About us
The National Gallery of Art Library is an art research center serving the Gallery’s scholarly community and other adult researchers interested in the history of art.

Hours
Monday: noon – 4:30 pm
Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
(last entry at 4:00 pm; closed Saturday – Sunday and federal holidays)

Contacts
Phone: (202) 842-6511 (hours as above)
Email: library@nga.gov

What to expect
Search our holdings in the library catalogs: library.nga.gov
We are a closed-stacks facility. Library staff will retrieve materials for you. Our collection does not circulate. Books are used in the reading room.

Location
The library is in the Study and Administrative Center of the East Building. Use the East Building’s entrance on Fourth Street, between Pennsylvania Avenue and Madison Drive NW.

Procedures
A brief orientation is required for initial use of the library. Contact us to schedule a visit. Subsequent visits do not require an appointment.

Leave briefcases, bags, computer cases, large purses, coats, hats, umbrellas, books, food, and drinks at the checkroom near the East Building entrance.

Sign the library register at the circulation desk at the start of each visit.

Use only pencils and ballpoint pens, and exercise care in handling books.

As a courtesy to fellow readers, turn cell phones off and minimize the use of scented products.

Retrievals
Books are normally delivered within 15 minutes.
Up to ten books or journals may be requested per day.

Reserves
Books needed again within a few days can be held at the circulation desk.

Reproductions
Books may be photographed or scanned using a handheld device. Self-service photocopiers are available. Limit duplication to conform to copyright regulations.