

» Why Look in Journals & Magazines?

Periodicals are an excellent source of information on emerging artists, new theories, trends, imagery, and research. Writers introduce new scholarship to their professional peers by publishing in journals. Articles trace the historical development of an idea over time as well as its reception and influence on popular culture. They can offer an in-depth study of a single work of art or aspect of an artist's oeuvre.

» Finding Journals in the RISD Catalog

To find whether RISD subscribes to a journal, search the [RISD catalog](#) by [Title](#).

Example search: [Art in America](#)

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» Journals & Magazines in Special Collections

Rare or older periodicals are kept in the Special Collection. They are listed in the [online catalog](#) as the location **RISD Special Periodical** and do not circulate. They require permission and assistance if scanning or photocopies are requested. Generally, pre-1960s periodicals are kept in Special Collections, the years 1970-1979 are housed in RISD Storage and 1980s-present are shelved in the Open Stacks on the first floor.

» Finding E-Journals

To find out if the journal is available electronically, search the [E-Journals List](#)

e-journal search: [Art in America](#)

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[Art Full Text Only](#) 2002 to present
ISSN: 0004-3214

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» Scholarly, Peer-Reviewed, and Academic Journals

Most of the Article databases include the ability to limit to peer-reviewed, scholarly or academic journals. Prior to publication, each article undergoes a critical review process by an independent panel of experts in the field.

Cornell University Library describes the distinguishing characteristics of scholarly, general interest, popular, & sensational periodicals on this page: <http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill20.html>

» Using the Article Databases

- Select your topic. Think of several key words & phrases which describe your subject
- Ask a librarian or your instructor for database recommendations
- Go to: **library.risd.edu > RISD ONLINE RESOURCES**
- Search the database using keywords, synonyms, an artist's name, art terms
- Truncate with an asterisk * to search all forms of the root word. Ex: paint* = paints, painter, painting
- Refine the search by using the pull-down menu categories, such as **subject/artist** or **journal name**
- For scholarly articles, limit to peer-reviewed or scholarly journals
- Search results will be in list form
- Select **VIEW RECORD** or the article's **title** to read the summary or abstract
- Look for links to **full-text** or **PDF**
- If no full text link is present, **check to see if RISD Library owns the journal**

» Making the Connection

To determine whether RISD owns the journal, **follow the links from the database to the RISD catalog.**

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Academic Search Premier, AVERY, ERIC	»	Check your library holdings for availability
Garden, Landscape, and Horticulture Index	»	Check your library holdings for availability
Art Full Text / Art Retrospective	»	Link To:  Library Owns?
Readers' Guide Index	»	Link To:  Library Owns?
Art Bibliographies Modern	»	Links to Holdings
Bibliography of the History of Art	»	Links to Holdings
Design & Applied Arts Index	»	Links to Holdings
DAR	»	Links to Holdings
Design Profiles	»	Links to full text

- A second window will open linking to the RISD online catalog
- If RISD owns the journal, the title will be displayed
- If RISD doesn't own the journal, the screen reads, *Your entry ____ would be here*
- If RISD doesn't own the journal, request the article by filling out a **Periodical Interlibrary Loan** form
- Turn in Interlibrary forms to the Reference desk or email to: risdlib@risd.edu
- Plan ahead - interlibrary loan articles can take 1-2 weeks to arrive
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- *No time for interlibrary loan?* Consider traveling to a **nearby Library** to read/photocopy the article