



Art

State Library of Queensland holds a large collection of visual arts resources on painting, sculpture, architecture, graphic arts, decorative arts, and photography. The collection is particularly strong in nineteenth and twentieth century Western art. The **State Reference Library** houses the general arts collections, while the **Australian Library of Art** houses specialist collections on Australian art.

State Reference Library general arts collection

What does it include?

- **Art reference tools** including dictionaries, biographical dictionaries, directories, artists' marks and monograms directories, encyclopaedias, art auction records, illustration indexes, and price guides. The collection includes the 34 volume *Grove Dictionary of Art* and the major biographical dictionaries *Allgemeines Künstlerlexicon* and *Dictionnaire critique et documentaire des peintres sculpteurs dessinateurs et graveurs*.
- **Books** in the broad subject areas of painting, sculpture and carving, drawing, graphic arts, decorative arts, photography, interior design, architecture, and landscape architecture. Books in the collection are intended for study purposes and will usually include bibliographies and critical analyses.
- **Catalogues raisonné** are included in the collection for artists such as Pablo Picasso, Cy Twombly, Andy Warhol, Salvador Dali, Auguste Rodin, Toulouse Lautrec, and Josef Albers.
- **Exhibition catalogues** from major international and Australian exhibitions. Examples include *Crystal Palace Exhibition; illustrated catalogue, London 1851*, *Dada: Zurich, Berlin, Hanover, Cologne, New York and Paris (2005)* and *Golden Summers: Heidelberg and beyond (1985)*.
- **Magazines and journals** published both in Australia and internationally. Some titles include *Eyeline*, *Art and Australia*, *Art AsiaPacific*, *Burlington Magazine*, *Art Review*, *Crafts (UK)*, *Art in America*, *ArtUS*, *Flash Art*, and *Domus*.
- **Video recordings** including documentary material for major artists and art movements, both national and international. Titles include *Return to the Dreaming*, *The Work of Angels: the Book of Kells*, *Pre-Raphaelite Revolt*, *The Adventure of Photography*, and *Out of the Shadows: Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art*.
- **Indexes and databases** in the subject areas covered by the visual arts. Databases include *Artbibliographies Modern*, *Art Fulltext*, *Design and Applied Arts Index*, *AVAD: Australian Visual Arts Database*, *Australian Art Sales Digest*, *Art Sales Index*, *Artprice*, and *ARCH: Australian Architecture Database*.

Australian Library of Art collection

The Australian Library of Art features the documentation of Australian art, Australian artists' books, and comprehensive holdings of Australian private press material. The collection also includes the Lindsay Collection of Pat Corrigan, the James Hardie Library of Australian Fine Arts, and the History and Art of the Book collection.

What does it include?

- **Australian art reference tools** including dictionaries and biographical dictionaries, encyclopaedias, and Australian art auction records.
- **Books** about Australian artists and art, limited and trade edition art books, deluxe editions, printers' mock ups, and books providing examples of botanical illustration by Australian artists.
- **Original artworks, blocks and plates** used to produce illustrations in Australian art books.
- **Fine examples of book production** and techniques of bookbinding.
- **Journals and magazines**, ranging from *Australian Art* (1888), the first Australian fine art periodical through *Art in Australia* (1916-1942) to contemporary art magazines focusing on Australian art activity.
- **Australian bookplates** including those of Adrian Feint, and Norman and Lionel Lindsay.
- **Databases** providing information about Australian art and artists.
- **Australian art ephemera** often produced as "throw away" items. These include invitations to exhibition openings, small catalogues and price lists.
- **Primary art sources** comprising archives relating to Australian artists, galleries and private presses, archival pictorial resources documenting Australian art and artists, and an extensive collection of correspondence, photographs and memorabilia.
- **Artists' books**. An artist's book is an artwork in a book format or derived from the concept of the book. The Australian Library of Art holds one of the country's largest collections of Australian artists' books, and a selective collection of international artists' books.



What services are on offer?

Library skills classes with a focus on visual arts are offered to groups. Bookings are essential. Please phone 07 3840 7810.

Specialist librarians process enquiries received via the free enquiry service. See Info Guide 1 – Reference Services.

A range of tours, exhibitions and talks are provided as a means of highlighting the range of material held in the Heritage Collections. These are advertised on the State Library website at www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on

How do I access these services and facilities?

Visit the State Library at South Bank, Brisbane to access:

- Journals and serials on level 2
- The State Reference Library's general art collection, video recording, DVDs, and newspapers on level 3
- The John Oxley Library and the Australian Library of Art on level 4.

For opening hours details go to www.slq.qld.gov.au/home/hours

Log on to the State Library's website at www.slq.qld.gov.au to:

- Access the catalogue and databases at www.slq.qld.gov.au/find
- Browse the digital Queensland Heritage Collections at www.slq.qld.gov.au/qh
- Fill in an online enquiry form at www.slq.qld.gov.au/enquiry

See Info Guides on *How to search the catalogue* and *How to request an item* for more information.

How do I borrow it?

Material held within the State Library's State Reference Library and Heritage Collections is not available for loan.

Need further information?

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank

Reference Services: 07 3840 7810

John Oxley Library: 07 3840 7880

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