

# The Student Guide to the Architecture Library



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## Welcome!

On behalf of the staff of the Architecture Library, I welcome you to your first semester at Howard University's Department of Architecture and Design. We look forward to assisting you in your exploration in design, architecture, and the built environment. I hope you take full advantage of the resources available to you, right here, in this building.

The Library is not only a repository of books; it is an extension of your drafting table and a part of your creative process. This guide is designed to inform you about our collection, services, and policies so you are able to locate and access resources easily.

We look forward to working with you, and again, welcome to Howard University!

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## Pertinent Information

Useful Telephone Numbers (202)

Architecture Library 806-7773

Founders Library (Main Library, Reference Desk)  
806-7252

School of Architecture & Design 806-7420

Howard University Bookstore 806-6656

Campus Police 806-1100

Howard University Student Association (HUSA)  
202-806-7007

iLab (Technology Center) 806-0660

Operator/Switchboard 806-6100

Post Office 806-2009

Shuttle Bus Operations 806-2003

Useful Websites

[www.howard.edu](http://www.howard.edu)  
Howard University

[www.founders.edu/ceacs](http://www.founders.edu/ceacs)  
College of Engineering, Architecture and Computer  
Sciences

[www.howard.edu/library](http://www.howard.edu/library)  
Howard University Library System

[www.howard.edu/library/architecture\\_library](http://www.howard.edu/library/architecture_library)  
Architecture Library

## Current Journal Subscriptions

The Architecture Library currently subscribes to variety of journals from around the world. A few current journals are available behind the Circulation Desk for in-house browsing. The list also includes journals available online and/or on microfiche.

F=frequency P=publisher location

### AA Files

F= semiannual P= London, England

### Abitare

F= monthly P= Milan, Italy

### Architects Journal

F= weekly P= London, England

### Architectural Design

F= monthly P= London, England

### Architecture Digest

F= monthly P= Los Angeles, California

### Architectural Record (microfilm)

F= monthly P= New York, New York

### The Architectural Review (microfilm)

F= monthly P= London, England

### Architecture Science Review

F= semiannual P= Sydney, Australia

### Architecture ([Internet] EBSCOhost)

F= monthly P= Washington, D.C.

### Architecture Australia ([Internet] EBSCOhost)

F= bimonthly P= Sydney, Australia

### Builder

F= monthly P= Washington, D.C.

### Building

F= weekly P= London, England

### Building Design

F= weekly P= London, England

### Built Environment

F= quarterly P= London, England

### Casabella

F= monthly P= Milan, Italy

### Design Cost & Data

F= quarterly P= Monterey, California

### Design Methods

F= quarterly P= San Luis Obispo, California

### Design Solutions

F= quarterly P= Arlington, Virginia

### Domus

F= monthly P= Milan, Italy

### Environments: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies

F= 3 times a year P= Waterloo, Ontario

### Interior Design

F= monthly P= New York, New York

### International Development Planning Review

F= semiannual P= Liverpool, England

### International Journal for Housing Science and Its Applications

F= quarterly P= Coral Gables, Florida

### The Japan Architect

F= quarterly P= Tokyo, Japan

### Journal of the American Planning Association

F= quarterly P= Washington, D.C.

### Journal of Architectural and Planning Association

F= quarterly P= New York, New York

### Journal of Planning Education and Research

F= quarterly P= New York, New York

### Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians

F= quarterly P= Troy, New York

### Kenchiku to Toshi = Architecture and Urbanism

F= monthly P= Tokyo, Japan

### Landscape Architecture

F= monthly P= Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

### Landscape Design: The Journal of the Landscape Institute

F= quarterly P= London, England

### Landscape Journal

F= semiannual P= Madison, Wisconsin

### Land use Law + Zoning Digest

F= monthly P= Chicago, Illinois

### Means Assemblies Cost Data

F= annual P= Kingston, Massachusetts

### Means Construction Cost Indexes

F= quarterly P= Kingston, Massachusetts

### Metropolis

F= monthly P= New York, New York

### Preservation

F= bimonthly P= Washington, D.C.

### Forum Journal

F= quarterly P= Washington, D.C.

### Historic Preservation: Forum News

F= bimonthly P= Washington, D.C.

### Society of Architectural Historians Newsletter

F= bimonthly P= Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

### Old House Journal

F= bimonthly P= Brooklyn, New York

### Perspecta: the Yale Architectural Journal

F= annual P= Cambridge, Massachusetts

### Places

F= quarterly P= Cambridge, Massachusetts

### Planning: American Planning Association (microfilm/[Internet] EBSCOhost)

F= monthly P= Chicago, Illinois

### Professional Builder

F= monthly P= Newton, Massachusetts

### RIBA Journal

F= monthly P= London, England

### Town Planning Review

F= quarterly P= Liverpool, England

### Thresholds

F= semiannual P= Cambridge, Massachusetts

### Urban Land

F= monthly P= Washington, D.C.

### Vernacular Architecture

F= annual P= York, England

## Circulation

The Circulation Desk, located at the entrance of the Library is where you can check out and return books, obtain assigned readings, reference materials, and ask for assistance. Desk transactions cease 15 minutes before closing.

## Loan Periods

To borrow materials from the Architecture Library patrons must be registered in the Library's circulation system. A 14-digit barcode is encoded on your ID and is unique to you. Your ID allows you make transactions within the University Library System, be sure to bring it to the Library to check-out items.

## Circulating Books

### **Undergraduates: 3 weeks**

#### Course Reserves and Reference Materials

Loan periods vary, from 1 hour to 7 days

Note: Course Reserves, reference materials and periodicals DO NOT circulate outside the Architecture Library. This restriction applies to all borrowers.

#### Interlibrary Loans

Inquire at Founders Library (Loan period varies)

## Fines & Charges

Circulating Books | 25c per day/item

Course Reserves | 5c per minute/item

Recall Items | 35c per day/item

Lost Items | Lost items: Price of item plus \$15 processing fee, plus fine.  
The maximum fine is \$25.00.

**IF YOU HAVE LIBRARY FINES, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHECKOUT BOOKS.**

Check your circulation record online, regularly, at:

<http://138.238.41.252/patroninfo>  
HU Library Account

Return books promptly to avoid fines.

## Architecture Library Web

[www.howard.edu/library/architecture\\_library](http://www.howard.edu/library/architecture_library)

Architecture Library Web is an online tool designed for easy access to architecture and design resources. You can find design guides to the WWW, search Sterling and other online databases, browse online Journals, view Course Reserves, and check your Circulation Record.

Architecture Library Web sitemap

- o Architecture Library home  
[www.howard.edu/library/architecture\\_library](http://www.howard.edu/library/architecture_library)
- o Search & Discovery
  - Sterling, HU Library Catalog
  - WorldCat  
(search Sterling and other library catalogs)
  - RIBA Catalog and Journal Index
  - Databases
    - Off campus Access
  - HU Arch Library @ del.icio.us.com
  - HU Arch on Facebook
- o Research Assistance
  - New Student Guide to the library
  - How to Locate Journal Articles
  - E-Resources for Designers and Artists
  - Jack Travis, Silcott Chair (bibliography)
  - Design Resources in the Washington Metropolitan Area
- o Research Tools
  - del.icio.us.com (online social bookmarking)
  - Noodle Tools (research, bibliographic manager)
  - Firefox add ons
    - Google Notebook
    - Read it Later
    - Zotero
- o Services
  - Library Hours | Policies
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  - Request Forms
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  - Course Reserves
  - Interlibrary Loan
  - Copying | Printing
  - Your Library Account

## Call Numbers

The organization of the Architecture Library book collection is according to the Library of Congress call number system. Call numbers group materials by subject. Selected call numbers for subjects held by the Architecture Library are as follows:

N Visual Arts (general)  
NA Architecture  
NA 1-60 General  
NA 31 Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Glossaries  
NA 100-130 Architecture and the State  
NA 123 Examination and Licensing of Architects  
NA 200-1613 History  
NA 510 Renaissance  
NA 590 Baroque/Rococo  
NA 680 20th Century  
NA 737 Individual Architects  
NA 750-1611 Architecture of Special Countries  
NA 1995-1997 Architecture as a Profession  
NA 2000-2320 Study and Teaching  
NA 2300 Schools  
NA 2335-2360 Competitions  
NA 2400-2460 Museums, Exhibitions  
NA 2500-2599 Theory, Aesthetics  
NA 2541 Climate and Architecture  
NA 2545 Architecture and Disabilities  
NA 2695-2794 Architectural Design and Drawing  
NA 2760-2775 Composition, Proportions, Plans, Elevations  
NA 2780 Rendering in Color, Pen & Ink  
NA 2790 Models and Modeling  
NA 2810-4050 Architectural Details, Motives, Decoration  
NA 2890-2960 Domes, Roofs, Ceilings, Gables, Towers  
NA 4100-8480 Special Classes of Buildings  
NA4100-4145 Classed by Material  
NA 4160 Classed by Form  
NA 4170-8480 Classes by Use  
NA 4170-7010 Public Buildings  
NA 4590-6199 Religious Architecture  
NA 6210 Commercial Buildings  
NA 6218 Shopping Centers  
NA 6225 Storefronts  
NA 6230 Office Buildings  
NA 6300-6307 Airports  
NA 6700 Museums, Exhibition Buildings  
NA 7100-7880 Domestic Architecture  
NA 7195 Housing for Seniors, Youth, Disabled  
NA 7800 Hotel & Restaurant Architecture  
NA 8200-8260 Farm Architecture  
NA 8300-8480 Minor Buildings  
NA 9000-9428 Aesthetics of a City, City Planning  
NB Sculpture  
NC Drawing, Design, Illustration  
ND Painting  
NE Print Media  
NK Decorative and Applied Arts  
NK 1700-3505 Interior Design & Decoration  
NX Arts in general  
SB Landscape Architecture  
SB Horticulture (gardens, landscape gardening, parks, etc.)  
T Technology, general  
TA Engineering, general  
TC-TF Engineering (hydraulic, environmental, bridge)  
TE Highway engineering  
TH Building construction  
TH Building construction, general  
TH 845-895 Architectural engineering, structural engineering of buildings  
TH 1000-1727 Systems of building construction  
TH 2031-3000 Details (foundations, walls, chimneys, roofs, floors)  
TH 4021-4977 Construction (public buildings, factories, dwellings)  
TH5011-5701 Construction (building trades: masonry, carpentry, metalworking)  
TH 6014-7975 Environmental engineering  
TH 9025-9745 Protection of buildings  
TR Photography  
TT Handicrafts, arts and crafts, including woodworking, furniture making, metalworking

For assistance in locating materials or in using the Library of Congress call number system, please inquire at the Circulation Desk

## Sterling

Sterling is the Howard University Library Catalog available online. You can access the catalog at any networked computer to search the Library's collection at [www.howard.edu/library](http://www.howard.edu/library) click on "Sterling".

Search the catalog by author, title, keyword, call number, ISBN, ISSN, or Library of Congress subject heading to locate materials. Seek assistance at the Circulation Desk if you need help searching Sterling.

## Periodicals/Journals

Current journals are available, inquire at the Circulation Desk. All journals do not leave the Library. Bound journals are located long the west and south walls of the Library. Indexes are located on shelves near the computing stations. Consult [The Journal Handbook](#) to view a listing of current subscriptions, Bound Journal holdings, and to learn how to find articles in the Library.

## Maps

District of Columbia Generalized Land Use map is located on the North wall next to the copier.

District of Columbia Zoning map (oversized) is available for photocopying purposes. Ask at the Circulation Desk.

Contour maps of the District of Columbia are located in the flat-bed drawer on the North wall. Use the segmented map which corresponds to the contour maps. Find the numerical segment of the area in question and find the corresponding number on the contour map in the drawer. The number is located in the lower left hand corner of the map.

## Photocopiers

There is a public available in the Library. The copiers are card-operated only. They do not accept coins. The cost of copying is 15 cents/page.

You can purchase a copy card at the University Bookstore.

Copies can be made on 8.5x11 or 11x17 papers.

## Student Computing

Howard H. Mackey building is a wireless facility and computers with wireless capabilities can access the network inside the Architecture Library. There are desktop computers available on premises. These computers are ideal for searching Sterling Catalog, writing papers, and checking email.

- **iLab**

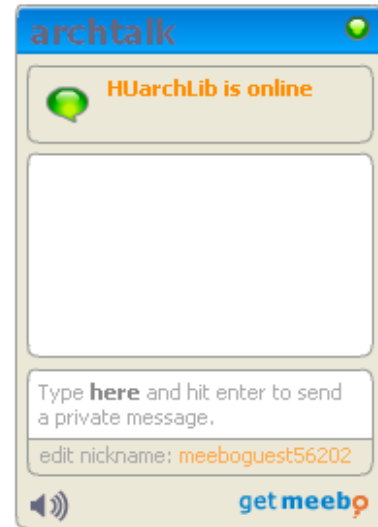
The iLab, located on Bryant Street between 6 and 7 Street, is a 24hr computing facility designed for students.

**Helpful Tip:** Go to the iLab to view/print EReserves. Many of the EReserves are laden with imagery and the file size may be large. The iLab's network connection is faster than many on campus. A faster connection will decrease loading time and reduce your chance of the computer crashing.

## Ask a Librarian

Chat with a Librarian or Subject Specialist online through the library's ArchTalk. (Be sure you see the green light and the status "HUarchLib is online" before you begin your session.)

Need Help? Ask A Librarian.



## Online Resources

The University Library System subscribes to several architecture-related resources available online. Many of the resources are available via Architecture Library Web. Online access to indexes/abstracts & full-text databases that are marked **R** on the HU Library Web pages are restricted. For off campus access follow instructions as noted.

A few notable online resources are listed and described below:

**EBSCOhost R** | Provides full text for nearly 1,380 academic, social sciences, humanities, general science, education and multi-cultural journals.

**Lexis-Nexis Universe R** | Search the full text of today's news, or search back more than 20 years. Search full text federal, state & international legal materials. Search general reference sources.

**Project Muse R** | A unique collaboration between more than 20 not-for-profit, scholarly publishers and the Milton S. Eisenhower Library at the Johns Hopkins University, provides full text access to over 160 journals.

**RIBA Architectural Publications Index Online** | database with approximately 300 current journals indexed. Catalog of books, drawings, slides, manuscripts and other material in the collection of the British Architectural Library.

**ScienceDirect R** | Unlimited access to abstracts from the most frequently cited journals in the fields of science and technology, including browse-able tables of contents as well as full text of journals to which the library subscribes.

## Electronic Reserves

Electronic Reserves, or E-Reserves, are digitized assigned readings available 24/7 via any networked computer, for your convenience. Check Sterling Catalog to see if your Professor requested a reading to be placed online.

Note: Not all required readings are available online.

### How to access Electronic Reserves:

- Go to the Course Reserves Listings webpage <http://www.howard.edu/Library>
- Under "Search/Browse", select "Course Reserves"
- Type the lecturer/professor's name in the field provided and SEARCH
- Select the course title
- Scroll and find the title and note the status of the item (on the right). If the status of the item states: "VF and also Online", click on the title of the item.
  - Click on "View the full text of article" to view the item in Acrobat Reader