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Image Databases

www.ocad.ca/library ► Databases ►

- **AP MultiMedia Archive:** offers over one million photographs from 1826 to the present (images are updated daily), tens of thousands of graphics, audio files dating from the 1920's, and news stories dating from 1997.
- **AMIG (Art Museum Image Gallery):** over 130,000 high resolution fine art images dated BC to the present
- **ARTstor:** over 300,000 high resolution images NOTE: you can print them but download only low resolution images
- **Grove Dictionary of Art:** over 200,000 images. NOTE: Grove uses free images from the Internet; thus, they are not licensed and are of varying quality
- **Academic Search Premier:** images and video clips of current events and famous people.

Free Sites

www.ocad.ca/library ► Research Help ► Images.

Some of the more useful ones include:

- **Images Canada** (National Library of Canada) www.imagescanada.ca : events, people, and places from Canadian history.
- **Corbis: Stock Photography** www.corbis.com : thousands photographs searchable by subject. Offers both rights protected and royalty free images. **NOTE:** Enlarged images have embedded watermark unless you are a registered user for free access to thumbnail images
- **Google** www.google.ca : searches the Internet for images. Keyword search only, thus producing unpredictable results. Offers limits including by colour/grayscale/b&w and image size. **NOTE:** sometimes it is difficult to find images of higher quality and almost all images are covered by copyright

Print Collections

Picture Files: organized alphabetically by subject title (e.g.. Fish or rainbows)

- **NOTE:** lost or stolen images cannot be replaced
- A listing of subjects is available in a binder located on top of the filling cabinets.
- Up to 30 pictures can be signed out with a valid library card
- **WHERE:** The **Picture File** is located next to the Current Periodicals reading area. Large-format filing drawers contain folders of collected images from magazines and newspapers.

Picture File Books: Stock photography books are useful when seeking more general images of people, places, objects and events.

- **EXAMPLES:** Eaton's Catalogues, Stock Illustration Source, Image Bank, FPG international, First Light. It is best to browse through these publications for the images that you want
- **WHERE:** A number of stock photography and illustration sourcebooks are available in the Library's Circulating (green) section shelved under the classification **PFB** and can be signed out.

Periodicals

www.ocad.ca/library ► **Databases** ► **Art Full Text** or **Art Retrospective**

These databases allow you to search for reproductions of artworks in journals or magazine

- select databases
- enter search terms (e.g. artist or title of work)
- Select "Art Reproduction" as a search limit for **Document Type**
- The resulting records will provide citations for articles (incl. Title of journal, vol., year, etc.) that include a reproduction of the image

The screenshot shows the OCAD library search interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Advanced Search, Basic Search, Browse, Search History, Subject Areas, Print Email Save, Help, and Journal Directory. The main search area includes a 'Close Database Selection Area' with a 'Clear All' button and checkboxes for 'AMICO Library(TM)', 'Art Full Text', and 'Art Retrospective'. The 'Search For:' field contains 'keith haring'. Below this are 'and' and 'or' dropdowns, a 'Sort By:' dropdown set to 'Relevance', and 'Limit Dates to:' options: 'Any Year' (selected), 'Within last 12 months', and 'From Year:'/ 'To Year:' fields. On the right, there are dropdowns for 'as:' (set to 'Artist') and two 'All - Smart Search' dropdowns, along with a 'Start' button. Below these are 'Limit to:' options: 'Full Text Articles', 'Page Image (PDF)', and 'Peer Reviewed'. At the bottom, there is an 'Expand:' option: 'Also search within the full text of the articles, for extra results'. A 'Document Type:' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options including 'All', 'Physical Description', 'Art Reproduction', 'Autobiography', 'Bibliography', 'Biography', 'Book review', 'Choreography Review', 'Collective biographies', 'Contains biographical materi', 'Corporate Profile', 'Do-it-Yourself-Work', 'Drama (Text of Play)', 'Excerpt from Book', 'Exhibit', 'Feature', 'Fiction', 'Film Review', and 'Individual biographies'.