

The Olympics

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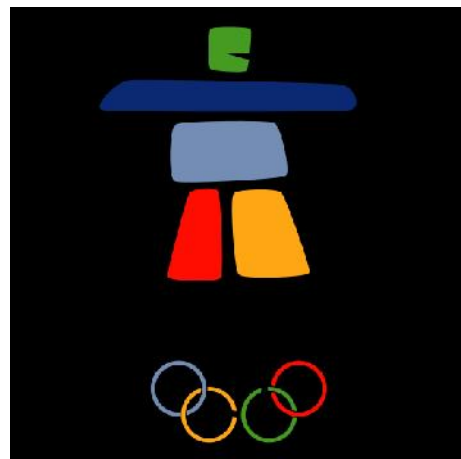
History of the Olympics

The Olympics go back to 776 B.C.E., and were played in the Olympia plains in Greece and honored Zeus, king of the gods. The games were played between the cities of Greece, and not between nations as we do today. Banned in 393 C.E., they resurfaced in 1896 in Athens and continued since then. Today, the games are played between nations and separated into the Summer and Winter Olympics.

The next Olympics are being held in Vancouver, Canada. This will be Canada's second Winter Olympics and will take place February 12-28, 2010. Opening ceremonies will take place in BC Place Stadium. About 80 nations will compete.

The Plainfield Public Library has numerous books in the adult and children's room on the subject. Some general books in the adult section include **Chronicle of the Olympics** (Folio 796.48 C46), and **The Complete Book of the Summer Olympics** (R 796.48 Wal 2004). If you're looking for track and field results, the library has **The Olympic Games: Complete Track and Field Results 1896 -1988** (R 796.48 H87). **The Naked Olympics: The True Story of the Ancient Games** by Tony Perrottet (796.48 Per) is great for history on the original Olympics. For the children, there are some books in the library's children room, including **Great African Americans in the Olympics** (J 796 Hun) and for general information, **Eyewitness Books: Olympics** ((J 796.48 Oxl).

The library also provides computers for Internet access for online research. For all things Olympics, go to <http://www.olympic.org> which is the official website of the games. For an alternate take of the games, try <http://www.penn.museum/sites/olympics/olympicintro.shtml>. If you're looking into symbols the games use, try http://www.usfieldhockey.com/games/oly_symbols.htm. For info on women in the games, try <http://www.olympicwomen.co.uk/>. The Perseus Digital Library Project has an exhibit up all about the games here: <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/Olympics/>.



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