RIBA Library Catalogue

The Royal Institute of British Architects’ (RIBA) Library Catalogue indexes journal articles, books, drawings and other types of resources in architecture and related fields.

You may find it helpful to search the RIBA library catalogue as well as LSBU library’s resources particularly if you’re doing a longer research project.

You can visit the RIBA library at 66 Portland Place W1B 1AD and the RIBA Architecture Study Rooms at the V&A, Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7 2RL.

Access

The RIBA Library Catalogue can be accessed at http://riba.sirsidynix.net.uk/uhtbin/webcat. A link to this is also available on the My LSBU library’s Architecture subject page.

Searching

Image search

Click on RIBApix in the top horizontal menu to search within architectural images.
**Quick search**

Enter a search term in the Quick Search box and click **Search**. If you have two or more search terms or phrases put **and** between them e.g. st paul’s **and** dome:

![Quick Search](image)

**Searching for journal articles**

If you want to find journal articles only, go to the drop down menu in the **Collections** box and click on **Articles**

![Quick Search](image)

**Wildcard symbol**

You can search all variations of a particular word by using the wildcard symbol `$` at the appropriate point e.g. **brick$** will retrieve records with the terms brick, bricks, brickwork or bricklayer etc.

**Advanced search**

The advanced search option allows you to do more complex searches. It is particularly helpful if you are searching for articles by a specific architect or about a specific building.
Search Again option

The **Search Again** option at the bottom of your results allows you to refine your search. You can also go to this option by clicking on **Limit Search** in the blue menu above your results.

Viewing and marking records

The results of your search will be displayed in a list. Use the << >> arrows at the top or bottom of the screen to move through the results list.

View individual records by clicking the **Details** button. The records will include full bibliographical details and may also provide details of any illustrations included in the text and a brief summary of the content.

When working through a results list, mark relevant records by clicking on the **Select** button next to each record. Remember you cannot access the full content via the RIBA catalogue. The journal or book, however, may be available from LSBU, so check the LSBU library catalogue.

Email selected records

After you have selected items of interest, click **Selected** on the blue menu bar at the top of the screen. The records to be emailed will be listed. Enter your email address in the box and click **email**.
Finding full text articles

Once you’ve found records of articles on the RIBA catalogue, you can check to see if the full text is available at from LSBU.

1. Login to My LSBU. Click on the Library & Academic tab and then Library.
2. In the second search box labelled ‘Find journal articles and more’, type in the journal article title or the first few words of the title.

If you’re not able to find or access the full text article this way, it’s also worth searching for the journal title the article is in:

1. click on the Journal Titles tab, enter the title of the journal the article is in and click on Search.

2. If we hold the journal it will be listed. Click on the journal title in the list. We may subscribe to the print and/or electronic version.
3. If we have an electronic version, the databases (e-resources) that contain the journal will be listed. Choose the one that covers the date of the article.
4. Once the database is open, find where the past issues are listed by year. Navigate to the correct year, then click on the correct volume and issue number. Alternatively, enter the article title in the search box if available.
5. In the results list, locate the article using the article title or the page numbers

Further help

Contact your Information Skills Adviser LLRbea@lsbu.ac.uk if you’d like further help with using the RIBA catalogue, finding journal articles or architecture resources in general.