SUBJECT GUIDE: Architecture and Contemporary Architects

Keywords to use when searching eLibrary, databases and print indexes:

Architecture, Modern 21st century
Botta, Mario (or any other individual name)
Architecture - British (or other country)
Architects
Contemporary Architects

HOW TO FIND:

Internet Resources

• Individual Web Sites

http://www.aia.org/ The home page of the American Institute of Architects

http://www.lookingatbuildings.org.uk/ A British site with an index of practicing architects.

http://www.greatbuildings.com A large site with links to great buildings, architects and an architecture timeline.

• Images

http://images.google.com/ Google’s Image Search page. Type in an architect’s name to get examples of his/her work.

http://www.caad.ed.ac.uk/otherRelatedSites/#images. A list of architectural image sites from the University of Edinburgh.

• Search Engines

Go to a search engine (Google: http://www.google.com, Ask.com: http://www.ask.com, etc.) and type in Architecture directory (or other keyword + directory), for a list of sites with many links to this subject. Most search engines also have directories by subject. For links to some search engines go to Additional Links and Resources under English 201A Workbook.
• **Subject Directories**

Choose an academic subject directory, such as *Infomine* [http://infomine.ucr.edu](http://infomine.ucr.edu). Type in your keyword. For links to other subject directories go to *Additional Links and Resources* under *English 201A Workbook*.

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**Books from the Cuesta College Library**

• From the Library's home page [http://library.cuesta.edu](http://library.cuesta.edu) under *Find a Book*, select eLibrary and type a keyword (for instance: *Architecture*) in the *Search* field. Books are arranged by the Library of Congress Classification System and are found in the book stacks by this number. For a good introduction on using LC call numbers go to York University’s LC page [http://www.info.library.yorku.ca/yorkline/lc/lc.html](http://www.info.library.yorku.ca/yorkline/lc/lc.html)

• Your teacher may have placed books on Reserve at the Circulation Desk. Check there, or look under your instructor’s name in WebCat by selecting the icon at the top of the screen.

• Online books (eBooks) can be accessed on campus from eLibrary. The eBook call number is ONLINE and says Internet (for location) in the right hand column. Access eBooks by selecting the URL beneath the title in your list of books in eLibrary.

• To access eBooks from home you must go through your myCuesta portal. When you are on your page, choose the *Resources* tab at the top, and the Library Channel will appear on the left side of the page.

• Scroll down to the sentence “For eBooks search EBSCOhost eBooks” and choose it. This takes you to the Cuesta EBSCOhost eBooks collection. Find and read books directly from here.

• Subject encyclopedias, found in the Reference book stacks, have good background articles. Use the Index at the end of the set and look under the term *Architecture* or *Architects*. The *Dictionary of Art* (ref N 31 D5 2002) covers all aspects of art and architecture, from ancient times to the present.

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**Books from other libraries**

• On the Cuesta Library’s home page [http://library.cuesta.edu](http://library.cuesta.edu), look under *Find a Book* and choose *Other Library Catalogs*. 
• Request books from other libraries by using the online link to the Interlibrary Loan Request form, found under Library Services on the Library channel on myCuesta. Allow 7-10 working days to receive your materials.

**Periodicals (Journals, Magazines, Newspapers) in online databases**

• Cuesta subscribes to the following online databases: EBSCOhost, SIRS, National Newspaper Core, and NewsBank. They can be accessed from the Library’s home page at Cuesta or from home through myCuesta. Select the database you want.

**Periodicals in print indexes**

• *Readers’ Guide to Periodical Literature* (ref AI 3 R48) is a general periodical print index that can be searched by author or subject. Use *Readers’ Guide* to get a list of citations for articles. Then go to the Cuesta College Periodical Holdings List (PHL) to see if Cuesta carries the journal title for the articles you want.

*Readers’ Guide* is especially useful for historical topics, since it goes back to 1900. It also indexes periodicals not indexed in online databases. Link to a *Readers’ Guide* tutorial: http://lib.northern.edu/infolit/tablesversion/lessons/lesson5/readersguide.htm.

• *Art Index* (ref N1 A78) is a subject-specific index to scholarly journals that is especially useful for the topic of architecture.

• Other Cuesta Library Resources

Go to Additional Links and Resources under English 201A Workbook to find links to many research aids.

If you need help the Reference Librarian will be happy to assist you! Library hours can be found on the Library channel under the Resources tab of myCuesta. Reference Desk: 546-3100, ext. 3157.

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