SARL Online Databases, 2024

Many library databases are licensed and must be accessed through the Spencer Art Reference Library database page: https://nelson-atkins.org/library/online-library-resources. Freely available resources are noted and do not require log-in.

For access from inside the museum, simply select the database and you should have full access. Museum staff can access subscription databases offsite by navigating to the library database page, selecting the needed database and, when prompted, entering your museum credentials.

For questions about the databases, the online catalog or for assistance with your research please contact the Reference Desk: 816-751-1216

ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES

Oxford Art Online: Grove Art Online
Dictionary of Art, with biographical information on artists, artistic movements, bibliographies. The articles are regularly updated, and new entries added.

Oxford Art Online: Benezit Dictionary of Artists
About 170,000 entries from the physical volumes, plus new biographies available only online.

Heilbrunn Timeline of Art History: The Metropolitan Museum of Art*
Explore the history of art, through essays, timelines geographic visualizations that contextualize the encyclopedia collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
*Freely available resource

Missouri Remembers: Artists in Missouri through 1951*
Missouri Remembers documents visual artists who were active in Missouri. Use this resource to learn about the artists, exhibitions, and institutions that have defined the state’s artistic culture. *Freely available resource

ARTICLES, AUCTION CATALOGS: INDEXES AND FULL-TEXT

Artbibliographies Modern
Provides discovery through indexing of art related articles from 1974 onwards on modern and contemporary art.

Article First
Indexes articles listed on the table of contents for multi-disciplinary journals from 1990 to the present. Contains over 34,000,000 records.
Art and Architecture Source (1929 – present)
Provides full-text access to 272 journals and indexing of 372 journals in a wide range of art related subjects including art history, ceramics, contemporary art, decorative arts, graphic art, and museology.

Art Index Retrospective (1929 – 1984)
Provides discovery through indexing of articles related to art and literature published between 1929-1984.

Bibliography of Asian Studies (1971 – present)
Indexing of over 900,000 citations since 1971 of Western-language articles, conference proceedings and edited volumes with a focus on the humanities and social sciences.

Clase And Periódica Index of Latin American Journals
Index of Latin American journals in the sciences and humanities.

International Bibliography of Art (2007 – present)
Provides discovery through indexing of art related articles published after 2007. IBA is the successor to the freely available Bibliography of Art which indexes articles from over 1,200 journals.

Design & Applied Arts Index (1973 – present)
Provides discovery through indexing of articles on applied arts like product design, illustration, graphic design, and ceramics from 1973 to the present.

Firstsearch (OCLC Worldcat, ArticleFirst, and other sources)
Seamlessly search for specific editions or search across multiple OCLC databases at the same time.

SCIPIO (licensed for only one user at a time)
A searchable database of uniformly described information on auction catalogs. The library only has one subscription to this resource. If you are not able to access it, try again later. If you are in the database, close your browser window when you are done with your research to allow others access.

JSTOR (1665 – present) & 3+ million images
Archive of full-text scholarly articles & 3+ million images (1665 – present)
Full-text access to over 12 million articles, books and images from over 75 disciplines.

Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts*
Search across 241 journals to discover articles published on topics in library and information science studies.
*Freely available resource

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IMAGES

ARTstor*
Access to over 2 million images from museums, archives, scholars, and artists - all rights cleared for use in education and research.

*ARTstor will be combined with JSTOR in 2024. The Artstor website will be retired on August 1, 2024, and all information will then only be accessible through JSTOR

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Collection Search*
Search the Nelson-Atkins' collection for images of art works in the collection as well as additional information like publication history and provenance.

*Freely available resource

NEWSPAPERS

The British Newspaper Archive (1600s to present) - COMING SOON *
Search millions of digitized newspapers pages from the British Library's collection. The collection includes publications from the 1600s to the present with a focus on England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. *Access generously funded in memory of Dr. Roger Ward

Newspapers.com (1700s to 2000s)
Largest repository of historic newspapers, mostly from the US, including full-text searchable access to over 24,000+ newspapers

New York Times Online (1851-current date minus 4 years)
Full-text and keyword searching of the NYT digital archive.

The Times of London Digital Archive (1785-current date minus five years)
Full-text and keyword searching of the Times of London digital archive.

ART SALES

ARTNET
Searchable auction information from international auction houses on art objects and decorative arts from 1985 to the present. The library also subscribes to the Decorative Arts price archive, which is an additional subscription cost.

Art Price
Searchable auction information from international auction houses from 1986 – present.

AskArt
Focused on American artists and many smaller regional auction houses that are not captured in other art sales databases. Provides biographical, bibliographic, collection, dealer, auction, and image information.

Invaluable

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Searchable auction information from international auction houses from 1986 – present. Requires specific log-in credentials. Please ask the reference desk for passwords.

**Lugt’s Répertoire des Catalogue de Ventes**
Search across an index of over 100,000 art sales catalogs published between 1600 – 1925. *Freely available resource, however our library does not subscribe to the portion of the database that allows access to the digital copies of these catalogs.*

**SPECIALIZED RESOURCES**

**Ancestry**
Search the world’s largest genealogical site to discover census records, marriage, birth certificates and more. *Not available off-site*

**Archives Grid**
Search descriptions of content held in archives around the world. *Freely available resource*

**AATA Online: Abstracts of International Conservation Literature**
Search abstracts and indexing of literature relating to conservation and preservation in this freely available database maintained by the Getty. *Freely available resource*

**Collaborative ART Archive (CARTA)**
CARTA archives art-related web content to be searchable, even after the page has disappeared from the web. *Access generously funded in memory of Dr. Roger Ward*

**Chicago Manual of Style**
Subscription resources that provides digital access to the full style guide.

**Digital Scriptorium**
Explore the Spencer Art Reference Library’s Karen Gould Collection of Medieval Manuscripts and Early Printed Leaves. *Freely available resource*

**NELSON-ATKINS SPECIFIC RESOURCES**

**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Collection Search**
Search the Nelson-Atkins’ collection for images of art works in the collection as well as additional information like publication history and provenance. *Freely available resource*

**Digitized Collections**
Search a growing collection of digitized publications and archive materials from the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art’s Spencer Art Reference Library & Archives.
*Freely available resource*

**Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Archives**
Search descriptions of the collections held in the museum’s archives.
*Freely available resource*

**CROSS INDEX SEARCH TIPS & TOOLS**

**EBSCO**
To search multiple EBSCO hosted sites at once, select DATABASES at the top of the page of one of the following sites on the library database page:
**Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts; Teacher Reference Center; Art Index Retrospective; Art & Architecture Source; Bibliography of Asian Studies**

**PROQUEST**
To search multiple PROQUEST hosted sites at once, select the menu icon (hamburger button) at the top left of the page, then select CHANGE DATABASES on one of the following sites on the library database page:
**ARTbibliographies Modern (ABM); Design & Applied Arts Index (DAAI); International Bibliography of Art; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The New York Times; Publicly Available Content Database.**

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