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Your search for information on **ceramics** and **ceramicists** can include books, periodicals, online databases, and authoritative Internet resources.

Books

Use the **Library Catalog** located on the Cerritos College **Library Home Page** to find books on your topic that are available in the Cerritos College Library. Books can provide a broad overview of a topic or in-depth information. You can search for books by *Author, Title, Subject, or Keyword*.

Listed below are some *Library of Congress Subject Headings* used in the catalog for books relating to **ceramics**. Use these terms to *Search by Subject*. Remember, this list is by no means conclusive.

Art pottery
Ceramic sculpture
Ceramics
Decorative arts

Folk art
Glass
Glazes
Potters

Pottery
Sculptors
Sculpture

You can also use an artist's last name as a *subject*. Type **Turner, Robert** and click on *subject* to find books about Robert Turner.

In general, books on ceramics will be shelved in the N's or the T's depending on whether they deal with the art (N) or craft and technology (T) of ceramics.

Selected Reference Books

Reference books are a good starting point for your research because they help you become better acquainted with your topic. Listed below are some reference books that may be useful in your research.

Contemporary Artists
REF N6490 .C6567 2002

Dictionary of World Pottery and Porcelain
REF NK3770 .B64

Encyclopedia of American Folk Art
REF NK805 .E6 2004

The Encyclopedia of Sculpture
REF NB198 .E53 2004

Grove Dictionary of Art
REF N31 .D5 1996

The Grove Encyclopedia of Decorative Arts
REF NK28 .G76 2006

Illustrated Dictionary of Practical Pottery
REF TT919.5 F68 1992

Modern Arts Criticism
REF N6489 .M63 1991

The Potter's Dictionary
REF TT919.5 .H35 1991

Sculpture: The Great Traditions of Sculpture from the 15th to the 18th Century
REF NB60 .S38130 1996

Who's Who in American Art
REF N6536 .W5

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Finding Magazine, Journal, and Newspaper Articles

Journal and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not usually scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and some additional facts on your topic.

To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below. These databases usually provide full-text articles on almost every topic. They are available via the [Library Home Page](#). Conduct your search in these databases by using subject headings and keywords similar to those you used to locate books.

The library has subscriptions to the following journals the cover the art and technology of ceramics and pottery:

American Artist
American Craft
Art in America

Artforum
ARTNews
Artweek

Ceramics Monthly

Online Databases for ceramics and ceramacists:

EBSCOhost

Gale Databases

Oxford Art Online

For remote access to the library databases, login to the [Library](#) using your Cerritos College ID number.

See the [Database Page](#) or handout for a complete description of the Cerritos College Library online resources.

For historical research, the Library also has print indexes that must be used to find older articles, generally anything published before 1985.

Internet Sites

The Internet can be a valuable source for supplementing the information you have gathered from books and periodicals. It is important that you evaluate the information you get from the Internet to determine if it is reliable and useful to your research. A few Internet sites that may be useful are listed here.

PotteryMaking Illustrated – Studio Resources

<http://www.potterymaking.org/>

Pottery Making Illustrated is a ceramic techniques magazine that provides free access to several articles on technique, recipes, and safety.

The American Ceramic Society

<http://www.ceramics.org/>

This nonprofit organization "serves the informational, educational, and professional needs of the international ceramics community." Some material is only available to members.

National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts

<http://www.nceca.net/>

The National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts is a professional association of individuals and organizations whose interests, talents and careers are focused on the ceramic arts.

Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art

<http://www.gardinermuseum.on.ca/>

Information about this Canadian museum "devoted to ceramics." The site features a database of images of selected items from the collection, and an overview of the museum's holdings of ceramics from the ancient Americas, Asia, and Europe, and contemporary works.