

	<h1>Key Resources for Ceramics</h1>
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These resources are accessible from the UF Architecture and Fine Arts Library Website <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/afa>, or by using the database locating tools available at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/databases.html>. There may be many other useful resources, depending on your research subject. Always feel free to consult library staff for assistance with your search for information.

## REFERENCE MATERIALS

What do you already know about your subject? Information about ceramics can be accessed by names of artists, time periods, styles, techniques, place names, ethnic and cultural information, etc. A specialized encyclopedia or other reference source is often the best place to find brief, authoritative information. The following source is a good place to start:

**Grove Dictionary of Art.** N31.D5 1996 Reference (AFA Library or Smathers Library Reference)  
 Especially useful for gathering background information on artists, styles, and cultures.  
 This 34-volume comprehensive encyclopedia is also available as an online database, **GroveArt**. See the AFA Library website for access <<http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/afa>>.

## FINDING BOOKS

Use the **UF Libraries Catalog** to search for books and other materials available at the AFA library and other campus libraries. A keyword search is often the best approach. Use artist name, style, period, place names, cultural terms, technique, etc.

**Browse the stacks.** Some useful call number areas for ceramics are:

Dewey Decimal Call Numbers	<b>666 – 666.999</b> <b>738 – 738.999</b>	(Technique) (History, Catalogs, etc.)
Library of Congress Call Numbers	<b>NK3700 – NK4699</b> <b>NB</b> <b>TP701 – TP 807</b> <b>TT919 – TT924</b>	(History, Catalogs, etc.) (Sculpture) (Glazing and Firing) (Technique)

## SELECTED DATABASES

### **CAMIO: Catalog of Art Museum Images Online**

Contains images of over 90,000 works of art. "Sculpture" and "Decorative Art and Utilitarian Objects" are among topics that can be searched separately by keyword.

### **Art Full Text and Art Index Retrospective**

Together these provide indexing for over 500 art journals back to 1929. They cover a wide range of topics including art, architecture, craft, decorative arts, landscape design, motion pictures, museology, and others. These indexes also serve as a comprehensive reference to art reproductions that appear in the indexed publications. *Note: Only selected records in Art Full Text have links to full text articles, and most of those do not include images.*

### **BHA: Bibliography of the History of Art**

Covering European and American art from late antiquity to the present, the Bibliography of the History of Art indexes and abstracts art-related books, conference proceedings and dissertations, exhibition and dealer's catalogs, and articles from more than 2,500 periodicals. The Bibliography of the History of Art is updated quarterly and covers 1973 to the present.

### **GroveArt**

Comprehensive online encyclopedia for all aspects of the visual arts worldwide from prehistory to the present.

## JOURNALS

The AFA Library holds current subscriptions to the following ceramics related periodicals: *American Ceramics*, *American Craft*, *American Style*, *Ceramics: Art and Perception*, *Ceramics Monthly*, *Ceramics: Technical*, *Craft Art*, and *Studio Potter*. To find articles on a specific topic in these or other related journals, search one of the periodical indexing databases listed above.

## WEBSITES

Some sites on the World Wide Web can have useful research information. Use these websites with caution and make sure that they are created from authoritative sources. See the **UF Libraries Art & Art History Subject guide**, at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/afa/art> for selected web-accessible reference sources.