

	<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.

**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 **EVERY 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.