

Art Resources: A Pathfinder

The Learning Resources Center is a source of information about Art. The purpose of this pathfinder is to provide an overview of the variety of sources available to help you thoroughly search your topic. If you would like assistance using these resources, please ask a member of our reference faculty for help.

Books and Audiovisual Materials

The online public access catalog (OPAC) provides a listing of all books and multimedia materials owned by the BCC Learning Resources Center. The online catalog can be reached from the Library Homepage at <http://www.sunybroome.edu/~library>. A few of the subjects relating to Art include:

Architecture	Design	Interior Decoration	Surrealism
Art	Drawing	Painters	Textile Fabrics
Arts	Furniture	Photography	
Commercial Art	Graphic Arts	Portraits	
Decorative Arts	Illustration	Sculpture	

Most books about Art and related topics are located in the “N” section of the reference and circulating collections, with photography books in the “TR” sections. Reference books are located on the main floor and are helpful for locating short answers to specific questions. The following are representative reference books that may help with your research:

Ref N 6490 .A713 1998 Arnason, H. Harvard and Marla Prather. History of Modern Art: Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, Photography. 4th ed. New York: Abrams, 1998.
This history looks at the last 150 years of art. Find nearly 1500 illustrations and an extensive bibliography.

Ref N 8600 .A746 2004 Artist's & Graphic Designer's Market: Where and how to sell your illustration, fine art, graphics, design, & cartoons. Cincinnati, OH: F & W, 2005.
This reference source includes articles and interviews along with tips from successful artists and industry experts.

Ref NK 1165 .E48 1997 Banham, Joanna and Leanda Shrimpton. Encyclopedia of Interior Design. 2 vols. Chicago, IL: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1997.
The editors aim to provide description and analysis of a range of subjects and individuals related to the history of interiors. Articles cover the history and function of common room types items of furniture, as well as survey and generic articles relating to countries, periods, and styles.

- Ref Johnson, Paul. Art: A New History. New York, HarperCollins, 2003.
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5300 “A history of art from its earliest origins to the present day.”
.J64
2003
- Ref Hillstrom, Laurie Collier and Kevin Hillstrom. Contemporary Women Artists.
N Detroit: St. James Press, 1999.
8354 Find biographical and career information on more than 350
.C66 women in the visual arts.
1999
- Ref International Dictionary of Architects and Architecture. 2 vols.
NA40 Detroit: St. James Press, 1993.
.I48 Coverage includes 523 architects and 467 buildings and
1993 sites that have figured prominently in Western architectural history.
The signed critical essays are from 220 international contributors, and the
indexes help you search by geographic location, building or architect.
- Ref Jeffrey, Ian. The Photography Book. London: Phaidon, 1997.
TR Here is an alphabetic arrangement of 500 photographers
654 and full page illustrations. Included is a glossary of move-
P482 ments, groups and genres and a list of techniques and terms,
1997 museums and galleries.
- Ref Rifkind, Carole. A Field Guide to Contemporary American Architecture.
NA New York: Dutton, 1998.
712 The focus of this book is from the 1940's to the present;
.R54 from postwar housing to recent shopping centers. It explores
1997 the interplay between form and function. Content is arranged by
type of building.

Circulating books on Art are located on the second floor. Please note that oversize books are shelved on the bottom shelf of the respective sections.

DVDs and videos are located in the Media area on the first floor, with the ‘reserve’ media items behind the circulation desk in the main lobby. Reserve items have to be viewed within the LRC. Titles in our collection that are tagged with a format, “Visual Material,” include the following, among others:

Dorothea Lange
The Pencil of Nature
Sculptors at Storm King
Color
Gaudi
Website Design
Daniel Libeskind: Welcome to the 21st Century
Frido Kahlo: Portrait of a woman

Jackson Pollock

Magazines and Magazine Databases:

Magazine articles will give you the most current information on Art, and you may find information on a living artist more readily in a magazine article. Library databases will help you find articles by telling you exactly what issue and on what pages to find the desired information. In many cases the database supplies the full-text of the article.

EBSCOhost's *Academic Search Premier* is one of the general databases you may search. From the Library homepage, <http://www.sunybroome.edu/~library>, click on 'Search: Articles.'

BCC subscribes to the following art-related periodicals, which are complemented by many full-text art titles found in the Library's online databases:

Aperture	
Architectural Digest	Inside Adobe InDesign
Architectural Record	Inside Photoshop
Architecture	Interior Design
Art in America	Interiors
ArtNews	Lenswork
Artforum	Smithsonian
Black & White	Village Voice
Creative Designer	

Web Sites:

ArtSource

URL: <http://www.ilpi.com/artsource/welcome.html>

With resources on art and architecture, this site is intended to be selective instead of comprehensive. Find a diverse group of resources with contributions by librarians, artists, and art historians.

Americans for the Arts

URL: <http://www.artsusa.org>

This site is about arts advocacy, and it offers art education resources, a national arts policy database, and more.

World Wide Arts Resources

URL: <http://wwar.com>

One of the largest arts-related sites, this offers searchable databases on a variety of topics in the visual, performing, and other arts.

Artyclopedia: A Guide to Great Art on the Internet

URL: <http://www.artyclopedia.com/>

Search for an artist, and much more.

Newspapers and Newspaper Indexes

The New York Times is a good source for current and historical information on Art.

EBSCOhost's, *Academic Search Premier*, discussed above, will help you identify articles on artists that were published in the New York Times. Retrieve articles you learn about by going into another database, *Custom Newspapers*, also found on the Library homepage. If the article is older than 1995, you can retrieve it from the microfilm collection.

Reference Faculty

If you have any questions or cannot locate the information you need, please ask at the reference desk. BCC's reference librarians will be glad to assist you.

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