Library Resources and Research Techniques for FSEM 100H7

Databases: Provide access to published material in magazines, journals, newspapers, and other sources. The UMW Library subscribes to these databases and they are part of the “Deep Web,” as opposed to the “Surface Web” or “Free Web.”

Finding the Art and Art History Subject Guide

- Click on “Guides” in the blue tab on the Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu, or click on “Research Guides” in the “Get Help” section.
  - Click on “Art and Art History” (http://libguides.umw.edu/art).

Finding Background Material (subject encyclopedias and other reference works)

- Define and narrow your topic: provide background material.
- Provide lists of other significant resources (that is, bibliographies).
- See the UMW Libraries Art & Art History subject guide for a list of titles. Some useful sources covering both art topics and artists include:

Finding Books

- Find books by author (last name first), title, subject headings (approved words and phrases that describe a topic), or just by typing words “anywhere.”
- Subject headings include:
  - Earthworks (Art)
  - (Environment)—Art
  - Landscapes in Art
  - Nature in art
- Books are shelved by call number: A – L (third floor) and M – Z (second floor).
- Reference books are on the first floor near the Reference Desk.
Finding Articles

Links to art-related databases and other resources that provide abstracts of articles (summaries) and full-text articles are available in the “Locating Articles” section of the UMW Libraries Art and Art History subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/art). Some of them include:

*Academic Search Complete* (coverage varies; as far back as the 1880s to date)
- Includes thousands of full-text academic journals and periodicals in a wide variety of disciplines.
- *Important:* Can click on “Choose Databases” to add additional databases, such as *Art Full Text* (works published 1984 to date) and *Art Index Retrospective* (works published 1929-1984). Also *America: History and Life, Humanities Full Text, and Humanities International Complete*
- Can also choose *all* the databases that are provided by this particular publisher.

*Art Index Retrospective* (works published 1929 to 1984)
*Art Full Text* (works published 1984 to date)
- Indexes a broad range of some 450 magazines and journals in the arts.
- Can click on “Choose Databases” to add additional databases.

Finding Books and Articles

*Quest*
- A search tool that allows users to find print and online resources at UMW Libraries through a single interface.
- Click on “Quest” from Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu.
- A search in Quest will locate:
  - Books, e-books, articles, DVDs, and much more.
- Covered in Quest are most of the Library’s databases, including:
  - *Academic Search Complete* (coverage varies, but as far back as 1880s to date)
  - *Art Full Text* (1984 to date) and *Art Index Retrospective* (1929 to 1984)
  - *JSTOR* (1800s to the last 1-5 years)
  - *Project Muse* (coverage varies; mostly 1995 to date)

Reviewing Your Research

- See the “Reviewing Your Research” tab on the UMW Libraries Art and Art History subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/art).

Citing Your Sources

- Click on “Cite Sources” in the “How Do I?” section on the Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu. (Also listed on the Art and Art History Library guide.)
- Provides links to guides to specific citation styles.
- Remember to check your citations using the UMW citation guides!