FINDING REPRODUCTIONS OF ARTWORKS

A Guide to Resources in the Cleveland Institute of Art Library

FINDING DIGITAL IMAGES

As a patron of the CIA Library, you have access to several web-based, subscription image databases. These should be your first stop as they contain high quality images. Some require you to access them from on campus, others can be accessed off campus once you set up an account or have the login information. The Internet is a good source for images, and using a search engine is an easy way to look for reproductions of artworks. If you know what museum owns a specific work of art, it might be best to locate that museum’s web site and then search for the art object.

- ARTstor – contains over 1.5 million images
- AskART
- Oxford Art Online
- OhioLINK Digital Resources Commons
- Artcyclopedia
- Mark Harden’s Archive
- Web Gallery of Art
- Art History Resources on the Web
- Google Images

Remember: The Internet is constantly changing; the library staff cannot guarantee content or address accuracy.

FINDING REPRODUCTIONS IN PERIODICALS

Look up the artist’s last name in these indexes:

- Art Full Text
- daai (design and applied art index)
- Art In Life (Life magazine) Gen.Ref. N/7525/.C55
- Art In Time (Time magazine) Gen.Ref. N/7225/.H38

FINDING REPRODUCTIONS IN BOOKS AND EXHIBITION CATALOGS

Look up the artist's or designer’s last name as a SUBJECT in the LIBRARY CATALOG.
INDEXES TO REPRODUCTIONS IN BOOKS

Look up the artist’s last name, the title of the art work, or its subject in the following:

- Index to Art Reproductions in Books – Gen.Ref. N/7525/.H48
- Index to Reproductions of American Painting – Gen.Ref. ND/205/.S575
- Index to Reproductions of European Paintings – Gen.Ref. ND/45/.M6
- Index to Two-Dimensional Art Works – Gen.Ref. N/7525/.K67
- Print Index – Gen.Ref. NE/90/.P17
- Sculpture Index – Gen.Ref. NB/36/.C55
- World Painting Index – Gen.Ref. ND/45/.H38

FINDING REPRODUCTIONS IN THE IMAGE COLLECTION

Your first steps should be to check the first four resources on the first page of this handout. If you are unable to locate an image you need in any of those subscription-based resources, please contact a member of the library staff about accessing the CIA Image Collection.

To access the CIA Image Collection, you’ll need to ask the Image Librarian for an account first.

FINDING REPRODUCTIONS OF AN ART WORK IN THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART

There are several ways to locate reproductions of works of art in the Cleveland Museum of Art. See the "Cleveland Museum of Art Objects: 4 Easy Steps for Researching Information on CMA Objects" handout.

REMEMBER: Most art reproductions are copyrighted!

CAN’T FIND ANYTHING? Ask the library staff for help.

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