

Newsletter

Summer 2004

As we are approaching the new academic year we want to remind you that we need the active participation of the faculty in getting ready for the fall semester.

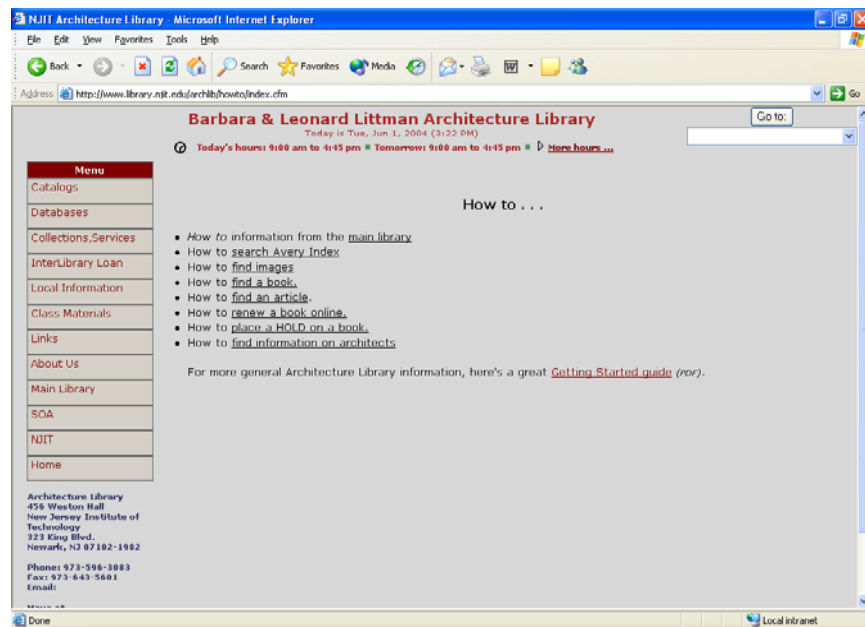
Reserve: Have you considered using the electronic reserve for your classes/studio, so students can access materials at any time? We can scan these materials, save them in PDF format and place them on the library web site. If you are interested, please submit your requests, along with texts, by the end of July so we can process them in time. To get more information about Architecture Library e-reserves, please check the Class Materials section of the library website. (<http://library1.njit.edu/archlib/class-materials>)

Let us also know the topics of student exercises/case studies so we can reserve related materials and make them available to all students in your class. We can also produce digital images of the specific sites of your choice in order for students to be able to access them online.

We would very much appreciate if you could submit required reading lists for your fall classes by the beginning of July so that we still have time to acquire and process materials.

Library instruction

Providing quality reference service and helping patrons to acquire library and research skills is our major goal. We want students to learn not only how to find a book or an article, but also how to develop a research strategy or evaluate web resources. The "How To" section on our web site provides links to online tutorials created by the Van Houten and Architecture Libraries' staff.



Posted subjects include tutorials in evaluating web resources, searching the Avery Index, finding images, articles, books, information on architects, etc. More subject tutorials are forthcoming.

In addition to reference services, we continue to offer library tours, individual and group instruction,

and subject consultations. We consider conducting them in the library as well as in studios. I hope to have an opportunity to discuss these various options with you.

Journals

It has been well established that art and architectural periodicals tend to retain their value longer than science journals, so old architectural journals are still in great demand. That is why we decided to acquire some of them retrospectively to replace missing or never purchased issues of journals such as *Abitare*, *Perspecta*, *A+U*, and *El Croquis*. To maintain our collection in proper condition we continue to send our print journals for binding. Eighteen titles, 131 bound volumes (approximately 500 issues) were sent to the bindery in June.

How to find new books at the library?

Over the summer we acquired more new books, among them a 10-volume set of *World Architecture: a critical mosaic 1900-2000* (Princeton Architectural Press), publications "In Detail" (a series by Birkhauser), monographs on architects, architectural history, its theory and practice, urban design, etc. To browse a list of Library's new acquisition visit our "New books" database at:

<http://library1.njit.edu/newbooks/>

Please also check the new books shelf located above current periodicals. As usually we would appreciate

your suggestions for purchases, and will notify you upon arrival of a requested publication.

Siena Summer Program:

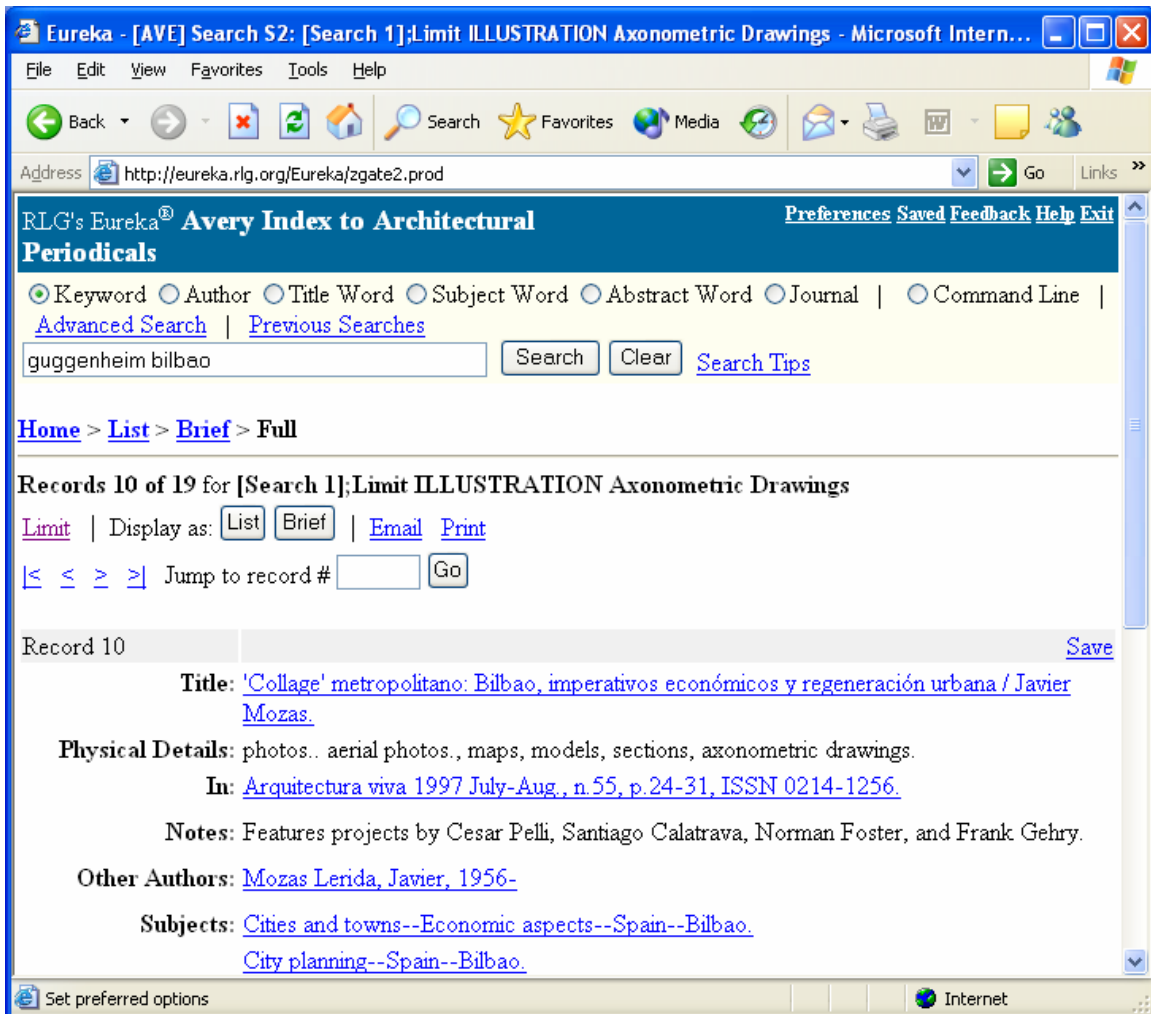
In June Library launched a new website designed for participants of the Siena Summer Program:

<http://library1.njit.edu/archlib/class-materials/siena/>

Along with essential administrative information, it includes required readings, links to Italian museums, an architectural Image databases, an online dictionary, a collection of maps, and a few tips for travelers.

How to find images using Avery Index?

A new feature - illustration limit - is available for searching the Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals. Now you can limit search results of 10,000 records or fewer to 21 standardized illustration terms that may be selected from a compiled list. You can select records with aerial photos, plans, charts, elevations, site plans, etc. To use this feature perform a regular search first, then select limit option, limit your search to illustrations, chose a kind of illustration (plan, site plan, elevation, etc) and apply limits. You will receive a list of articles containing the images you specified.



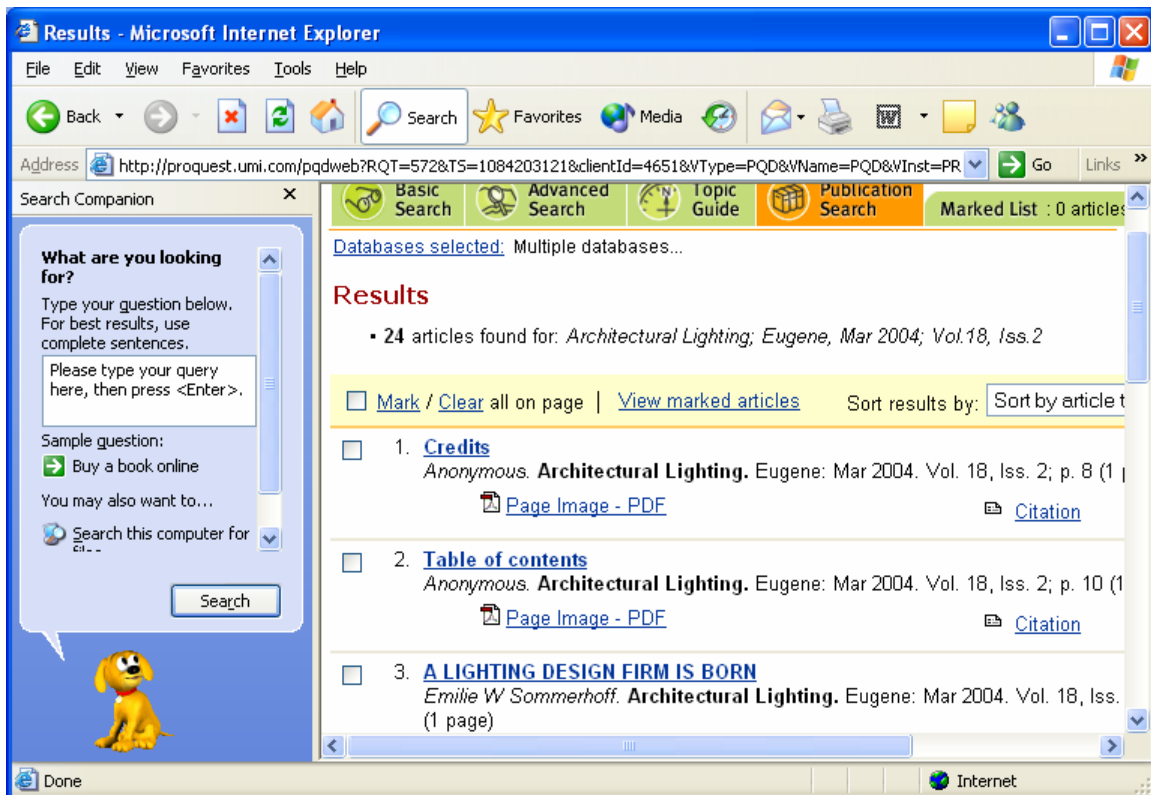
For example, this screen demonstrates a search for articles with Isometric drawings of the Guggenheim museum in Bilbao.

How to find full-text articles in electronic format?

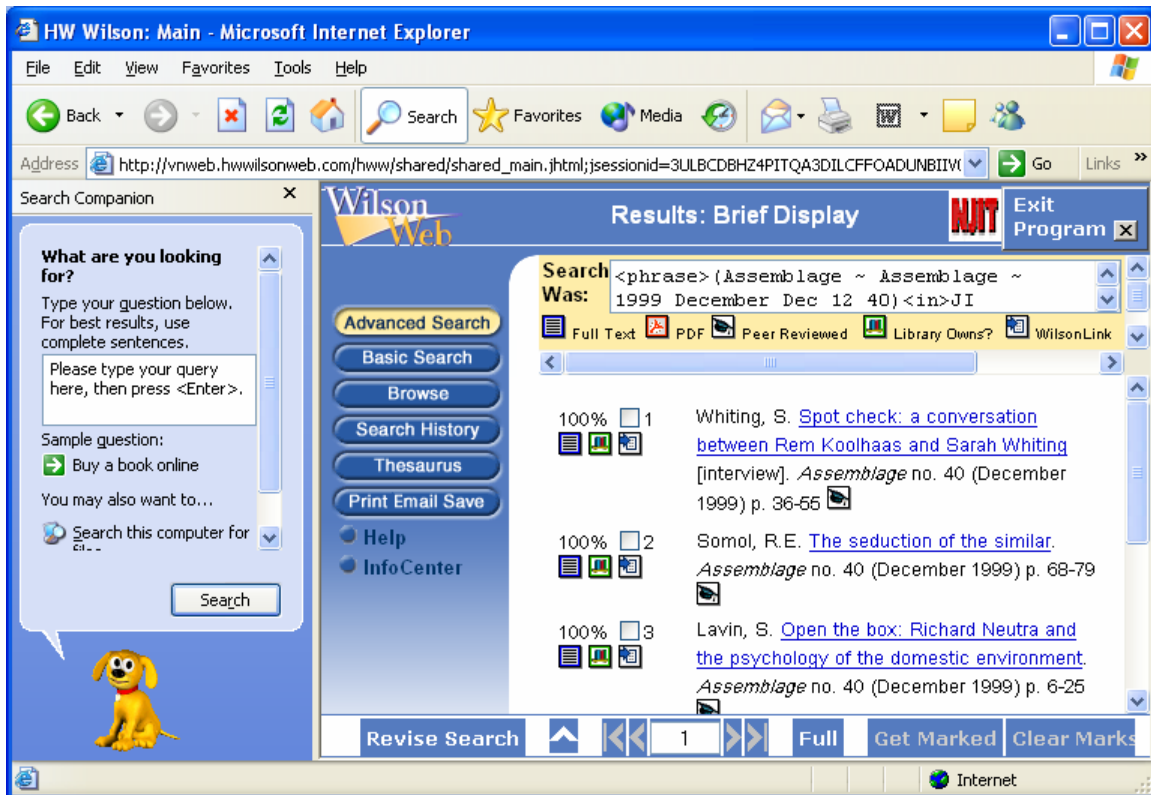
As you know, many journals and conference proceedings are available now not only in print but also in electronic format. To get access to full-text e-

journals and conference materials at NJIT go to:
<http://library.njit.edu/journals/index.php>

You can either search by specific title or browse by subject. When you select a title click on highlighted name of the provider (for example, Academic Search premier or LexisNexis Academic) and then chose the year and issue of the journal of your choice.



Some journals are available in either HTML or PDF formats, some in both, so you can select the one of your preference. In previous issues of our Newsletter we discussed e-journals in architecture. In addition to them you might want to explore those in transportation, social science, psychology, engineering, management, etc.



Please keep in mind that not the full run of journals is available online, so while searching online journals make sure to check the range of full-text coverage. To find more on finding articles at the library read our online tutorial at: <http://library1.njit.edu/archlib/howto/findanarticle.htm>

New visual resources on the Web:

The Visual Collections site from the Cartography Associates announced new free resources available at <http://www.davidrumsey.com/collections>

There are both free and subscription-based collections organized in five topics: Cartography, Fine Arts, Architecture, Photography and Other. Among architecture collections are works of Andrew

Dickson White (the first president of Cornell University) collection of the Architectural Photographs of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century architecture, decorative arts and sculpture and collection of images of the first century Tampa's architectural history.

...and finally our Survey:

Please help the library to improve services by completing and submitting the attached survey questionnaire. Once again, we need your feedback and always appreciate your suggestion.

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Dear all! By answering the following questions you will help us to improve our services. Thank you for the time you take to complete this survey. You can return it by mail, e-mail (Maya at maya.gervits@njit.edu or Erin at erin.finnerty@njit.edu), with Robin or at the Architecture Library Circulation Desk. Thank you, and have a good summer!

SOA Faculty Library survey

1. What library services you find satisfactory? Dissatisfactory? Are there other services that the library does not have now and you would like to see?
 - • Course reserves
 - • Image database
 - • Library instruction
 - • Reference and other assistance
 - • Photocopying/scanning
 - • Books, journals, e-periodicals and databases selection
 - • Interlibrary loan
2. What would be your first choice in learning about new or revised library services? (newsletter, e-mail, poster, faculty meeting, other suggestions?)
3. What are your top priorities for the library?
 - Maintain quality of print collection
 - Provide electronic access to older journals
 - Fill gaps in periodical subscriptions
 - Provide course reserve materials electronically (see: Course Materials at the Architecture library website <http://library1.njit.edu/archlib>)
 - Deliver full-text documents to your computer
 - Provide training in using library/web resources
 - Other suggestions
4. Are you satisfied with your students' library research skills?
 - • Would you encourage them to attend library instruction? Do you find library online tutorials helpful?
(<http://library1.njit.edu/archlib/howto/index.cfm>)
7. Are you familiar with the Architecture Library website?
 - • What have you looked for in the library's homepage that you have trouble finding?
 - • What changes in the library homepage would you suggest?
8. Are you familiar with EZ-Proxy as an alternative to the VPN as a way of accessing the library's electronic databases and journals remotely?
9. How do you believe the library can help you in teaching?