

	<h1>Researching an ARCHITECT</h1>
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1. CONSULT A REFERENCE SOURCE:

What do you already know about the architect? Save time by first finding some basic, accurate information such as spelling variations of a name, time period, nationality. A dictionary or other reference book is usually the best place to find brief, authoritative information. These basic tools might have all the information you need -- or lead you to other sources, such as articles, books, or websites that are cited in them. All call numbers refer to the Architecture & Fine Arts Library unless noted otherwise.

Start with these reference works:

Grove Dictionary of Art. N31.D5 1996 Reference (or database version)

This 34-volume comprehensive dictionary is also available as an online database, **GroveArt**. See the AFA Library website for access <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/afa>

Contemporary Architects. NA680 .C625 1994 Reference

This source provides biographical information plus building lists and bibliographies.

International Dictionary of Architects and Architecture. NA40 .I48 1993 Reference

This dictionary's approach by both architect and building makes it unique.

Macmillan Encyclopedia of Architects NA40 .M25 1982 Reference

This four-volume work contains articles about architects born prior to 1930.

Profile: The Official Directory of the American Institute of Architects. NA53 .P76 Reference

Profiles architectural firms. Provides a "key individuals" index. Also available on the Web at <http://www.firstsourceonl.com>

2000 Architects. NA50 .T86 2006

International pictorial directory of leading architectural firms.

2. FIND BOOKS, PARTS OF BOOKS, EXHIBITION CATALOGS, VIDEO, ETC. :

Consult the **UF LIBRARIES CATALOG**, to find books and other materials owned by the UF Libraries. A keyword search or a subject search using the architect's name (last name first!) often yields the best results.

3. FIND MAGAZINE AND JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Use the **AVERY INDEX TO ARCHITECTURAL PERIODICALS** to search for articles in periodicals by subject or keyword. Go to the **AFA Library website** <http://web.uflib.ufl.edu/afa> and follow the link under **Key Databases**.

4. FIND AUTHORITATIVE WORLD WIDE WEB SITES:

Visit the AFA Library website <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/afa> and browse the subject guides to sources on the Web. For contemporary architects, firm websites are often very useful sources.

5. Always feel free to consult library staff for assistance with your search for information.