

Writtle College Library  
Subject Guide

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This guide is intended to highlight the main information sources for Interior Design and Architecture students available in the library and online.

## Books

Books are arranged under the Dewey class system (which runs from 000-999).

Each subject area has its own number.

All Library books can be found by using the library catalogue

(<http://library.writtle.ac.uk>).

## Quick classification Guide

Architecture	720
Architecture: Philosophy and Theory	720.1
Architectural styles, Arch. History	722 - 724
Arts	700 - 709
Building Construction	690 and 721.044
CAD	720.284
Decorative arts	745
Graphic design	741.6
Graphic software, Webdesign	006, 720.284
Interior decoration	747
Interior design	729
Metric handbooks	721
Materials	721.044
Planning law	346.045
Price Index	692.5
Sustainable Design	721.046
Types of structure / Building types	725 - 728

## Electronic Books

In addition to traditional printed books we also have access to a growing number of electronic books or e-books.

### Subscribed E-Books

Dawsonera

<http://www.dawsonera.com/>

Dawsonera is a collection of around 200 e-books covering a wide range of subject areas. In addition to the purchased titles which are available for 24 hour download, 66,000 further full-text titles are available for 5 minute previews. You will need your Athens username and password to access Dawsonera.

### Free Online E-Books

The Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org/div/books/>

Over 20,000 titles that can be browsed by author, by title, or by Dewey Decimal Classification. No password required

## DVDs

The Library has a growing collection of DVDs on Architecture, Art and design and also Feature films. They are listed on the computer catalogue and they can be borrowed or viewed upstairs in study room 3. You find them on a shelf under the stairs.

## Journals

Journals are an excellent source of information on current research, trends and practice.

Print journals are arranged in alphabetical order of title. The current ones are on display on the ground floor, back numbers on the upper floor. There is an archive of some back issues held in our reserve store, if this is indicated on the catalogue please ask at the issue desk for them.

Journals cannot be borrowed, but articles can be scanned or photocopied.

To find journal articles, you can also make use of the databases that the Library subscribes to. Databases index journals to provide details and abstracts of articles, some of them offer access to journals in full text.

## Relevant Print Journals

Abitare	Interiors, Design, Architecture Arts	monthly
Architectural Review	International projects	monthly
Blueprint	Architecture and Design	monthly
Detail	Construction Details	monthly
Domus	Architecture, Design, Interiors	monthly
Grafik	Graphic Design	
Wallpaper	Interiors, Fashion, Arts and Design	monthly

## Electronic Journals (these are examples, there are more on our databases)

BD Building Design: Arch. Newspaper with job vacancies	<a href="http://www.bdonline.co.uk">http://www.bdonline.co.uk</a>
Building Sustainable Design	<a href="http://www.bsdlive.co.uk/">http://www.bsdlive.co.uk/</a>
Design Milk	<a href="http://design-milk.com/">http://design-milk.com/</a>
Dezeen Design magazine	<a href="http://www.dezeen.com/">http://www.dezeen.com/</a>

## Current Awareness

If you want to keep up-to-date in a particular subject area, it might be useful to have a look at these websites and **Blogs** and subscribe to one of their alert services / RSS-Feeds. These are some examples:

A Daily Dose of Architecture	<a href="http://archidose.blogspot.com/">http://archidose.blogspot.com/</a>
Archdaily: Projects, products, events, interviews and competitions	<a href="http://www.archdaily.com/">http://www.archdaily.com/</a>
Latest architecture projects	<a href="http://www.architecturelist.com/">http://www.architecturelist.com/</a>
ArchiLook: Latest Architecture clips from Youtube	<a href="http://www.arcilook.com">http://www.arcilook.com</a>
The Building Blog	<a href="http://bldgblog.blogspot.com/">http://bldgblog.blogspot.com/</a>

## Databases / Indexing Services:

To find journal articles, you may use the databases the library subscribes to. Some databases only lead you to the reference i.e. the title, author, publisher of a book or journal and an abstract. Sometimes you can limit your search to certain journals.

A database/indexing service will help you identify resources that can be found in the library or elsewhere. If we don't hold the resource required it might be possible to get it through **inter-library-loan**.

With some databases you can directly get the full text or a link to an online resource like the publisher's website.

Architectural Periodical Index	<a href="http://riba.sirsidynix.net.uk/uhtbin/cgiirsi/tfrTiQkL2E/MAIN_CAT/77930037/38/0/POWER_SEARCH">http://riba.sirsidynix.net.uk/uhtbin/cgiirsi/tfrTiQkL2E/MAIN_CAT/77930037/38/0/POWER_SEARCH</a>	Free resource, abstracts only
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## Databases with Full Text services

Art + Architecture Complete	<a href="http://moodle.writtle.ac.uk/mod/resource/view.php?id=23616">http://moodle.writtle.ac.uk/mod/resource/view.php?id=23616</a>	Off-campus access with Athens
Business Source Premier	<a href="http://search.epnet.com/">http://search.epnet.com/</a>	Off-campus access with Athens

## Digital Archives / Images

Using these databases you can search for architects, artists and designers, works of art, buildings and places, types of buildings, heritage and styles.

There is more information on how to find images on the Internet in our guide

<http://moodle.writtle.ac.uk/mod/resource/view.php?id=25073>

The Archi-Tourist: Travel Guide to contemporary Architecture	<a href="http://architourist.pbworks.com/">http://architourist.pbworks.com/</a>
Art & Architecture: Image database by the Courtald Institute of Art	<a href="http://www.artandarchitecture.org.uk/">http://www.artandarchitecture.org.uk/</a>
Buildings Online: Buildings, Architects, Places	<a href="http://www.greatbuildings.com/gbc.html">http://www.greatbuildings.com/gbc.html</a>
E-architect: News, Architects, Designers, Projects	<a href="http://www.e-architect.co.uk/">http://www.e-architect.co.uk/</a>
English Heritage Online Picture Library	<a href="http://viewfinder.english-heritage.org.uk/">http://viewfinder.english-heritage.org.uk/</a>
International Architecture Database	<a href="http://eng.archinform.net/index.htm">http://eng.archinform.net/index.htm</a>
Visual Arts Data Service	<a href="http://www.vads.ac.uk">http://www.vads.ac.uk</a>

## Shared Resources on the web

Copyright-safe search for images for presentations or publications	<a href="http://search.creativecommons.org">http://search.creativecommons.org</a>
Delicious: favourite websites, great for finding useful websites	<a href="http://www.Delicious.com">http://www.Delicious.com</a>
Flickr: Photographs	<a href="http://www.flickr.com">http://www.flickr.com</a>
Slideshare: Presentations, also information on how to prepare a good presentation	<a href="http://www.slideshare.net">http://www.slideshare.net</a>
Youtube: videos	<a href="http://uk.youtube.com">http://uk.youtube.com</a>

## Company / Product Information and Regulations

Information on Products and Companies can be found in the RIBA product selector and the product directory ESI Interior Design, available online here [http://www.esi.info/landingPage.cfm/\\_/N-gh](http://www.esi.info/landingPage.cfm/_/N-gh)

Information about prices for Construction is provided in the **Spon's Architects and builders price book**.

Access to the current **Construction (Design and Management) Regulations** can be found on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's website, see [http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2007/uksi\\_20070320\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2007/uksi_20070320_en_1)

The Health and Safety Executive has produced guidance in this area: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/cdm.htm>

The series of **Approved Documents** that offer practical guidance on the **Building Regulations** can be located on the Planning Portal, see <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1115314110382.html>

We have a range of relevant **British standards** in print upstairs in the series section. The complete collection is available from the Essex Public Libraries website. <http://www.essexlibrarynews.org.uk/validation/bsi.html>

## Useful Websites and Organisations

A useful starting point for searching for internet material is the Intute Subject Gateway, see <http://www.intute.ac.uk>

There is also a virtual tour for Architecture, which is very good: <http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/he/tutorial/architecture>

Architecture Foundation	<a href="http://www.architecturefoundation.org.uk/">http://www.architecturefoundation.org.uk/</a>
Architonic: News and Trends in Architecture & Design	<a href="http://www.architonic.com/">http://www.architonic.com/</a>
Art & Architecture Thesaurus	<a href="http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/aat">http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/aat</a>
Cornucopia - Collections in the UK's museums, galleries, archives and libraries	<a href="http://www.cornucopia.org.uk/">http://www.cornucopia.org.uk/</a>
Inhabitat: Green Design	<a href="http://inhabitat.com/">http://inhabitat.com/</a>
Interiors and Sources: Commercial Design	<a href="http://www.interiorsandsources.com/">http://www.interiorsandsources.com/</a>
Museum of Domestic Design & Architecture	<a href="http://www.moda.mdx.ac.uk/">http://www.moda.mdx.ac.uk/</a>
New London Architecture	<a href="http://www.newlondonarchitecture.org/">http://www.newlondonarchitecture.org/</a>
Product Selector (RIBA) – Index of UK Manufactures of building products	<a href="http://www.productselector.co.uk/">http://www.productselector.co.uk/</a>

Resource for Urban Design Information (RUDI)	<a href="http://www.rudi.net/">http://www.rudi.net/</a>
Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)	<a href="http://www.architecture.com">http://www.architecture.com</a>
Social Design Notes	<a href="http://www.backspace.com/notes">http://www.backspace.com/notes</a>
TASI: Advice on digital images	<a href="http://www.tasi.ac.uk/">http://www.tasi.ac.uk/</a>
Tate Britain	<a href="http://www.tate.org.uk/britain">http://www.tate.org.uk/britain</a>
TED: great talks about ideas worth spreading	<a href="http://www.ted.com/">http://www.ted.com/</a>
Tree Hugger: Sustainability	<a href="http://www.treehugger.com/">http://www.treehugger.com/</a>
Victoria and Albert Museum	<a href="http://www.vam.ac.uk/">http://www.vam.ac.uk/</a>
Web Urbanist: Art, Architecture and Design	<a href="http://weburbanist.com/">http://weburbanist.com/</a>
World changing: sustainable design etc.	<a href="http://www.worldchanging.com">http://www.worldchanging.com</a>

## Other Libraries

The **National Art Library** at the V & A Museum is an excellent source for journals and databases and also a very nice place to work. You need to register to use it. <http://www.vam.ac.uk/nal/>

The British Architectural Library of the **RIBA** is now open to everybody. It houses the largest collection on architecture in the UK.  
<http://www.architecture.com/LibraryDrawingsAndPhotographs/RIBALibrary/RIBALibrary.aspx>

