Delve Deeper into "Lomax The Songhunter"
A film by Rogier Kappers

This multi-media resource list, compiled by Paul Bareno of the San Diego Public Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "Lomax the Songhunter" that premieres on August 22, 2006 at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at www.pbs.org/pov/).

Alan Lomax was "the song hunter." He devoted his life to recording the world's folk tunes before they would permanently disappear with the rise of the modern music industry. In "Lomax the Songhunter," filmmaker Rogier Kappers seeks to tell Lomax's story by interviewing friends such as Pete Seeger, combining it with archival recordings of music greats Woody Guthrie and Leadbelly, and gathering footage of the cotton fields, rock quarries and prisons where Alan Lomax captured America's quintessential music. Finally, Kappers followed the route that Lomax took so many years ago and traveled to remote villages in Spain and Italy, hearing memories and music from the farmers, shepherds and weavers whose songs Lomax recorded decades earlier.

ADULT NONFICTION
Collins, Shirley W. America Across the Water: A Musical Journey with Alan Lomax. London: S. A. F. Publishing Limited, 2004. At the age of 19, Shirley Collins (b. 1935) was making a name for herself as a folk singer in post-war London. This is an account of the year of her life spent as Lomax's assistant and lover in America.


MAGAZINE/JOURNAL ARTICLES


Ante, Spencer E. "Alan Lomax Maps our Musical Genome." Wired, November 1998, Vol. 6, Issue 11, p. 120. Profiles artist Alan Lomax and the development of the interactive Global Jukebox system, housed in Hunter College in New York City, and features song and dance clips of various cultures.


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Newspaper Articles


Videos/Documentaries


“Songcatcher.” A film by Maggie Greenwald. Lions Gate, 2000. (109 min.) A musicologist travels to Appalachia to visit her sister and winds up discovering beautiful folk songs. www.amazon.com


Websites

P.O.V’s “Lomax the Songhunter” Web site www.pbs.org/pov/pov2006/lo max/ Includes an interview with the filmmaker, resources, special features and more.

The Alan Lomax Archive www.alan-lomax.com/index.html A multimedia archive of documentation and scientific research by folklorist and musical anthropologist, Alan Lomax.

The Alan Lomax Collection www.alan-lomax.com/ Includes news, biographical information and articles about Alan Lomax, performance style research, information on The Association for...
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Cultural Equity, and multimedia resources (records, film, photos).

Library of Congress – Alan Lomax Collection
www.loc.gov/folklife/lomax/
Information about the ethnographic documentation in Alan Lomax’s collection and how it was acquired by The American Folklife Center.

NPR: Library of Congress Unites Work of Alan Lomax
Information on how the Library of Congress acquired Alan Lomax’s archives. Links to photo gallery and related NPR articles.

www.furious.com/perfect/lomax.html
Review of Alan Lomax’s Southern Journey collections and further information on them.

Rounder Records – Alan Lomax Collection
www.rounder.com/series/lomax_alan/
Information about Alan Lomax’s life, productions and various series in his collection.