

» **Finding Masters Theses**

Use the online library [catalog](http://library.risd.edu/) at <http://library.risd.edu/> to search for books found in both the RISD Library and the Providence Athenaeum Library. Searches may be done by keyword, subject, author, or title. For more information, see the [Finding Books](#) guide.

**Examples of keyword searches:**

- RISD Thesis

**Examples of title searches:**

- 5,000 words or less : MFA thesis
- Activating the edge : a thesis
- The adaptation and progression of experience through technology generates fiction : a thesis
- Aesthetics, art and life : expanding the role of aesthetics for visual arts education : a thesis

**Examples of author searches:**

- **Last** name, **first** name
- *Augsberger, Damian*

**Departmental Masters' Theses**

**Year first awarded\*** (Does not correspond to first year as a department)

- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Art Education 1933 (none granted 1936, 1946, 1947)
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Art + Design Education 1958
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Digital Media 2005
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Film Animation Video 1973
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Furniture Design 1977
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Glass 1973
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Graphic Design 1978
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Industrial Design 1971
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Jewelry + Metalsmithing 1973
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Landscape Architecture 1993
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Painting 1962
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Painting + Printmaking (periodically granted)
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Photography 1964
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Printmaking 1973
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Sculpture 1962
- Rhode Island School of Design Dept of Textiles 1994

**Physical Locations:**

- RISD Masters' Theses – Past 10 years are adjacent to reference desk on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the library.
- Archives (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) – Archives has Master Theses 10 years and older.
- Special (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) – Special has Master Theses that have a special format or size.

### ***Using Special Collections / Archives***

Special Collections includes nearly 12,000 important and rare printed books and periodicals from the late 16th century to present. Among the Library's Special Collections is the Lowthorpe Collection of Landscape Architecture, various late 19th and early 20th century design portfolios, catalogues raisonnées and research materials in the fine arts, architecture, photography, apparel, decorative arts, typography, and design.

Because of their age, condition, size, scarcity and value, these resources are housed in a closed, environmentally controlled stack area on the second floor and do not circulate. Utmost care must be used in handling these materials and photocopying privileges are restricted. Special Collection materials are listed in the online catalog under the locations of RISD Special, RISD Special Oversize, RISD Flat Folio, and RISD Large Folio. Requests for on-site use of these materials are made in the Archives + Special Collections Reading Room, to your left off the elevators on the second floor. Individual research consultations and group presentations are available by appointment. 401 709-5923 or 401 709-5927

RISD's Archives collects, preserves and provides access to records and artifacts, including photographs and publications that document the history and development of RISD programs, policies and procedures and contributions of individuals and organizations associated with the School and Museum. Records in the Archives date from RISD's founding in 1877 to the present.

The Archives is located on the second floor of 15 Westminister and use of the collection is available on site by appointment with the Archivist (401 709-5920). Scholars outside the RISD community may also send requests for information in writing; a fee may be charged for services.

#### ***Notes:***

- RISD Master Theses do not circulate - Library use only.
- RISD Masters Theses are listed in OCLC and most can be attained by Interlibrary Loan.