

Finding What You Need ... About Art

- The study of art requires an awareness of ;
- Time (when a work was done)
 - Genre (the artistic period and style in which the work was created)
 - Creativity (the elements that the artist uses to make a work unique)
 - Technical aspects of art.



REFERENCE WORKS

Use reference sources to

- Become familiar with the technical and descriptive terms used in the study of art
- To find background information about artistic periods, genres and artists.
- Encyclopedias and dictionaries related to art are located in the 700 area of the reference section. Examples -

R 709 Boo Book of Art

A guide to art history and appreciation, with an overview of important artistic periods.

R 703 Mur Dictionary of Art and Artists

R 703 Max Dictionary of Art Terms and Techniques

R 703 Enc Encyclopedia of World Art

R 704.942 Fie Great Masterpieces of World Art

R 703 Mcg McGraw-Hill Dictionary of Art

R 709.04 Oxf Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Art

R 720.945 Nas Pictorial Dictionary of Ancient Rome

R 720 Won Wonders of Man

This is a series of books describing the art and art history in locations such as the Forbidden City and Versailles

GROVE DICTIONARY OF ART

Available online, this database provides information about a variety of artists and topics, including links to images and Internet sites.

BOOKS

Use the on-line catalog to find books about art and artists.

- “Art” is a very broad subject; use the ‘browse’ option to see how it is divided in the catalog.
- Narrow your focus by searching for more manageable topics
 - Genre— ‘Cubism’ or ‘Impressionism’
 - Country— ‘art Italy’ or ‘art Italian’
 - Period— ‘art medieval’ or ‘art deco’
 - Culture— ‘art Greco-Roman’ or ‘art Islamic’
 - Exhibition location— ‘Smithsonian Institution’ or ‘Metropolitan Museum of Art’
 - Artist—Vermeer
- Books about related topics, such as photography or sculpture, can be helpful to your search.
- Look for books about a particular artist using his or her name as a subject; this will locate books presenting and critiquing their work as well as biographical information.
- Focus on topics such as art history.
- Combine the search term ‘art’ with ‘study and teaching’ and ‘technique.’
- Most books about art are located in the 700’s; however, some are located in the oversize book area.

PERIODICALS

Use the following indexes to locate articles in magazines and newspapers.

O – online P - Print

Academic Search Premier (O)

This database allows you to find citations and full-text articles. Limit your search to newspapers to find reviews of shows and events or to peer reviewed journals to limit your search to scholarly and research articles.

Credo (O)

This online reference source provides general dictionaries as well as art reference works.

Humanities Index (P)

This index provides citations to articles in scholarly and professional art journals.

JSTOR (O)- on-campus access only

JSTOR database provides scholarly articles about art and art topics.

New York Times (O)

The Historical New York Times database provides articles dating back to 1851, and is a good source of retrospective research, particularly reviews of the New York art scene.

ProQuest (O)

Use 'Newspapers' or 'National Newspapers' to find reviews of shows and articles about the national art scene. 'Research Library Core' allows you to find magazine articles. Limit your search to the 'Humanities' and/or 'Arts' modules. Limit your search to scholarly journals.

The library subscribes to magazines and journals about the arts, including graphic arts. Please refer to the list of "Periodicals by Subject."

INTERNET

Many major museums, artists and galleries have websites. Examples of art-related sites:

Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum -
www.history.org/history/museums/abby_art.cfm

AIGA (American Institute of Graphic Arts) – www.aiga.org/

American Folk Art Museum – www.folkartmuseum.org

American Museum of Photography – www.photography-museum.com/

Archives of American Art – www.aaa.si.edu/

Art History Research Center – harmsen.net/ahrc/

Art History Resources on the Web – witcombe.sbe.edu/ARTHLinks.html

Art on the Web (a comprehensive link to art-related sites, including career and educational sources, grant information and search tools, as well as information on art and artists) –
www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/Artweb_frames.html

Artworld Network – artnet.com/

Communication Arts – www.commarts.com

Fashion Institute of Technology – www.fitnyc.edu (go to ‘My Present’ and select links to the museum or to the library, where you will find research guides that have good Internet links).

Index of American Design – www.nga.gov/collection/gallery/iad.htm

International Center of Photography – www.icp.org

Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum— www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu

Louvre—www.louvre.fr

Metropolitan Museum of Art – www.metmuseum.org

Metropolitan Museum of Art: Educational Resources Online –
www.metmuseum.org/education/

Montclair Art Museum - www.montclairartmuseum.org

Museums in the USA - www.museumca.org/usa

Museum of Modern Art - www.moma.org

National Gallery of Art - www.nga.gov

Newark Museum - www.newarkmuseum.org

Outsider Art Pathfinder (UNC School of Library and Information Science) -
ils.unc.edu/dpr/path/outsiderart/online.html

Toonopedia—www.toonopedia.com

Virtual Library Museums Page—icom.museum/vlmp

World Art Treasures - www.bergerfoundation.ch

Please see the reference librarian if you need help.

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