

Western Nevada College



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Fine Arts Research Guide

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LOCATING BOOKS ON THE LIBRARY SHELVES (Library of Congress Classification)

All universities and community colleges in Nevada use the Library of Congress Classification System to organize their books. Books are arranged A-Z, with each letter corresponding to a subject. Most art books are shelved in the N section, and then subdivided according to topic.

Library of Congress classifications for fine arts:

N	Art
N40	Artists
NA	Architecture
NB	Sculpture
NC	Drawing. Design. Illustration
ND	Painting
NE	Print media
NK	Decorative arts
NX	Arts in general
TR	Photography

RESERVE MATERIALS

Instructors often set materials aside for their students behind the library's circulation desk at WNC campuses. Loan periods vary according to the instructor and type of material; most range between two hours and seven days.

THE LIBRARY CATALOG

WNC library books are listed in an online (computer) catalog shared by WNC, University of Nevada, Reno and Great Basin College libraries. The catalog is accessible from the library's home page.

REFERENCE BOOKS (specialized encyclopedias, dictionaries, and handbooks)

Reference books contain facts and background information on many subjects. They are an excellent place to begin your research. Shelved in a special section of the library, they are indicated by the letters REF before the call number. While they cannot be checked out, they can be photocopied. Earlier editions of some reference titles are placed with the circulating books and can be borrowed for 3 weeks. The reference books listed below are just a few of those available at the Carson City campus library.

- Art History. 2 vols. (REF N5300 .S923)
- Dictionary of Art. 34 vols. (REF N31 .D5)
- Encyclopedia of American Folk Art. (REF NK805 .E6)
- Encyclopedia of Sculpture. 3 vols. (REF NB198 .E53)

JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

WNC Library subscribes to journals in paper and electronic formats. The print journal subscriptions are arranged in alphabetical order (by journal title) in the periodicals area. The library keeps a list of its subscriptions at the reference and circulation desks.

The library subscribes to the following fine arts journals (in printed format):

- American Craft
- Architectural Digest
- Art in America
- Artforum
- Artist's Magazine
- ArtNews
- ArtWeek
- Sculpture

LOCATING JOURNAL ARTICLES THROUGH DATABASES & INDEXES

WNC Library & Media Services subscribes to many databases that provide the full-text of journal and newspaper articles as well as books. These can be accessed from any campus computer. Access is also available from off campus with a library-supplied password.

[Academic Search Premier](#) provides full text coverage for nearly 4,700 scholarly publications, including more than 3,700 peer-reviewed journals. Coverage spans virtually every area of academic study from current articles back to 1975.

[History Reference Center](#) offers full text from more than 650 history reference books and encyclopedias, 50 history magazines, 58,000 historical documents, 43,000 biographies and 12,000 historical photos, maps and other images.

[Masterfile Premier](#) provides indexing and abstracting to approximately 4,600 journals and general-interest magazines - 1,840 in full-text.

USEFUL WEB SITES:

[Art History Resources on the Web](#)
[Librarians' Index to the Internet – Art Sites](#)