

Car Buying

Plainfield Public Library Pathfinder

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If you're thinking about buying a new car, the Plainfield Public Library has you covered with price guides, magazines, and books on cars and how to do maintenance.



First, the library holds the N.A.D.A. books for used cars and trucks. The books go back a year and are kept at the reference desk. Please ask a librarian for one.

First time buyers should check out **Car Shopping Made Easy** by Jerry Edgerton (629.222 EDG) or **Don't Get Taken Every Time** by Remar Sutton (629.222 SUT).

If you want to fix up that car you already have, the library has the **Chilton's Manuals**, with the import car version covering cars from 1980 to 1999. The domestic car version goes from 1940 to 1999. The manuals are in the reference section at call number 629.28.

Have a van or truck? The library also carries the **Chilton's Manuals** for trucks and vans from 1973 to 1995. Have a motorcycle from 1945 to 1985? Well, the library has a manual for those too. Don't see your car in those manuals? The library also provides a database called **The Auto Repair Database**. See a librarian for details.

Looking up historical facts on cars? Then try **The Encyclopedia of American Cars from 1930** (R 629.222 ENC). How will cars run in the future? **Zoom: the global race to fuel the car of the future** by Iain Carson (338.4 CAR).



History of Cars

Vehicles have been around for hundreds of years, whether powered by steam, electricity, or gasoline.

Cars as we know them today use the internal combustion engine. The first automobile was invented by Karl Benz in 1885. Henry Ford popularized the vehicle, who expanded the idea of car mass production (which Ransom Olds came up with initially). Now a days, cars can run on hydrogen, solar power, or electric.

Articles



Every April, **Consumer Reports** magazine puts out their annual Car issue, filled with tests and prices on the latest cars. Ask for it at the Reference Desk.

The library also carries **Car and Driver** magazine with issues going back a year. For those with the pedal to the metal, the library also carries **Hot Rod** magazine.

Online Resources



For online resources, check out Kelly's Blue Book at www.kbb.com for used and new car prices. For another site, there's www.edmunds.com.

Autotrader.com bills itself as the "ultimate car marketplace." Cars.com lets you search of new and used cars for sale and provides research. For those looking to buy a used car, www.carfax.com is a good way to look up information on a particular car.