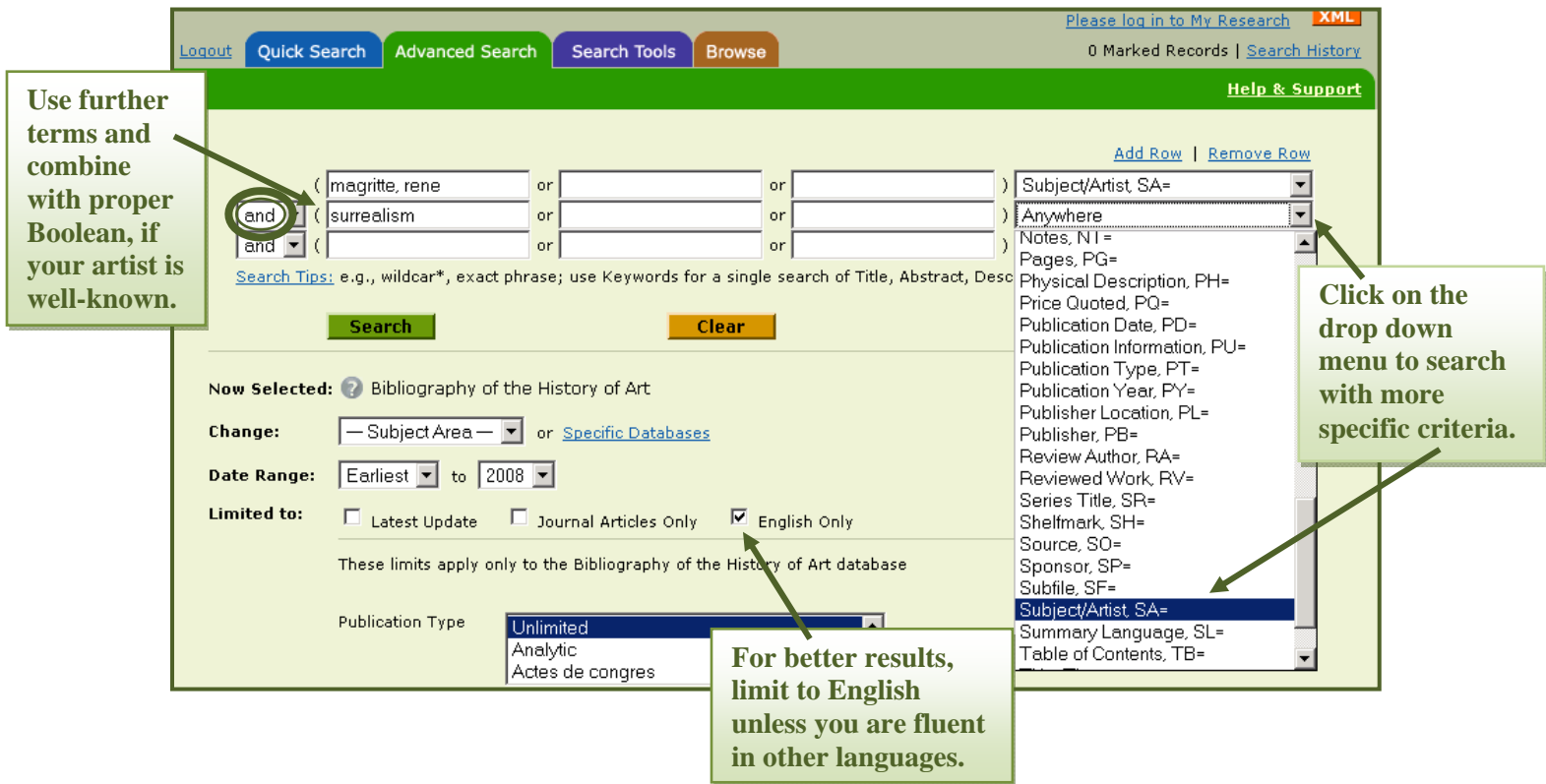


## Research Databases

**ARTSTOR** gives you access to over 300,000 high quality images covering architecture, painting, photography, sculpture, decorative arts and design.

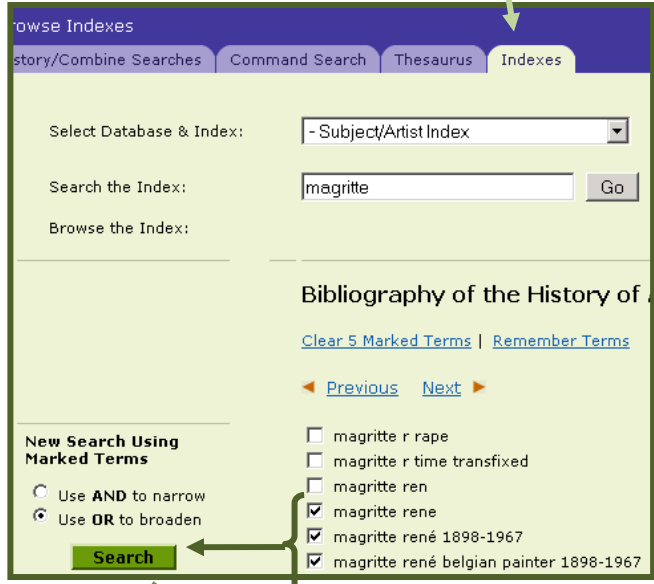
### Bibliography of the History of Art

**Bibliography of the History of Art** is a research database that lists citations and abstracts of art-related materials from more than 2,500 periodicals covering architecture, sculpture, painting, drawing, and prints, decorative and applied arts, industrial design and architecture, popular and folk art, and material culture of interest to art historians. Photography, new media and the performing arts are also covered in connection with the visual arts. Coverage: 1973 - Present. The articles listed in these databases have an icon that looks like **Get Text**. Clicking on this icon will help you find the article either full-text online or in a print journal in the Periodical section of the Library, or form another library via **Information Delivery Services**. Here is a sample search:



The screenshot shows the search interface for the Bibliography of the History of Art. It includes a search bar with the terms "magritte, rene" and "surrealism" connected by "and" operators. A callout box on the left says: "Use further terms and combine with proper Boolean, if your artist is well-known." Below the search bar are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. On the right, a dropdown menu is open, listing various search criteria like "Subject/Artist, SA=", "Anywhere", "Notes, NI=", etc. A callout box on the right says: "Click on the drop down menu to search with more specific criteria." Below the search bar, there are options for "Now Selected: Bibliography of the History of Art", "Change: Subject Area", "Date Range: Earliest to 2008", and "Limited to: English Only" (checked). A callout box at the bottom says: "For better results, limit to English unless you are fluent in other languages." The "Publication Type" dropdown is set to "Unlimited".

Remember to use the Search Tools to find the best terms!



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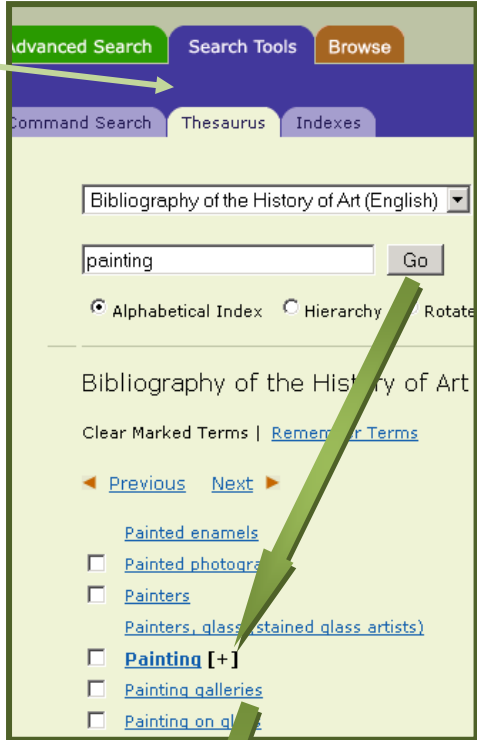
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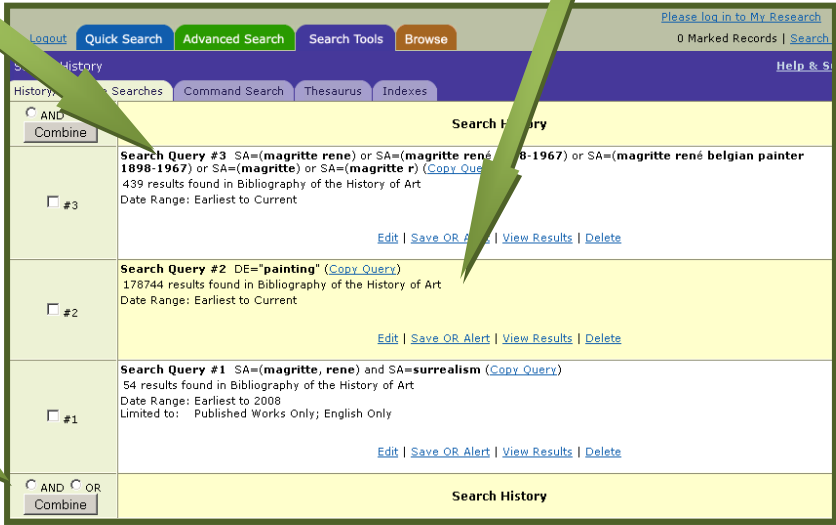
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[Painting galleries](#)

[Painting on glass](#)

Use your results history to combine and create new searches.



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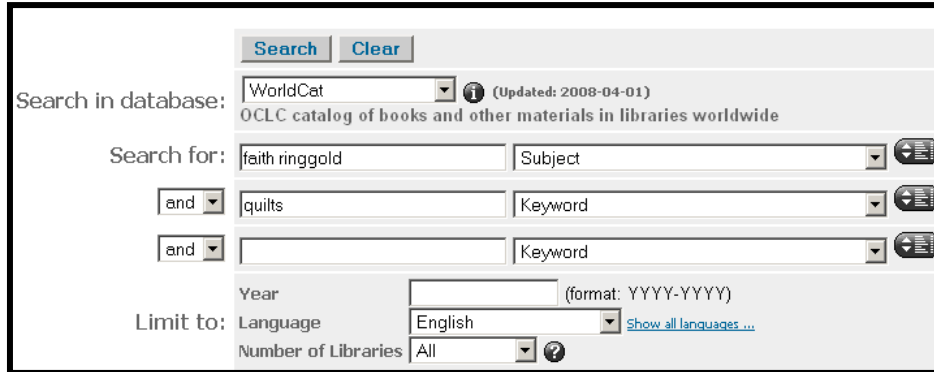
Search History

There are other research databases that will help you find articles in scholarly journals and popular magazines. One database is called *Arts & Humanities Index*, another is *Academic Search Premier*. You can access these and hundreds of other research databases, from the Library web page by clicking on **Research Help – Resources by Subject** (– Art History).



## Catalogs



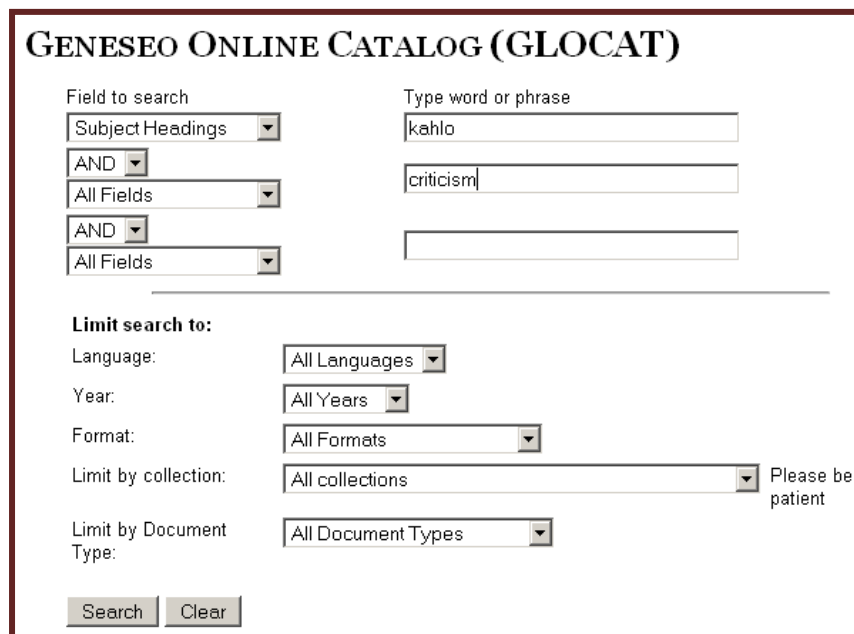
WorldCat is a catalog (database) that lists books available in thousands of other libraries. Many of these books can be obtained for you through **Information Delivery Services (IDS)**. Here is a sample search:



The screenshot shows the WorldCat search interface. At the top, there are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. Below that, the search database is set to 'WorldCat' (Updated: 2008-04-01) with the description 'OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide'. The search criteria are: 'faith ringgold' in the 'Subject' field, 'quilts' in the 'Keyword' field, and an empty 'Keyword' field. The 'Year' field is empty with the format '(format: YYYY-YYYY)'. The 'Limit to:' section shows 'Language' set to 'English' (with a link to 'Show all languages ...') and 'Number of Libraries' set to 'All'.

If you look closely at the resulting book citations, you will see this icon: . Clicking on it will open a box that includes the link to the **Information Delivery Services (IDS)** request form. Entering your SUNY Geneseo username and password will begin the process of requesting that the IDS office obtain the book from another library for you. When you see the icon , you know to look for the item in GLOCat.

**GLOCat** is the database (catalog) that lists what we own here at SUNY Geneseo. You can find books (including ebooks) and you can also find out what journals we own. Here is a sample search from the Advanced Search option:



The screenshot shows the GLOCat search interface. The title is 'GENESEO ONLINE CATALOG (GLOCAT)'. The search criteria are: 'Subject Headings' field with 'kahlo' and 'criticism'. The 'Limit search to:' section shows 'Language' set to 'All Languages', 'Year' set to 'All Years', 'Format' set to 'All Formats', 'Limit by collection' set to 'All collections' (with a note 'Please be patient'), and 'Limit by Document Type' set to 'All Document Types'. There are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons at the bottom.

You can use GLOCat to find indexes and books on art and art history, including these that will be helpful when researching the broader historical, cultural and political contexts.

### Research Hints

There are several ways to approach the challenge of searching for information on an artist or work of art:

- If your artist has come to prominence in the very recent past, there may not be any books written on them yet. Your best bet will be reviews and articles. Try an internet search to see if the artist has his/her own homepage or gallery who represents them.
- Sometimes knowing what was happening in the world during the time your artist was creating his/her works can help you better interpret or understand the work in a larger context. As you choose a specific work or time period, first research to discover "everything" that was happening during the time period, and then find more information about those specific events if you desire.
- You may find a reference book that reprints criticism of an artist's work. Try Browsing **Art criticism -- History -- 20th century** in *GLOCat* as a Subject Heading to get the call numbers for the books.
- General books on artists or art movements may give details of the an artist's body of work as well as give a larger context for their work. Use *WorldCat* and *GLOCat*.
- Interviews with artists in the months following the first exhibition may include comments about it. Use *Academic Search Premier*, *ProQuest* and the other databases and research tools listed above for finding reviews.
- When you search for quality images, try adding these terms or phrases with your search terms :

... and "digital library"

... and "image collection"

... and (image OR photo OR picture) and database"

### Websites

**Art History Resources on the Web** is a fairly extensive and in depth website maintained by Christopher L.C.E. Whitcombe, art history professor, at Sweetbriar College.

<http://witcombe.sbc.edu/ARTHLinks.html>

**Art Links on the World Wide Web** is a good for a global entree to a very large listing of sites devoted to many areas of artistic heritage.

[http://www.bc.edu/bc\\_org/avp/cas/fnart/Artweb\\_frames.html](http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/Artweb_frames.html)

**World Wide Art Resources** is an all-purpose site which offers links to organizations that provide art information. International in scope, galleries, museums, and other art institutions are listed with their diverse offerings. <http://wwar.com/>

**Infomine:** <http://infomine.ucr.edu/>

*Milne's reference librarians are always glad to provide research assistance.  
Appointments are arranged for most weekday hours when reference librarians are on duty.*

*Fill out and submit the research consultation request form at:*

<http://eres.geneseo.edu/library/requests/requests/src.shtml>