

LIBRARY RESOURCES  
FOR  
ART HISTORY  
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NOTE: For an overview of the research process, see *EMPOWER* at <http://library.wichita.edu/empower/>.

### General Tips for Searching E-resources

(Note: The following techniques usually work with online catalogs, periodical databases, reference databases, search engines, and other standard library resources):

- To search for phrases, enclose them within double quotation marks:
    - "south carolina"
  - To search for multiple endings of words, use the asterisk in place of the variant endings. This technique is known as "truncation."
    - paint\* (retrieves "painting," "paintings," "painter," "painters," etc.)
    - educat\* (retrieves "educate," "educated," "education," "educational," etc.)
  - To find all terms, use the "and" command. This command narrows your search.
    - degas and women
    - NOTE: Certain resources (e.g., Google) *assume* an "and" between multiple search terms, so you don't need to include one there.
  - To find synonymous/equally acceptable terms, use the "or" command (and enclose the phrase within parentheses):
    - degas and (danc\* or ballet or ballerina\*)
  - use either caps or lower case.
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- Reference/Background Materials
    - You might want to browse the Reference Area in these call number ranges:
      - Art: 700's
      - Sculpture: 730's
      - Drawing and Decorative Arts: 740's
      - Painting: 750's
      - Graphic Arts: 760's
      - Photography: 770's
    - You might also want to consider the electronic reference sources listed on the "Art History" page within the library's "E-resources by Subject" section: <http://www.converse.edu/academics/mickel-library/research/e-resources-by-subject/art-history/>. *Credo* and *Oxford Reference*, both of which comprise hundreds of reference "books" on all subjects, are especially useful.
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- Books
    - To find (printed) books in Converse's Mickel Library, use the Mickel Library Catalog (<http://marie.converse.edu/screens/opacmenu.html>):

- “Subject” searches: use when searching for a single concept and you know the official Library of Congress-designated subject heading(s), e.g.,
        - cassatt, mary 1844 1926 -- criticism and interpretation
        - mary, blessed virgin, saint -- art
        - animals in art
      - “Keyword” searches: use when combining multiple concepts and/or you don’t know the subject heading, e.g.,
        - “monumental sculpture”
        - (postmodern\* or concept\*) and art
    - To find eBooks, use the *eBook Collection from EBSCOhost* and *eBrary eBooks* on the EBook Databases page (<http://www.converse.edu/academics/mickel-library/research/e-book-databases>)
    - To find books in college/university libraries in South Carolina, use PASCAL Delivers (<http://www.pascalcat.org/>)
    - To find books in libraries throughout the U.S., use WorldCat (<http://www.worldcat.org/>)
- Periodical Articles
  - *Art Full Text* (<http://0-search.ebscohost.com.marie.converse.edu/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=ehost&defaultdb=aft>) -- indexes over 400 art periodicals from 1984 to the present; from 1997 to the present, it includes the complete text of articles from around 150 of these periodicals.
    - Sample search:
      - kara and walker and stereotyp\* and (race or races or racial)
      - homer and winslow and (sea or ocean)
  - *Academic Search Complete* (<http://0-search.ebscohost.com.marie.converse.edu/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=ehost&defaultdb=a9h>) -- one of the world’s largest academic multi-disciplinary databases, *Academic Search Complete* provides indexing to over 12k periodicals (the majority are peer-reviewed journals) and includes the full text of over 8k of these.
    - Sample search:
      - (“still life” or “still lives”) and painting and (contemporary or modern)
  - *JSTOR* (<http://0-www.jstor.org.marie.converse.edu/action/showAdvancedSearch>)-- a database of articles primarily from the back issues (3 years old and older) of hundreds of scholarly journals in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Converse subscribes to these particular JSTOR collections: Arts & Sciences I, II, III, V, VII, and VIII. This database does *not* offer a keyword search *per se*, so searching the “full-text” is generally the best way to search it, even if you might

need to use a more detailed search statement (i.e., one with more terms and more conditions).

- Finding Out If Our Library Owns a Particular Periodical
  - To find an article for which you've found only a citation, you'll need to check two places, both of which will be linked here:  
<http://www.converse.edu/academics/mickel-library/research/periodicals/>
  - Clicking the "E-periodicals" link brings up *CASE*, a database that lists the periodicals the library owns in electronic format
    - Key in the title (or at least the first word or two of the title) in the box to the right of the box with the words, "Title Begins With."
  - Clicking the "Print/Microform Periodicals" link brings up the Mickel Library Catalog which will list all of the periodicals the library owns in either paper or microform formats
    - Search by journal title (not article title!)
- If you have any questions about finding an article, please contact one of the librarians for assistance.
  
- Using InterLibrary Loan
  - Once you've determined that our library doesn't own an article or book, you have a couple of options for obtaining materials from other libraries.
    - For **books**, first check out **PASCAL Delivers** (<http://www.pascalcat.org/>), a statewide system that allows you to borrow books from other South Carolina college and universities; these books generally arrive in just a few days!
    - For **books not available through PASCAL and all other materials (such as journal articles)**, select "Interlibrary Loan" from this page (<http://www.converse.edu/academics/mickel-library/library-services/interlibrary-loanpascal-delivers/>) and log in. Please make sure that you select the correct form (e.g., Journal Article Request, Book Request) and fill it out as completely as you can. Articles generally arrive within 2-7 business days, while books usually take 5-14 business days.