

Art History Pathfinder

This pathfinder contains search terms to use when researching subjects related to art history. The provided search terms are *examples* of common terms or phrases and can be used as a starting point for your research. All of the resources listed below are available on or off campus through the Library tab in Campus Connect or at www.ivytech.edu/library/evansville.

Finding Web resources: IvyLynks are a collection of websites that have been reviewed and approved by Ivy Tech librarians. By using these sites, you can be assured that the information you find will be accurate and useable.

Finding a book: To find a book at the Ivy Tech Carter Library go to the library's homepage. The **Search IvyCat** link will take you to our online catalog. From here you can find print and electronic books. Since the catalog is designed to show you what is available at all of the Ivy Tech campuses, you may want to limit your search to what is available at the Evansville campus. To set location limits:

- Go to the **Limits** button in the lower right corner of the screen.
- In the box labeled **Location** select either Evansville for print and electronic books or Region 12 for print only.

The terms below may be used as a starting point for your search. Subject terms refer to phrases describing the main focus of the article or book and are assigned by librarians. Keywords may be found in part of the title, the author's name, abstract, or they can be found in the text of an item.

Subject Terms (Locations and time periods should be entered as Art, ___)	Keywords
Egyptian, Roman, Greek, Byzantine, Russian, Spanish, Islamic, Jewish, Christian, Japanese, Chinese, India, Medieval, Renaissance, Prehistoric, Sculpture, Painting, Architecture, Monuments, Temples.	Archeology, Art, Art history, names of artists, names of specific pieces of art, Names of specific building or structures, name of a particular style.

Search tips: These terms can be used individually or with Boolean connectors. The three Boolean connectors are: **and**, **or**, **not**. **And** will tell the database to look for both terms in the same article (for example statuary and Roman). **Or** will tell the database to look for either of the words in the article (for example Greek or Roman). **Not** will exclude articles that contain the second word (for example Greek not Roman).

By combining search terms with these connectors you can customize your search to produce better results. Do not get carried away though. If you narrow down the search too much (for example Greek and Roman and Egyptian) the database may not retrieve any items because it will be looking for articles that contain all three words. You will get better results if you do separate searches for each.

Another way to make the most of your search is to use truncation. By adding an asterisk to the end of a root word you can find more information. For example if you enter **hist*** into a database or **hist?** in the catalog it will return results that contain the words history, historical, historian, and historically.

If Carter Library does not have the books that you need, widen your search by removing the location limit to see if there is a book that interests you at another campus. We will contact other campuses and have the book sent to Evansville. If you still aren't finding what you want, contact us at r12-library@lists.ivytech.edu or 812-429-1412 for help. Or search WorldCat from the Virtual Library home page at www.ivytech.edu/library/evansville. From here you can see if another Evansville library has the book you wish to read or place an interlibrary loan (ILL) request for a title from libraries nationwide. Read <http://www.ivytech.edu/library/evansville/libraryinfo/HowToSubmitAnILLRequest.pdf> for more information on placing requests. As an Ivy Tech student you can sign up for an ALI card and use it to check out materials from USI and U of E. Both schools have excellent art history collections and can help you find more print materials.

Finding articles:

These databases can be accessed through the Virtual Library homepage. Click on the link for *Select Resources by Subject* and then select the *Art & Humanities* link. The terms and techniques listed above can also be used in the databases.

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO): This database contains articles from a wide variety of sources and covers many subject areas. It includes full text and peer reviewed articles. Academic Search Premier will have many articles on art, artists, architecture, etc.

MasterFile (EBSCO): MasterFile is a multi-disciplinary database and contains journal and reference articles, as well as, primary sources, newspaper articles, images, and biographies. MasterFile is frequently updated and will have current information in your topic. This is a good starting place if you need a wide variety of sources.

Research Library (ProQuest): Research Library is another large multi-discipline database that contains scholarly and peer reviewed articles on a wide variety of topics. Many of the articles will be full text. Research Library will have information on art, exhibits, artists, and more.

SIRS Renaissance: SIRS Renaissance is a database that contains articles, images, and reference sources. It offers coverage on modern art and artists, as well as information on more well known figures. SIRS will help you find sources on many aspects of art and art history.

Remember, this pathfinder is a starting point. It does not contain all the relevant sources or search terms. Always do multiple searches. You will find better sources if you search more than once. If you need any help accessing or using these resources please ask the library staff for assistance.