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**WEBSITES**

*Architecture.com* (<http://www.architecture.com>)

*archINFORM* (<http://www.archinform.net/start.htm>)

*Great Buildings Collection* (<http://www.greatbuildings.com/>)

*National Organization of Minority Architects* (<http://www.noma.net/>) –

*American Memory Project* (<http://memory.loc.gov/>) – click on Search, then the **HABS/HAER** and **Gottscho and Schleisner** Collections for photos, blueprints, etc.

*ArchiPlanet* (<http://www.archiplanet.org/>)

*Architypes* (<http://www.architypes.net/>)



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Drop in and stop by the John B. Coleman Library, Room 108 every Thursday at 4 pm. There will be a live librarian to help on common topics you may encounter in doing your research here at the university, including (but certainly not limited to) how to find a book in the online catalog, how to find an article in the database and website evaluation.



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- Digital Dissertations
- Jstor
- Especially with architecture, be sure to look at the collections of magazines and newspapers. Many are contemporaneous with older architects

## Citations to articles can be found in:

Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals (<http://firstsearch.oclc.org/fsip?dbname=AveryIndex&done=referer>)

Avery has over a half million records dating back to 1741. It is the single most important resource possible at this time for architecture and information on architects. Note- it is a citation index; this means that you have to do further searching to get the text of the articles.

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## Free Architectural E-journals

Architecture Week - <http://architectureweek.com/>  
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Architectural Record - <http://archrecord.construction.com/>

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The Coleman Library has a large collection of books and other material which will help you find biographical information on architects and illustrations of their works. Some famous buildings (e.g., the Empire State Building) might have books devoted solely to their history and construction, but others will be found only in collections on a particular architect or style (e.g., skyscrapers). If you can't find what you need, ask at the Reference Desk or email us via Ask a Librarian on the library homepage.

## SELECTED REFERENCE BOOKS

- **Dictionary of Architecture and Landscape Architecture** (REF NA31 .C864 2006)
- **Dictionary of Architecture & Construction** (REF NA31 .H32 2006)
- **Architecture Exam Review** (REF NA123 .B35 2005)
- **The Dissertation: An Architecture Student's Handbook** (REF NA2108 .B67 2006)
- **Autocad 2006 for Architecture** (REF NA2728 .J4386 2006)
- **Actions of Architecture: Architects and Creative Users** (REF NA1996 .H55 2003)
- **Contemporary Architects** (REF NA680 .C625 1994)
- **The Phaidon Atlas of Contemporary World Architecture** (REF NA687 .P43 2004)
- **Illustrated Dictionary of Architecture** (REF NA 31 B83 2002)
- **20th Century Architecture: A Reader's Guide** (REF NA680 .P314 2000)
- **International Dictionary of Architects and Architecture** (REF NA 40.I48 1993)2v set features 523 architects and 467 buildings and sites that have figured prominently in Western architectural history
- **A History of American Architecture** (REF NA705 .G35 1999)
- **Illustrated Dictionary of Architecture** (REF NA31 .B83 1998)
- **Encyclopedia of Vernacular Architecture of the World** (REF NA208 .E53 1997)

- **Pocket Guide to the ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities** (REF KF5709.3.H35 P63 1997)
- **Modern Architecture: A Critical History** (NA500 .F75 1992) [not a reference book]
- **Modern Architecture Since 1900** (NA680 .C87 1996) [not a reference book]
- **Architecture After Modernism** (NA682.P67 G49 1996) [not a reference book]
- **Architecture Theory Since 1968** (NA680 .A728 1998) [not a reference book]

## Useful Subject Headings

Buildings  
Church architecture  
Glass construction  
Historic buildings  
Minimal architecture  
Sustainable architecture

The easiest way to find books on individual architects is to use their name as a subject term, last name first. You can also try specific buildings

Pei, I. M., 1917-  
Botta, Mario, 1943-  
Robie House (Chicago, Ill.)  
Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco, Calif.)



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