

Architecture: information sources

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Books

Useful classmarks

20th Century architecture	724.9		
Architecture	720		
Architectural theory	720.1	or	721.1
Building construction	690		
Art techniques	701.8		
Cultural theory	335.4		
Design history	745.449	or	745.444
Design theory	745.2	or	745.4
Furniture	749		
Garden design	712		
Graphic design	655.23	or	741.6
Graphs and charts	519.50728		
Interior design	747		
Landscape design	719		
Metalwork	739		
Photographs	779		
Regeneration	307		
Sustainability	333.7		
Town planning	711		

Reference information

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 EUR (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 HAL (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 : the Business of Saving the World

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

RIBA Library

- On *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 : and Associations in Ireland

- Shelved at 062 DIR (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 Year Book and Public Services Directory

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

Project management

Checkpoint

- Electronic resource available via the Library Catalogue – you can find the link by looking at the catalogue record for *Checkpoint* (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

You can also find links to online information on the [Resources](#) for your [Subject pages](#) for Architecture on Library Online. See [What types of information are available?](#) > Trade Literature.

Construction Information Service (CIS)

- On [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

- Available at www.ajs specification.com
- Proven products used in award winning buildings. You can search by Buildings, Architects, Suppliers, Type of Product, Trade. Also contains news on new buildings.

RIBA Product Selector

- On [Databases](#) page of Library Online
- Also available in print in three volumes shelved at 691.029 RIB
- A leading resource on building products, NBS specification information and RIBA CPD providers with free access to product catalogues, technical documents and contact information of 10480 UK manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, trade associations and construction service providers.

Specify-it Building

- On [Databases](#) page of Library Online
- A directory of trade literature. It contains full text of thousands of product catalogues, full supplier information, and lists of other company publications. The index gives suppliers names and contact details.

Barbour Product Search

- On [Databases](#) page of Library Online
- An online directory offering an accessible platform for architects, contractors and other specifiers within the construction community.



Features a fully searchable database of products and suppliers, including images, case studies, technical data, catalogues, news and project data

GreenPRO

- On *Databases* page of Library Online
- Green building products for architects, interior designers and builders. You can search by product category. There are links to background information in the form of articles and research papers, an archive of case studies, links to embodied energy figures and links to trade organisations and other groups

Sell's Products and Services Directory

- Shelved at 691.0294 (Quick Reference on the ground floor)
- Two volumes containing information on over 60,000 companies. An index to the UK's top companies with full company details is included. There are also indexes to specific products and services, and a special section to locate the supplier by brand/trade names.

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 - British Official Publications Collaborative Reader Information Service

- On *Databases* page of Library Online
- Web site where you can search and browse information from British Official Publications over the period 1688-1995, including Parliamentary Papers and Command Papers.

British Standards Online

- On *Databases* page of Library Online
- This is the exclusive, authoritative, and most current site for all publications from British Standards Institute (BSI). It includes current, historic, and draft British Standards; BSI adopted European and international standards; technical handbooks; codes of practice; guidelines; and specifications for products, dimensions, performance, and glossaries.



RIBA Product Selector

- On [Databases](#) page of Library Online
- Lists British Board of Agreement products. British Standards products, NBS Plus products, RIBA assessed CPD products.

Statistics

You can also find links to online information on the [Resources](#) for your [Subject](#) pages for Architecture on Library Online. See [What types of information are available? > Statistics](#).

Census

- On [Databases](#) 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.

New House-Building Statistics

- Shelved at 363.5 NEW (in the Statistics Collection on the first floor)
- 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.
- Electronic information is available via the Library Catalogue – you can find the link by looking at the catalogue record for [New House-Building Statistics](#)

Quarterly Building Price and Cost Indices

- Shelved at 624.0681 QUA (in the Statistics Collection on the first 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

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



- Electronic information is available via the Library Catalogue – you can find the link by looking at the catalogue record for [Regional Trends](#)

Social Trends

- Shelved at 314.1 SOC (in the Statistics Collection on the first floor)
- Key social and demographic series in colour charts and tables.
- Electronic information is available via the Library Catalogue – you can find the link by looking at the catalogue record for [Social Trends](#)

Audio visual materials

Slides

The Slide Library is on the third floor of the City Campus Library and is open access. There are about 170,000 slides making it the biggest image bank to which you have free access and hundreds of the slides are of architectural images. There are viewing facilities to look at slides in the Slide Library and there is a scanner so that you can digitise any images you want to use. Slide carousels are available for loan from AV Loans on the ground floor and you can borrow slides for up to a week.

DVDs and videos

DVDs and videos for architects and designers are on the first floor. There is a large collection of films and television programmes.

There are video and DVD playback machines on the first 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 AV Loans on the ground floor.

Information databases

You can also find links to online information on the [Resources for your Subject pages for Architecture on Library Online](#). See [What types of information are available? > Information databases](#).

Architectural Publications Index (API)

- On [Databases](#) page of Library Online
- Index to architectural periodicals. Includes architecture and allied arts, construction technology, design and environmental studies. Worldwide coverage 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 *Databases* page of Library Online
- Full text plus abstracts and indexing of hundreds of art based publications, including Architecture and Urbanism (A + U), Architect, Architects' Journal, Architectural Design, Architectural Digest, Architectural History, Architectural Record, Architecture, Blueprint, Metropolis, RIBA Journal, Town Planning and Architecture.

Art Retrospective

- On *Databases* page of Library Online
- Back file of Art Full Text that covers 1929-1984, with the same subject coverage. 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.

You can search both Art Full Text and Art Retrospective at the same time.

Avery Index

- On *Databases* page of Library Online
- Indexes articles in architectural journals published from 1934 onwards. Comprehensive subject index to journal articles on architecture and design, landscape architecture, city planning, conservation and restoration, and legal issues are also covered.

Pidgeon Digital

- On *Databases* page of Library Online
- 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 enables you to hear the actual voices of the designers of buildings and listen to their ideas.

Masters of Architecture

- On *Databases* page of Library Online
- An ongoing database of over 7,000 colour images of world-wide architecture. The database is fully searchable and each image contains detailed information on the building and architect.

URBADOC

- On *Databases* page of Library Online
- 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 list of key journals. They can all be found in print on the first floor of the City Campus Library, and some are also available in full text online (the Library Catalogue record will tell you if there is electronic access):

Architects' Journal
Architectural Design
Architectural Review
Architecture
Architecture Today
Building Design
Casabella
Detail
Journal of Architecture
RIBA Journal - Royal Institute of British Architects
Urban Design

You will find more journal titles for this subject area on the [Resources for your Subject](#) pages for Architecture on Library Online.

News sources

Most of the local and UK organisations linked from the [Resources for your Subject](#) pages for Architecture on Library Online provide online news services. For example:

AJ Plus

- On [Resources for your Subject](#) pages for Architecture page of Library Online see [How do I find information on...? > Buildings and Projects](#)
- 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. On the [Journals and Newspapers](#) page of Library Online you will find links to databases that give access to hundreds of international newspapers.



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Help and Information Points

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Library Online

The Library Online web site provides information on the services, resources and facilities available from The Library. It also provides an Electronic Information Desk, which can be used to send email enquiries. See the [Help](#) pages of Library Online or email Infodesk.lc@leedsmet.ac.uk

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