eleanor. Worcester, Mass. : American Antiquarian Society, 1972.

[Z5776.G2 L68 1972](#)

Culinary Americana: Cookbooks Published in the United States of America During the Years from 1869-1960. Eleanor and Bob Brown, forward by Clifton Fadiman, researched by Alice G. Hansen, N.Y.: Roving Eye Press, 1961.

[Z5776.G2 B7](#)

Dictionaries

The Dictionary of American Food and Drink. 1st ed. Mariani, John F. N.Y. : Hearst Books, 1994.

One copy circulates and the other is at the reference desk: [TX349 .M26 1994](#)

The Oxford Companion to American Food and Drink. N.Y. : Oxford University Press, 2007.

Two volume work at the reference desk only: [TX349 .E45 2004](#)

History of American Regional Cooking

These works are general histories covering all regions of the United States.

Celebration of American Food: Four Centuries in the Melting Pot. Schremp, Gerry. Golden, Colo. : Fulcrum Publishers, 1996.

One copy circulates and one is in reference: [TX360.U6 S37 1996](#)

The Taste of America. John L. Hess and Karen Hess. N.Y. : Grossman Publishers, 1977.

Circulating copy: [TX353 .H47 1977](#)

Eating in America: A History. Waverly Root and Richard de Rochemont. N.Y.:Morrow, 1976.

One circulating and one reference copy [TX353 .R64 1995](#)

I Hear America Cooking. Betty Fussell. N.Y.:Viking, 1986

Circulating copy: [TX715 .F978 1986](#)

Selected Web Pages for Regional American Cooking

What's Cooking America

Many newspapers throughout America publish food sections. These will have recipes (often featuring local foods), articles, restaurant reviews and more. This website contains links to a wide variety of newspaper food sections across the United States:

<http://www.whatscookingamerica.net/Q-A/newspaper.htm>

Feeding America

The University of Michigan's Library has created an ambitious website called Feeding America. It features digitized copies of historic regional American cookbooks which you can download for personal use if desired. These cookbooks cover the years from 1798-1922 offering an exciting historical look into cooking in America:

http://digital.lib.msu.edu/projects/cookbooks/html/browse_int/browse_interest_regional.html

Key Ingredients: America by Food

"This is the online educational companion to the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibition *Key Ingredients: America by Food*. Explore the two ingredients that are key to American cuisine – regional traditions and international influences." This is a great and easy to search site for those interested in the history of American Regional cooking and learning about home recipes that families are still making today.

<http://www.keyingredients.org/default.asp>

Not by Bread Alone: America's Culinary Heritage

This rich and interesting website, assembled by the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections at Cornell Library explores "the influences and inventions that have shaped American food habits over the past two hundred years."

<http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/food/default.htm>

Special Collections and Archival Material

The Alice Statler Library, City College of San Francisco Archive serves as a repository for historical materials relating to the Hospitality industry. Special interest lies in collecting local historical materials on the subjects of hospitality, culinary arts, lodging, tourism, and restaurants. Local areas include San Francisco, Bay Area, Northern California, California, and West Coast distinctions. The Archive houses textual and non-textual materials of potential enduring historical value and more information can be accessed at:

<http://www.ccsf.edu/Library/alice/archives.html>

Description of Collection:

- Cookbooks, special focus on local authors, first editions and signed copies.
- Vintage Postcards of Famous San Francisco Hotels and Restaurants.
- Vintage Menus from Hotels, Restaurants, and Cruise Lines (international in scope)

All archival material is indexed in the San Francisco City College Library catalog. Exceptions include non-monographic materials, such as the pamphlets, postcards, and menu collections. It is an objective of the Alice Statler Library, City College of San Francisco to develop a digital archive for these items.

The Alice Statler menu collection characterizes the culinary life of San Francisco and Northern California from 1920 to the present, but it also contains a large number of items from throughout the United States. The menu collection began with gifts from the Library's early librarians and alumni in the 1960's. The early accessions included many rare and beautiful items from the late nineteenth and early twentieth century's. In the 1980's the menu collection was greatly augmented by the accession of menus from the National Restaurant Association's Menu Design Awards competition. Through these competitions the Alice Statler collection has come to hold all of the original menus considered for these awards.

The menu collection is only available by appointment but some digitized items may be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.ccsf.edu/Library/alice/menucollection.html>

Magazines

The Library subscribes to many popular cookery magazines many which of also have websites. The following frequently feature recipes and articles about American Regional cuisine:

Cook's Illustrated : <http://www.cooksillustrated.com/>

Food and Wine: <http://www.foodandwine.com/>

Bon Appétit and Gourmet magazine can both be accessed at the following link:
<http://www.epicurious.com/>

Saveur: <http://www.saveur.com/>

San Francisco Magazine: <http://www.sanfranmag.com/>