

Architecture: information sources

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Books

Classmarks

20th Century Architecture	724.9		
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Art Techniques	701.8		
Cultural Theory	335.4		
Design History	745.449	or	745.444
Design Theory	745.2	or	745.4
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Furniture	749		
Game Design	794.8		
Garden Design	712		
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Graphs and Charts	519.50728		
Illustration	741.6		
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Landscape Design	719		

Metalwork	739		
Photographs	779		
Regeneration	307		
Sustainability	333.7		
Symbolism in Art	704.946		
Theatre Design	792.025		
Town Planning	711		
Typography	655.14	or	686.21 to 686.225
Web Design	741.60886213		

Reference

Encyclopaedias and dictionaries

Grove Art Online

- On Information Databases page of Library Online
- Over 40,000 articles on art and culture with extensive links to images: more than 20,000 web links to museum and gallery sites, and free access to the Bridgeman Art Library Online.

Data books

Architects' Data

- Shelved at 721.0212
- Design data for all major types of buildings. Has a section on gardens. Gives illustration, plans, diagrams and tables.

Environmental Resource Guide

- Shelved at 720.47 (reference only)
- The aim of this guide is to help design professionals make environmentally informed choices when they select and specify building materials. It leads to other information sources that address environmentally responsible building design as well as sources on specific topics, for example lighting design.

Time-Saver Standards for Architectural Design Data

- Shelved at 725.01 (reference only)

- Covers the latest developments in architectural design as well as basic information on design practices. Includes energy, conservation, solar heating, and design for the disabled.
- Divided into basic data, structural design, materials and techniques, and environmental control.

Time-Saver Standards for Building Types

- Shelved at 725.01 (reference only)
- Design criteria for all major types of buildings. Data on the essential component elements of each building type. Illustration, plans, diagrams and tables of all types.

Time-Saver Standards for Residential Development

- Shelved at 725.01 (reference only)
- Housing design data. Site planning, community facilities. Types of houses and buildings. Sections on elements of the dwelling unit. Conversions and preservation; regulations and legislation.

Directories of companies

European Directory of Sustainable and Energy Efficient Building

- Shelved at 696 (reference only)
- Covers sustainable as well as energy-efficient materials. Lists nearly 3000 companies from across Europe.

Greener Building: Products and Services Directory

- Shelved at 691 (reference only)
- Part 1 is an introduction to the earth's resources, fuel and power use and how the two are combined in industrial processes.
- Part 2 is a directory listing with sections covering building fabric, building services, building finishes, landscape and wildlife.

Green Pages

- Shelved at 333.72 GRE
- A directory of natural products, services, resources and ideas.

RIBA Library

- On [Information Databases](#) page of Library Online
- Arranged by place-name. A-Z index of practices, index by county. Local authority practices. Includes members in other EC countries.

Directories of organisations

Directory of British Associations

- Shelved at 062 (Quick Reference on the ground floor)
- A very useful source of information about organisations in the UK. It has a full subject index at the back. Details are given of the type of organisation, its sphere of interest, activities, membership and any publications it produces.

Municipal Yearbook and Public Services Directory

- Shelved at 351.025 (Quick Reference on the ground floor)
- This is a guide to local government – functions and officers, authorities and members.

Project management

Checkpoint

- On *Information Databases* page of Library Online (only available on-campus)
- Project management checklists to get you going. Each checklist features: subject definition; pros and cons; a step-by-step "how to" list; dos and don'ts; further reading and addresses. Project management, standards and specifications, design data and company web sites. Both online and reference books. Divided into Local, UK, Europe, USA and International.

Trade literature

Construction Information Service (CIS)

- On *Information Databases* page of Library Online
- An electronic directory of standards and legislation. The index gives the bibliographic details and refers to the full text of standards, regulatory and advisory documents for the UK construction industry from a wide range of both government and non-government sources.

AJ Specification

Proven products used in award winning buildings. Search by Buildings, Architects, Suppliers, Type of Product, Trade. News on new buildings. Free registration.

RIBA Product Selector

- On *Information Databases* page of Library Online

- Search by product, company, trade name, CI/SfB code. Lists British Board of Agreement products. British Standards products, NBS Plus products, RIBA assessed CPD products.

Specify-it

- On *Information Databases* page of Library Online
- An electronic directory of trade literature. It contains the full text of thousands of product catalogues, full supplier information, and lists of other company publications. The index gives suppliers' names and contact details.

Guides to trade catalogues and source guides

UK Kompass register

- Shelved at 338.702541 KOM (Quick Reference on the ground floor)
- Information on top UK companies and the products and services they provide. Very detailed index for finding companies to request trade literature.

Standards

BOPCRIS

- On *Information Databases* page of Library Online
- References and abstracts to publications produced by UK government departments and other official bodies.

British Standards Online

- On *Information Databases* page of Library Online
- Where British Standards can be found in full text. Detailed subject index to standards. Can also be searched by BSI standard number.

RIBA Product Selector

- On *Information Databases* page of Library Online
- Lists British Board of Agreement products. British Standards products, NBS Plus products, RIBA assessed CPD products.

Statistics

Census

- On *Subject Guide: Architecture > Statistics* page of Library Online

- Data can be printed out as maps and charts if you wish.

General Household Survey (annual)

http://www.statistics.gov.uk/ssd/surveys/general_household_survey.asp

- A continuous sample survey of households relating to a wide range of social and socio-economic policy areas.

Housing and Construction Statistics Quarterly

- Shelved at 363.5 HOU (in the Statistics Collection on the 1st floor)
- Produced by the Department of the Environment. Part 1 contains regular tables on house-building performance, housing finance and building materials. Part 2 contains regular tables on construction activity and employment; local authority housing sales, renovations and housing loans; stock and demolitions. Detailed notes on the tables in the annual volume and quarterly publications, including definitions of the terms used, are given in the annual volume together with a subject index.

New House-Building Statistics Quarterly

- Shelved at 363.5 NEW (in the Statistics Collection on the 1st floor)
- Formerly Private House-Building Statistics. The quarterly statistics of the National House-Building Council. Published within three weeks of the close of the quarter the statistics are the most up to date information available on the house-building market. Includes figures on house starts, completions, regional variations, actual selling prices and time to build.

Quarterly Building Price and Cost Indices

- Shelved at 624.0681 QUA (in the Statistics Collection on the 1st floor)
- Produced by the Department of the Environment containing full details of the price and cost indices for public sector building works non-housing, and the Road construction tender price index. Also includes brief information on the price index of public sector housing and the output price index for all new construction work.

Regional Trends (annual)

- Shelved at 314.1 REG (in the Statistics Collection on the 1st floor)
- A selection of the main statistics available on a regional basis.

Social Trends (annual)

- Shelved at 314.1 SOC (in the Statistics Collection on the 1st floor)
- Key social and demographic series in colour charts and tables.

Audio Visual materials

Slides

The Slide Library is on the 3rd floor of the Civic Quarter Library. There are about 170,000 slides making it the biggest image bank to which you have free access. We buy slides from commercial suppliers like galleries and subscribe to slide-making services that photograph exhibitions. The collection is colour coded and is easy to access yourself. There are viewing facilities to look at slides in Slide Library. For viewers that enlarge use the Tape-Slide machines in the Slide Library. Slide carousels are available for loan from AV Loans on the Ground Floor.

Students may also borrow slides for up to a week. The Slide Library has a separate issue system, which is explained on posters.

Videos and DVDs

Videos and DVDs for architects and designers are on the 1st floor. There is a large collection of films and television programmes.

There are video and DVD playback machines on the 1st floor of The Library. These will play American as well as British videos and DVDs. If you wish to access the extras on DVDs, for example interviews with directors, borrow a remote control from the AV Loans Counter on the Ground Floor.

Pidgeon Digital

- The online version of The Pidgeon Audiovisual collection of illustrated talks by architects and related designers. This continuing archive, to which new talks are being added regularly, is a unique library of contemporary attitudes which will become of priceless value to future generations.

Masters of Architecture

- An ongoing series of colour images. It has been digitised from the original collection of 58 slide sets which were published between the mid 80s and 2003. Other people's collections have followed and will continue to be added to in the future.

Information databases

Architectural Publications Index (API)

- On [Information Databases](#) page of Library Online
- Index to architectural periodicals. Includes architecture and allied arts, construction technology, design and environmental studies. World-wide cover with emphasis on British architecture and design, and British work abroad. Also indexes chapters in books on architecture and related topics, so very good for researching minority/new architects.

Art Full Text

- On Information Databases page of Library Online
- Covers journals published since 1984.

Art Index

- Shelved at 016.7 (in the Bibliographies Collection on the 1st floor)
- Subject index of art architecture and design journals published from 1929 to date. This is the print version of Art Full Text and Art Retrospective.

Art Retrospective

- On Information Databases page of Library Online
- Covers international art journals, yearbooks, and museum bulletins including references to reproductions of works of art that appear in cited publications. Subject areas include art, crafts, interior design, museology, etc. Can also be used to find reproductions of art as well as articles.

It is possible to search both Art Full Text and Art Retrospective at once.

Avery Index

- On Information Databases page of Library Online
- Indexes articles in architectural journals published from 1992 onwards. Comprehensive subject index to journal articles on architecture and design, landscape architecture, city planning. Conservation and restoration, and legal issues are also covered.

R.I.C.S. Abstracts and Reviews

- Shelved at 016.69879 (in the Bibliographies Collection on the 1st floor)
- From the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Intended for quantity surveyors and construction, but useful for architects looking for EC directives, legislation, building costs and building materials. Each issue also has a review section on a specific topic. Updated monthly.

URBADOC

- On Information Databases page of Library Online (Single User licence)
- URBADOC covers the subject areas of urban and regional planning, including social policy, local government, and environment. There are different databases from different countries: Britain, France, Italy, Spain, and Germany. The coverage of the two British databases is very comprehensive:
- Acompline indexes books, pamphlets, reports, journals and pressure group literature.

- Urbaline indexes newspapers, press releases, and news reports from weekly journals.

Journals

Here is a useful list of journals:

AJ The Architects' Journal

Architecture

Journal of Architecture

Issues in Architecture Art and Design

Architecture Today

Vernacular Architecture

Detail

Urban Design

News sources

Most of the local and UK organisations linked from Library Online provide online news services. Use the [Organizations](#) section.

AJ+

- On [Subject Guide: Architecture > Subject Gateways](#) page of Library Online (password needed – click the [Get Password](#) button to find it out)
- Architecture news updated daily, and information on companies, buildings, design and products. Reports and case studies with plans and drawings. This is a subject gateway run by Architects' Journal.

Newspapers

The Library takes the major broadsheet newspapers on a daily basis and keeps them for three months. Electronic archives can be searched via Library Online using services such as Nexis and PressDisplay.

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