Seattle Guide: Libraries and Archives of Note
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⭐️Google Map for Seattle Libraries and Archives of Note

Academic Libraries-

Cornish College of Arts Library
The Cornish Library offers a specialized collection of Visual and Performing Arts materials. 
1000 Lenora Street, Floor 2, Room 205, Seattle, WA 92121
206-726-5145 http://www.cornish.edu/library/

University of Washington Art Library
The Art Library serves the University of Washington School of Art and the university community-at-large and is open to the public. The collection primarily supports teaching, research, and learning in the broad areas of art history, studio art, and design.
101 Art Building, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195
206-543-0648 http://www.lib.washington.edu/art

Architecture Libraries-

Seattle Architecture Foundation Library
The Seattle Architecture Foundation connects people to the architecture, design and history of Seattle.
Rainier Square, 1333 5th Ave #300, Seattle, WA 98101
206-667-9184 http://seattlearchitecture.org/

American Institute of Architects Library-Seattle
AIA Seattle membership is open to anyone with a professional or personal interest in architectural practice, and in the creation or appreciation of the built environment.
1911 1st Ave, Seattle, WA 98101
206-448-4938 https://www.aiaseattle.org/about/

Museum Libraries-

Seattle Art Museum: Dorothy Stimson Bullitt Library
As one of SAM’s research libraries, the Bullitt Library has thousands of books, exhibition catalogues, journals, videos, and ephemera on general art history, African art, American art, Australian Aboriginal and Oceanic art, classical, ancient Mediterranean and Islamic art, decorative arts, European art, modern and contemporary art, Native American art, Northwest art, photography, and the history of the museum.
Seattle Art Museum, 5th Floor, 1300 First Avenue, Seattle WA 98101
Asian Art Museum: McCaw Foundation Library for Asian Art
Another of SAM’s research libraries, the McCaw Foundation Library has thousands of books, exhibition catalogues, journals, videos, and ephemera on Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Indian, and Southeast Asian art.
Asian Art Museum, Volunteer Park, 1400 E Prospect St, Seattle, WA 98112

Ann P. Wyckoff Teacher Resource Center
This library, also located at SAM’s Asian Art Museum, is a unique lending library for educators. Supporting all three of SAM’s sites, the TRC is a robust teaching toolkit that provides educators with creative ways to promote learning and endless possibilities for integrating art into the classroom.
Asian Art Museum, Volunteer Park, 1400 E Prospect St, Seattle, WA 98112

Frye Art Museum Curatorial Library
The Frye Art Museum’s curatorial library contains more than 2,000 books related to the Museum collections, exhibitions, and related topics. The library is available for scholarly researchers by appointment only.
Frye Art Museum, 704 Terry Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104
206-622 9250 http://fryemuseum.org/collection_research/

Museum of History and Industry Sophie Frye Bass Library
The museum’s Sophie Frye Bass Library preserves and provides access to over 3 million historic photographs, as well as manuscripts and archival holdings, maps, books, posters, motion pictures and printed ephemera.
5933 6th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98109
206-324-1126 http://www.mohai.org/research/sophie-frye-bass-library

Public Libraries and Archives-

Seattle Central Public Library
The Seattle Public Library’s Central Library is the flagship library of The Seattle Public Library system. The 11-story glass and steel building in downtown Seattle was opened to the public in 2004.
1000 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104
206-386-4636 https://www.spl.org/

Seattle Municipal Archives
Seattle Municipal Archives has links to archives databases, guides, and other valuable resources.
600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104
206-233-7807 http://www.seattle.gov/cityarchives