Finding Resources on Art

Littman Architecture Library http://archlib.njit.edu/

How do I find…

Background/biographical information on an artist *or* movement

Search Library Catalog for encyclopedias and dictionaries, which can be found by browsing Aisle 1.

Example **subject headings** found in catalog:

Art--Encyclopedias
Art--Dictionaries and Encyclopedias
Art Movements--History--20th Century—Encyclopedias
Art Movements--History--19th Century—Encyclopedias

If you are not sure what subject heading to use, search first by keyword then examine the subject heading links in the catalog record. Browse the list of find appropriate subject headings of a book or encyclopedia of your choice and use these subject headings for further searches to get more similar results.

Ie. art **AND** encyclopedia **by keyword,** returns a list of results. If you choose *Britannica Encyclopedia of American Art***, you could click the link for the subject heading**

> **Art, American—Dictionaries (3)** this subject heading has three items in the catalog.

Search **Grove Dictionary of Art** online (images, biographies, terminology)

– found alphabetically under **Databases by Subject** on the Architecture Library home page and under **Subject Art & Architecture**.

When **browsing** the stacks in aisles 2-9, books on art are categorized with the following Library of Congress (LC) Classifications:

N – Fine Arts
NA – Architecture
NB – Sculpture
NC – Drawing, Design, Illustration
ND – Painting
NE – Print Media
NK – Decorative Arts
NX – Arts in General
Additionally, materials on digital art or design can be located in these LC classification areas:

TR – Photography
T – Technology

How do I find…

Information on *artist exhibitions?*
The philosophy/*style* of an artist?

Search Library Catalog for books or **databases** for journal articles.

For Books (monograph, a scholarly book on a single subject or artist or catalogue raisonné, a monograph giving a comprehensive catalog of artworks by an individual artist).

Browse subject headings in Library catalog using **simple search –**

For example, to browse subject headings for Salvador Dali,

Enter keyword Dali, choose subject browse, click search. View the list of headings. For example:

Two items in the catalog on Dali's **exhibitions**:

> Dalí, Salvador, 1904- Exhibitions (2)

Two items in the catalog on the **philosophy** or **style** of Dali:

> Dalí, Salvador, 1904- Criticism and interpretation (1)
> Dalí, Salvador, 1904-1989 Criticism and interpretation (1)

Hint: Note the **Location** of the item and **Status** in the **Library catalog record.**

   Location: ArchLib stacks (aisles 2 through 9)
Call Number: N7109.C3 R59 2006
   Num items: 1
        Status: Available

Exhibition reviews?

Search *JStor*, a full-text scholarly journal article database, located alphabetically under **Databases by Subject.**

To find **reviews** on Salvador Dali **exhibitions**, choose **Advanced Search** -

Type Salvador Dali (first text box) **AND** exhibitions (second text box), Limit to **Review** (check box). Click Search.

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To locate books outside of NJIT, search WorldCat at: http://www.worldcat.org/

Citing your sources (available on Architecture Library website under Research Help, and Create Bibliographies in side menu bar): http://archlib.njit.edu/research/bibliographies.php

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