Multimedia Resources

Information on multimedia can be found in a variety of resources. This guide is designed to help point you in the right direction by providing a starting point for your research. Remember to always ask a librarian when you need assistance.

Reference Sources

The N, and QA - Z section of the Reference collection contains many sources relating to the arts, the Internet and multimedia.

Art Through the Ages
Dictionary of the Internet
Dictionary of Multimedia
History of art
History of Graphic Design

Databases

You can always access one of the databases available to you via the library’s homepage at http://library.cw.edu or by clicking on the library icon on any on-campus computer desktop. The databases can also be accessed from the CW Portal at http://portal.cw.edu and then clicking on the CW Library link.

Try the following databases to find articles relating to multimedia and related areas:

ABC-CLIO (America: History and Life)
Contains 1,700 journal titles published worldwide. Over 16,000 new abstracts and citations to journal articles, book/media reviews, and dissertations are added to the database annually.

EBSCO Academic Search Elite
This database offers information in nearly every area of academic study including: computer sciences, engineering, physics, chemistry, language and linguistics, arts & literature, medical sciences, ethnic studies and more.

EBSCO Communication & Mass Media Complete
Communication & Mass Media Complete provides research in areas related to communication and mass media.

Proquest (ABI/INFORM Trade & Industry)
Search more than 750 business periodicals and newsletters with a trade or industry focus. Provides users with the latest industry news, product and competitive information, marketing trends, and a wide variety of other topics.

ProQuest (Research Library)
Search for coverage of a broad range of subjects including arts, business, children, education, general interest, health, humanities, international, law, military, multicultural, psychology, sciences, social sciences, and women's interests.
**Internet Resources**

There are numerous multimedia related websites on the Internet. You should always check the source that is providing the information to ensure that it is valid and reliable. Here is a section of reputable sources that can start you on your way.

**Art Source Image Collections**
http://www.ilpi.com/artsource/images.html
A very useful collection of 11 different websites where users may find varied images.

**Barry’s ClipArt Server**
http://www.barrysclipart.com
Over 3 million photos, fonts, clipart images and animations

**Morguefile**
www.morguefile.com
“Morgue” is a term commonly used by artists and photographers for a storage place to keep reference material. More than 15,000 high resolution images available for download.

**American Memory**
http://memory.loc.gov
American Memory is a gateway to rich primary source materials relating to the history and culture of the United States. The site offers more than 7 million digital items from more than 100 historical collections.

**Visual Collections**
www.davidrumsey.com/collections
A digital image collection portal. The site is divided into links to photography, fine arts, architecture and cartography (maps).

You can always use a search engine to find professional organizations or additional information that relate to multimedia. Try Google (http://www.google.com) or the Librarian’s Index to the Internet (http://lii.org).

**Additional Resources**

**Books**
Digital Lighting & Rendering T 385.B557 2000
Elements of Color ND 1493.18 1813 1970
Photoshop CS T 385.W4547 2004
Real Time Rendering T 385.M635 2002
Using Design Basics to Get Creative Results NC 845.P48 1996
Web Standards Design Guide TK5105.888 R87 2005

**Periodicals**
Advertising Age Graphic Arts
Art News MacWorld
Computer Graphics World PC World
Digital Imaging Videomaker

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