



Finding Information on ART in the JSCC Library

I. Books

A. Reference Books

If you aren't familiar with your topic, it's best to start with a reference book for an overview of the topic. This will help you define terms, provide names of researchers and verify important dates. Your textbook is often a good source of overview articles.

Biographical Dictionary of Artists (Ref. N 40 .B53)
Bullfinch Illustrated Encyclopedia of Antiques (Ref. NK 30 .B85)
Encyclopedia of American Architecture (Ref. NA 705 .H86)
Encyclopedia of World Art (Ref. N 31 .E533) 15 volumes
Oxford Dictionary of Art (Ref. N 33 .O93)
St. James Guide to Black Artists (Ref. N 40 .S78 1997)

B. Circulating Books

Use the JSCC online library catalog to find books. The catalog is available from the JSCC Library home page at <<http://library.jsc.edu>>. Search by subject, author, title or keyword. Remember to 'Limit the search by holdings location' to 'Jackson State Community College'.

Books in the JSCC Library are arranged according to the Library of Congress Classification System. Each book is assigned a unique call number. Books written about the same subject have similar call numbers, grouping them together on the shelves and making it easy for you to browse. For books on your topic, check the shelves for call numbers beginning with...

<i>N: Visual Arts</i>	<i>NA: Architecture</i>	<i>NB: Sculpture</i>
<i>NC: Drawing, Design, Illustration</i>	<i>ND: Painting</i>	
<i>NE: Print Media</i>	<i>NK: Decorative Arts</i>	<i>NX: Arts in General</i>

C. Electronic Books

You might also want to try *NetLibrary*, a fully searchable collection of books online. Available from the *Online Library Catalog* or *Databases* links on the library home page. For access from home, please contact us.

II. Audio/Visual Resources

Audio/visual resources can be found by searching the *Online Catalog* or by going to the *Library Collections* links on the library home page. There are many art audio-visual materials in the N section.

III. Periodicals

Magazine and journal articles are an excellent source for recent information and research. The JSCC Library subscribes to the following periodicals relating to ART. To find articles in these journals, use the databases indicated (explained below).

<i>American Artist</i>	<i>1990 to present</i>	<i>Masterfile Premier</i>
<i>Art in America</i>	<i>1993 to present</i>	<i>Expanded Academic ASAP</i>
<i>Graphis</i>	<i>1991-present</i>	<i>Expanded Academic ASAP</i>
<i>School Arts</i>	<i>1989 to present</i>	<i>Expanded Academic ASAP</i>

The following journals are available electronically in full-text form in the database listed. The JSCC databases are available at: <http://library.jsc.edu/databases.php>. To access databases from home, please contact us.

<i>African Arts</i>	1990- present	<i>Masterfile Premier</i>
<i>Art and Antiques</i>	2004- present	<i>Masterfile Premier</i>
<i>Art and Activities</i>	1990- present	<i>Masterfile Premier</i>
<i>Art Journal</i>	1985-present	<i>Academic Search Elite</i>
<i>Art Monthly</i>	2003-present	<i>Academic Search Elite</i>

III. Databases

These databases are available on computers in the Data Center. From the library home page <<http://library.jsc.edu/>>, click *Databases*, then select the database you wish to search. Please ask us for the usernames and/or passwords you'll need to access these from home.

- *Masterfile Premier*-Contains full-text articles in more than 1700 magazines and journals.
- *Expanded Academic ASAP*-Provides indexing and full-text articles from over 3000 magazines and journals.
- *Humanities Full Text* - Humanities Full Text brings you full text plus abstracts and bibliographic indexing of the most noted scholarly sources in the humanities, as well as numerous lesser-known but important specialized magazines.

IV. Internet

Use search engines and subject directories to find other Internet information on your topic. From the library home page, click on *Subject Directories* or *Search Engines*. Here are some suggested pages...

Art Museums of the World: <http://vlmp.museophile.com/galleries.html>
Links to all the great art museums of the world online

Exploring Themes in American Art: <http://www.nga.gov/education/american/aasplash.htm>
“Visit this site to survey American art by theme: Abstraction, The Figure, Historical Subjects, Landscape Painting, Marine Painting, Portraiture, Narrative art ,Scenes from Everyday Life, Still Life, and Topographical Views. Each topic provides an illustrated essay linking to corresponding images, including bibliographies, exhibition history, and provenance; a list of over 100 artists, etc.”

National Endowment for the Arts: www.nea.gov

This independent federal agency makes "grants to arts organizations and artists in all fifty states and the six U.S. jurisdictions." Find here grant opportunities and applications, programs categorized by genre, relevant publications, and news. Searchable.

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