

Interior Design Resource Guide

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This guide provides selected information resources on Interior Design or Interior Decoration. Included are subscription databases, selected websites, and print and electronic reference books. See also the [Art History Resource Guide](#).

Check the [Suffolk University Library Catalog](#) for titles in the Sawyer Library and the New England School of Art and Design Library. Library databases are available to current Suffolk University students, faculty, and staff both [on-](#) and [off-campus](#).

Periodical Indexes and Full-Text Databases

[Academic Search Premier](#)

The "largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database" from EBSCO, this resource provides full-text access for about 4,700 titles, including 3,600 peer-reviewed publications, and indexing and abstracting for over 8,200 journals. Coverage generally goes back to 1990 for full-text and the 1980s for other titles. You may limit search results to full-text and peer-reviewed articles. Includes over 100 journals pertaining to the arts including architecture and interior design. Note that some relevant subject headings are "interior decoration" (not "design"), "interior decorators," "interior architecture," and "architectural design." Journals include *Interior Design* (1999+) and *Art & Antiques* (2004+).

[Humanities International Complete](#)

This EBSCO database provides full-text for hundreds of journals, books and other published

sources from around the world and indexing and abstracting for over 1,700 journals plus unique full-text content, much of which is not found in other databases. Interior design titles include *Architectural Record* (2001 to one month ago) and *Design Issues* (1997 to one year ago).

[Expanded Academic ASAP](#)

The main interdisciplinary database from Thomson Gale, this source provides indexing and abstracting for 3,000 academic journals, popular magazines, and newspapers covering a variety of fields. Full-text provided for about 2,000 titles generally beginning in the 1990s. You may limit search results to full-text and refereed articles. Relevant titles in this database include *Architectural Review* (1994+) and *Interior Design* (1983+).

[Business Source Premier](#)

EBSCO's main business database, covering nearly every area of business, provides indexing and abstracts for over 8,900 serials and full-text for over 5,000 journals. Includes titles containing information on commercial aspects of interior design, e.g., *Contract* (2002+), *Kitchen & Bath Business* (2002+), and *Furniture Today* (2000+).

[General BusinessFile ASAP](#)

A Thomson Gale database that includes journals relating to the commercial aspects of interior design such as *Art Business News* (2000+) and *Hospitality Design:HD* (1992+).

[General Reference Center Gold](#)

Another Thomson Gale database that includes journals relating to various aspects of interior design, e.g., *Interior Design* (1983+), *Interiors* (1999-2001, ceased), and *HFN* (Home Furnishings Network newspaper; 1995-).

[LexisNexis Academic](#)

LexisNexis Academic is a massive database covering general news, business, legal, and other categories from the 1980s on, including full-text for journals such as *Interior Design* (2000+), *Contract* (2003+), *Display & Design Ideas* (2003+), and newspapers, e.g., the *New York Times* (1980+), and other sources for articles from all over the world. The [New York Times](#) archives are available through ProQuest (1851 to about 3 years ago); current print issues and archives on microfilm are available in the Sawyer Library.

[JSTOR](#)

JSTOR is a scholarly, archival, full-text, multi-disciplinary database going back as far as the 17th century in some subject areas. Publishers' moving walls may limit access to 3-5 years from the current date. Interior decoration/design related materials may be found in history journals, e.g., *American Historical Review* or in titles such as the *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* (American Society for Aesthetics, 1941 to one year ago; current issues in [Blackwell Synergy](#)).

[Oxford Journals Online](#)

Provides online access to more than 150 scholarly journals from the Oxford University Press,

many with full-text back to 1998. Includes several titles with interior design articles, e.g., the Design History Society's *Journal of Design History* (full-text, 2004+; table of contents or abstracts only, 1988-2003), *Oxford Art Journal* (2004+), and *British Journal of Aesthetics* (British Society of Aesthetics, 1996+).

[Art Index](#)

Art Index is an H.W.Wilson bibliographic database that indexes articles from periodicals published throughout the world. Includes both peer-reviewed and trade publications for interior design. There is no full-text in this database, but note that full-text may be available in other databases. Titles available through this database include *World of Interiors* (1998+) and *Metropolitan Home*(1998+).

[Biography Resource Center](#)

Biography Resource Center includes over 1,340 entries on interior designers, mainly 20th century American designers, as identified by "occupation." Articles provide information on careers and work as well as basic personal data.

Miscellaneous Websites

[ADAM: The Art, Design, Architecture & Media Information Gateway](#)

<http://adam.ac.uk/index.html>

ADAM is "a searchable catalogue of Internet resources that have been carefully selected and catalogued by professional librarians for the benefit of the Higher Education community." Although it is no longer in active development, the search engine works, and the annotated entries make this site worth a visit. The current version of this resource is Artifact (below).

[Artifact](#)

<http://www.artifact.ac.uk/>

Artifact calls itself the "Best of the Web for the Arts and Creative Industries." It is part of the Resource and Discovery Network, the UK's "free national gateway to Internet resources," and the successor to ADAM since 2003. It includes links to sites in architecture, design, and art and antiques.

[Digital Librarian: Home and Interior Design](#)

http://www.digital-librarian.com/home_interior.html

Digital Librarian, a "librarian's choice of the best of the Web," for numerous subjects is maintained by librarian Margaret V. Anderson. This section includes extensive links to commercial and non-commercial sites for interior design.

[Interiors and Sources](#)

<http://www.interiorsandsources.com/ME2/Audiences/Default.asp>

This website of the trade magazine *Interiors & Sources* covers interior design and architecture issues. It offers access to the magazine for free. The site is especially strong in areas like "green

design," and there is a section on "Industry Links" to professional organizations.

[InteriorDesign.net](http://www.interiordesign.net/)

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This website, affiliated with *Interior Design* Magazine, features News, Events, New Products, and listings of trade associations and schools. The site also includes a searchable Buyers Guide Index which allows visitors to search by company, keyword or category. Although full-text from the Archives is generally available only to registered users, article text from the current issue should be available with just a click on the article title.

[American Society of Interior Designers \(ASID\)](http://www.asid.org/)

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This major trade group offers some useful information at their searchable website. There are discussions of the field and specialties within it, trends and forecasts and product news, and a Job Bank. Selected articles from the latest issue of ASID's *Icon* magazine are also available.

[International Interior Design Association \(IIDA\)](http://www.iida.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1)

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"The International Interior Design Association is a professional networking and educational association of more than 10,000 Members in 8 specialty Forums, 9 Regions, and more than 30 Chapters around the world." There is a Career Center for jobseekers and a Knowledge Center for professional development and research in the field, as well as recent PDF issues of publications like the group's *DesignMatters* and *GRAction* (government relations) newsletters. The Membership Resources section contains links to companies and products.

[Council for Interior Design Accreditation \(CIDA\)](http://www.accredit-id.org/)

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Formerly known as the Foundation for Interior Design Research (FIDER), this organization is responsible for accrediting schools and works with other professional associations to establish standards for interior design education. The Council's site provides a list of accredited schools by state.

[National Council for Interior Design Qualification \(NCIDQ\)](http://www.ncidq.org)

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"The core purpose of NCIDQ is to protect the health, life safety and welfare of the public by establishing standards of competence in the practice of interior design." NCIDQ administers the professional examination for interior designers for accreditation by its members, the American states and Canadian provinces that require professional certification in the field. It also administers the Interior Design Experience Program (IDEP) for entry-level interior designers. Its website includes the "new" and comprehensive definition of interior design which has been approved by NCIDQ's and other organizations' boards as the standard for the profession.

[Design History Society](#)

<http://www.designhistorysociety.org/>

The Design History Society, founded in 1977 and based in the United Kingdom, "works nationally and internationally to promote and support the study and understanding of design history." Its website includes links to many web resources on design history. The Society's periodical, the *Journal of Design History*, is published by Oxford University Press and available through [Oxford Journals Online](#) (see above).

[FM4: Furniture](#)

<http://www.iserv.net/~plucas/index.htm>

This handy site, created and maintained by Pamela Lucas, presents extensive lists of annotated weblinks related to furniture. Areas covered include Industry, Design, and History. The "Styles and Periods" section under History is especially useful.

[Center for Universal Design](#)

<http://www.design.ncsu.edu:8120/cud/>

Want to become more aware of how to make living environments more comfortable for people with physical challenges? Take a look at this website from the College of Design, North Carolina State University, of " a national research, information, and technical assistance center that evaluates, develops, and promotes universal design in housing, public and commercial facilities, and related products."

[HGTV: Home & Garden Television](#)

<http://www.hgtv.com/>

This is the website of the cable network dedicated to home improvements and design. The target-audience is the general consumer, but even professionals might find some useful content here. The Decorating and Remodeling sections have some useful how-to advice and articles on popular decorating materials and approaches. There are even calculators for painting, tiling, and the like.

[Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum](#)

<http://ndm.si.edu/>

Cooper-Hewitt, located in New York City in the former Andrew Carnegie Mansion, is part of the Smithsonian Institution and contains the National Design Museum Library, a Smithsonian Institution Library. The library's site includes links to "Selected Internet Resources" that relate to the Museum's collections such as "Antiques and Furniture," "Interior Design," and "Wallcoverings." See also [Smithsonian: Art and Design](#) on the main Smithsonian website that includes Furniture and Interior Design and Industrial Design in its "Crafts, Folk, and Decorative Arts" section.

[Architecture and Interior Design for 20th Century America](#)

<http://rs6.loc.gov/ammem/collections/gottscho/>

This site, part of the Library of Congress's American Memory Collection, contains the Gottscho-Schleisner collection of over 29,000 photographs, taken from 1935-1955, of buildings and interiors, mainly in the Northeast, particularly in the New York City area, and in Florida.

Selected Print and Electronic Reference Sources

[Concise Dictionary of Interior Design](#)

NESAD REF. NK1704 .J6 1990

This dictionary contains about 2000 definitions for decorative arts, styles, techniques, furniture, etc., and is illustrated by many line drawings. Written by designer and electronic publisher Frederic H. Jones.

[Contemporary designers](#) 3rd ed.

NESAD REF. NK1390 .C655 1997

This comprehensive title provides biographies of 20th century designers, both individuals and companies, from all over the world. It includes bibliographies and many photographs as well as descriptions and critical reviews of the designers' work.

[Design Encyclopedia](#) New ed.

NESAD REF. NK1370 .B93 2004

This work, compiled by design historian Mel Byars and published by the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), New York, covers design history including the decorative arts from the late 19th century on. Includes articles on furniture, lighting, glassware, and appliances, with over 700 full-color illustrations, many of them showing items from MoMa's collections.

[Dictionary of Interior Design](#) Rev.ed.

NESAD REF. NK30 .P43 1983

Written by Martin M. Pegler, designer of commercial spaces, this title covers definitions for both historical and contemporary design terms. Contains line drawing illustrations.

[Dictionary of the Decorative Arts](#)

SAWYER REF. NK30 .F55 1986

A reprint of the 1977 edition of *The Penguin Dictionary of Decorative Arts* by John Fleming and Hugh Honour. Extensively illustrated with black and white photographs. Although focused on European and American furniture and furnishings, it also includes articles on Chinese, Japanese, and Islamic decorative arts.

[Elements of Design](#)

SAWYER REF. NK750 .E48 2003

This "practical encyclopedia of the decorative arts from the Renaissance to the Present" in Europe and the United States covers 14 major period styles each divided into 5 categories: furniture, ceramics, glass, metalwork, and textiles. Beautifully illustrated with color photographs.

[Encyclopedia of Interior Design](#) 2 vols.

NESAD REF. NK1165 .E48 1997

This very comprehensive encyclopedia gives an historical overview of interior design. Well

illustrated with useful bibliographies.

[Interior Design Handbook of Professional Practice](#)

ebrary, Inc. 2002

This is a "joint venture between McGraw-Hill and *Interior Design* magazine" that covers interior design practice and management of interior design firms in the United States. Also available on Permanent Reserve in NESAD.

[The Thames & Hudson Dictionary of Design Since 1900](#) 2nd ed.

NESAD REF. NK1390 .J85 2005

This well-illustrated title by Guy Julier, Professor of Design at Leeds Metropolitan University, England, provides worldwide coverage of terms and people in the design fields including entries on interiors and furniture. There is a chronology of design highlights from 1900 on by country or region. The earlier edition of this book, [The Thames and Hudson Dictionary of 20th Century Design and Designers](#) (1993; repr.1997), is available online through Xreferplus.

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An online reference library from Thomson Gale and xrefer of encyclopedias, dictionaries, and thesauri. Includes a dozen art dictionaries and encyclopedias plus biographical and historic reference books. Some of the titles in this collection with articles relating to interior design are: [The Thames and Hudson Dictionary of Art and Artists](#), [The Thames and Hudson Dictionary of 20th Century Architecture](#), and [Miller's Antiques Encyclopedia](#).

[Oxford Reference Online Premium](#)

The Oxford University Press' online reference library includes several art and architecture titles such as [The Oxford Dictionary of Art](#), [A Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Art](#), [A Dictionary of Architecture and Landscape Architecture](#), and [A Dictionary of Modern Design](#).