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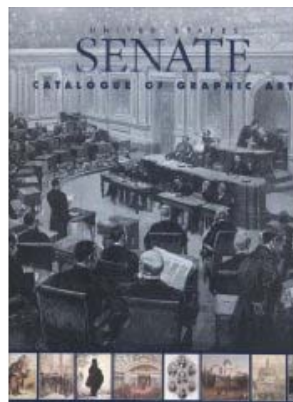


Government Documents at Dacus Library

Government Documents and the Arts



You may not think of looking for art information in the Government Documents Department but we have quite a bit of artistic material from the Smithsonian Institution, Department of Agriculture, Library of Congress, and branches of the armed forces. The U.S. Senate Commission on Art has published beautiful full-color volumes of paintings, sculpture, and graphic art including political cartoons and caricatures found in the U.S. Senate historical collection. These materials are on display in the Government Documents Department.



Little known fact –

Illustration in government documents became common around 1844 when the Army, Navy, and General Land Office used engravings, woodcuts, and lithographs to enhance reports of their explorations.

National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities

In 1965, the National Foundation of the Arts and Humanities Act was passed to provide for the establishment of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities to promote progress and scholarship in the humanities and the arts in the United States, and for other purposes. Go to <http://www.neh.gov/howeare/legislation.html> for more information.

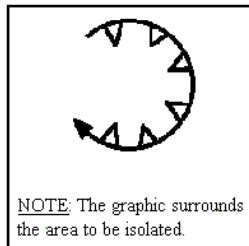
Coast Guard Art

The coast guard has a unique program for artists called “The Coast Guard Art Program” (COGAP). Coast Guard artists are professional artists who volunteer their time and talents to help COGAP fulfill its missions. See <http://www.uscg.mil/art/> for the Coast Guard collection.



Clip Art

Need clip art? The U.S. military provides free online clip art at the following links:



<http://www.dia.mil/history/art/militaryArt.htm>
http://sill-www.army.mil/Graphics/clipart_library.htm
<http://sill-www.army.mil/Graphics/crests/page.html>
<http://www.whs.mil/library/militaryimages.htm>

Posters and Prints

Several U.S. Government agencies have developed informative posters or prints. The following items and more are available in Dacus Library.

The Department of Agriculture released a series of lithographs from 1965 - 1966 entitled *America the Beautiful* containing photographs of all 50 states featuring conservation, intelligent

land use, and natural recreational facilities. They also produced, *Portfolio of American Agriculture*, a series of prints and photographs. Dacus Library also has a series of public service posters from the Department of Health.

Art Online

Visit the National Gallery of Art: <http://www.nga.gov/>
Explore the on-line collections or plan a tour.



National Gallery of Art For Children

The Art Zone - Interactive Art
<http://www.nga.gov/kids/kids.htm>
<http://www.nga.gov/education/index.shtm>



Enjoy the Interactive classroom while...
editing digital photos: <http://www.nga.gov/kids/zone/index.htm#photoop>
building your own mobile: <http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/interactive/mobile.htm>
making a medal: <http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/interactive/medal.htm>
visiting the ancient arcade: <http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/interactive/arcade.htm>
decorating a cake: <http://www.nga.gov/education/classroom/interactive/cake.htm>

Younger children might just enjoy “Cappy” a bit more:
<http://americanart.si.edu/education/insights/cappy/index.html>

Do these three bottlecaps make you think
about giraffes? Probably not. But you
haven't met **ME** yet.





Smithsonian Libraries

Of course, the Smithsonian is one of our favorite places to look for and at all types of art. The Smithsonian Libraries and Museums collection has digital resources for you to peruse.

Smithsonian Libraries: <http://www.sil.si.edu/DigitalCollections/Art-Design/artandartistfiles/>

Smithsonian American Art Museum: <http://americanart.si.edu/collections/>

On Display in Dacus Library

The following items are on display in the Government Documents department.

- United States Senate Catalogue of Fine Art - Y 1.1/2: SERIAL 14737
- Raphael Soyer, Sixty-five years of Printmaking - I 13.2: So 9/2
- Robert Cornelius, Portraits from the Dawn of Photography - SI 11.2: C 81
- Islamic Metalwork - SI 7.2: Is 4
- Graphic Sampler - LC 25.2:G76
- Humanities - NF 3.11
- United States Senate Catalogue of Graphic Art - Y 1.1/2: SERIAL 14933

***** Special Event! *****

Don't miss the library sponsored **Art for Books on December 1, 2009 in McBryde Hall**. Local artisans and crafters will be on hand offering their unique, hand-made, jewelry, pottery, crafts, clothing and baskets. There will even be special artwork by President DiGiorgio! The event will run from 10:00 am – 5:30 pm.

Come see us in the Government Documents Department.

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