Art & Design and Digital Design information sources

As a member of The University of Salford you have access to a wide range of resources including books, journals, electronic journals and websites. This guide outlines some ways in which information relating to art and design can be found using Library resources.

Books

To find books on your chosen subject you will need to search using **Library Search**. You can access this by clicking on **Library Search** via the **Student Channel** at www.salford.ac.uk/students Choose **Library & Learning Support** then **Library Search**.

Each site has dedicated Quick Search PCs located on each floor, where you can use Library Search. You can perform various kinds of searches to find the items you need.

For more information see the Frequently Asked Questions at www.Salford.libanswers.com

Finding books in other libraries

As a member of the University of Salford you have access to a number of local and national libraries.

- **NoWAL** (North West Academic Libraries) – allows access to all NoWAL members' University library catalogues: https://nowalsite.wordpress.com/about

- **British Library Catalogue** – lists over 13 million items in the British Library collection:

  www.explore.bl.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1

- **COPAC** – provides access to the online catalogues of some of the largest university research libraries in the UK and Ireland: http://copac.ac.uk/.

Directories, yearbooks and handbooks

There are a number of useful publications held on permanent reference at Clifford Whitworth Library. These include directories and yearbooks, as well as valuable current awareness publications:

Design
- Contemporary Architects
- Contemporary Designers
- Contemporary Photographers
- Creative Industries: Critical Readings
- Encyclopedia of Advertising
- Encyclopedia of Interior Design
- Interior Design and Architecture: Critical and Primary Sources

Visual arts

- Contemporary Artists
- Dictionary of Art (Grove's)
- Concise Dictionary of Women Artists

- Penguin Dictionary of Art and Artists

Fashion
- Peclers
- Little Black Book

- Contemporary Fashion
- Textiles: Critical and Primary Sources

Database searching and journal articles

Access to all of the available electronic resources is via **Library Search**.
You can access this via the **Student Channel** at: www.salford.ac.uk/students
As well as searching for books, audio-visual material etc, you can use Library Search for finding journal articles on a particular topic. It is recommended for 1st year students and is a good way to get started on using journal articles.

1. Enter your search terms into **Library Search**, choosing the **Articles & More** option, and click the **Search** icon.
2. When you find an article that looks useful, click on **Full Text Available**.
3. If the full text (complete journal article online) is available, you can click on **PDF** or **Full Text** to view the article.
4. Don't forget to check for paper journals if the journal title or year you require is not available electronically.

Databases

Use this approach to find information (mainly journal articles) on a particular topic.

To find a specific database click on the **Databases** link in **Library Search**, then choose from the A-Z list. Useful databases in your subject area include:

- **Academic Search Premier** – general full text journal article resource, good for most areas in art & design; frequently includes full colour illustrations.
- **Arts & Humanities Full Text** – gives full text access to journal articles on all aspects of art, design and fashion, also has illustrations.
- **JSTOR** – general full text academic journal article resource; very good for visual arts but can also be useful in other areas, e.g. architecture, graphic design, heritage. Black and white illustrations.
- **Emerald Insight** – business-based full text journal resource; useful for areas such as fashion, heritage, product design, design management, and the computer games industry.
- **Architects' Journal including AJ Buildings Library** – combines the Architects' Journal (the UK's best-selling weekly architecture magazine) with a database of drawings from over 1,500 building projects.
- **RIBA British Architectural Library Catalogue** – indexes around 300 architecture journals, some of which are available in paper form in Clifford Whitworth library.

- **Business Source Premier** – don't be put off by the title – it is actually good for full text articles on design topics, including Computer & Video Games.
- **British Pathe** – digital news archive, enabling the viewing of Pathe news clips from 1896 to 1970; good for fashion and design history.
- **British Standards Online** – full text British and international standards.
- **Greenfile** – useful for ecological aspects of design; includes full text.
- **Hospitality and Tourism Complete** – references to journal articles for the tourism industry, including heritage material.
- **IEEE Xplore** – known as an electronics and engineering database, but contains many useful full text articles on technical aspects of art and design, e.g. product design, computer games, and animation.
- **Leisuretourism.com** – contains worldwide information on research and strategic development of leisure, recreation, sport, tourism and hospitality activities.
- **LS:N** – trend prediction for all areas of design, great for illustrations, articles and statistics.
- **Vogue (US) Archive** – searchable archive of the American Vogue magazine, from 1892 to the present day. Completely full text, great for fashion history and for illustrations.
- **WGSN** – Essential to the study of fashion, WGSN is the leading online trend-analysis and research service providing creative and business intelligence for the apparel, style, design and retail industries. Excellent for illustrations.
  (**Please note** – available on campus only).

Off campus access

We recommend that you access all Databases via **Library Search** as, where possible, dedicated University of Salford login links have been set up to accept your network username and password (i.e. UIS123 etc). If you access resources via another route you will usually need to go via the 'Login via your Institution / Library / Organisation / Shibboleth' link. This route will also require your network username and password.

If you encounter any problems, please contact the Enquiry Desk (t: 0161 295 5535, e: library@salford.ac.uk).

Electronic journals

Find an e-Journal
Use this approach to **browse** specific journals, e.g. for current awareness. The Library provides access to thousands of electronic journals. To search for an electronic version of a journal, go to **Library Search** and click on the e-Journals link. Similar in layout and function to **Databases**, this screen allows you to search by journal title.

Find articles on a topic
To save time browsing through the journal titles, search the databases via **Library Search** or **Databases** to locate articles, and if necessary use the Findit@Salford link

to locate the full text for the relevant journal. Don't forget to check for **paper journals** using Library Search if the title or year you require is not available electronically.

Paper journals

Check **Library Search** to obtain full holdings information. A title search will tell you whether or not we keep a journal, the dates of our holdings, and the site where it is held.

Electronic books

The Library has a growing collection of electronic books (digital versions of print books). The quickest way to access them is through **Library Search** – search it in the usual way (e.g. by keyword), limiting the collection to the e-Book catalogue, and click on the **Online Access** link to go to the e-Book. Many e-Books require your **Network username and password**, even on campus.

Box of Broadcasts and Alexander Street Video

Box of Broadcasts, frequently known as BoB, is a useful resource for playing back and requesting off-air video and audio recordings. It is provided by the British Universities Film & Video Council (BUFVC) and can be used to record, store and create clips from television and radio broadcasts. BoB is a streaming service **available to you personally for academic purposes** during your time at the University of Salford. BoB can be accessed through the **Databases** link in **Library Search**.

If you have any questions about using BoB, see the Frequently Asked Questions at www.salford.libanswers.com

Alexander Street Video, also accessed through the Databases link in Library Search, is another great resource for audio-visual material, including many documentaries on Art & Design topics not available on BoB.

Document Delivery

The Library may not stock everything you require for a specific subject. However, we can often borrow material from other libraries or the British Library. See the *Document Delivery* guide for more information at: www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides .

Newspapers

Nexis Business & News contains full text coverage of major British and American national newspapers, as well as many local and regional newspapers from both countries. It also contains an extensive collection of other international news sources.The database has a 30-year archive, but individual publications may vary. It is very useful for articles on contemporary artists and designers, although there are no illustrations. Access via **Library Search**, then **Databases**.

Company information

Company or business information is available through the following databases, accessible through **Library Search** (choose **Databases**):

- FAME
- Hoover's Online

Market information

Useful sources of market information include the following, also accessed through **Library Search**:

- Mintel

In addition, paper copies of *Which? Magazine* are held at Clifford Whitworth library.

Theses

The University of Salford's postgraduate theses are all listed in **Library Search**; limit to Books & More, and search for e.g.:

Design management theses

The theses are in kept in the Store and need to be requested at a Library Enquiry Desk.

Specialised indexes, accessible from **Library Search** (choose **Databases**), for tracing theses and dissertations include:

- **Proquest Dissertations and theses** – covering mainly North American doctoral dissertations and Masters theses. Indexing 1861 - ; Abstracts 1938 -
- **EThOS** - Provides access to UK doctoral theses with some links to full text.

Subject gateways

- **Abacus Construction Index** – gateway for architects, designers and the construction industry, with news, events and links to many other sites including interior designers: www.construction-index.com/
- **Culture 24** – gateway to UK museum and gallery websites, searchable by topic: www.culture24.org.uk/home

Some useful websites

- **AXIS** – information about artists and crafts people working in Britain: www.axisweb.org/
- **Design Council** – a wealth of online resources related to design, including reports, facts and figures, and blogs: www.designcouncil.org.uk/.

In addition, there are many useful websites for finding images to inspire your work. For details of these, visit www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides and see the General guide *Images: Finding the right image*.

Audio visual sources

Clifford Whitworth library has a large collection of DVDs and compact discs, together with viewing and listening facilities. All materials can be traced using Library Search and, in some cases, the contents fields of CDs can be searched using the keyword option.

Computer Games, as well as DVDs, Blu-Rays, and Sound Effects/ Background Music CDs, are kept at the Library at **MediaCityUK**.

Photocopying | Printing | Scanners

Colour photocopying, scanners and printing facilities are available at all the University's libraries

Further assistance

Documentation on individual services provided by The Library is available at Library Enquiry Desks. If you are having problems tracing information, please ask for help.

Your Academic Support Librarian – Andy Callen

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Online help and details of training	www.salford.ac.uk/skillsforlearning

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