

Useful Links

www.cornwall.gov.uk/library

Library members can follow the clickable "Online Reference Library" to access

Oxford Art

Comprehensive online resource covering all aspects of visual arts worldwide from prehistory to the present day

Britannica Quest

Images from over 40 of the best collections in the world.

<http://cornwallartists.org>

The Cornwall Artists Index exists to preserve and make accessible the invaluable history of the art and artists of Cornwall

<http://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-st-ives>

Art gallery in **St Ives**, Cornwall, displaying British and international modern and contemporary art

<http://www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk/>

This is the oldest museum in Cornwall and the leading museum of Cornish culture

Need more help?

For more information and advice on any art query, please contact

Telephone: **0800 032 2345**

Email: enquirycentre@cornwall.gov.uk

Browsing collections

Penzance Library

Morrab Road
Penzance
Cornwall TR18 4EY

St Ives Library

Gabriel Street
St Ives
Cornwall TR26 2LU

Face to Face

(Libraries, One Stop Shops & Registration)



Visual Arts Service



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What we do

The Art Collection is the most significant collection of its kind in a public library anywhere in the South West. Covering world painting from all periods, it also covers sculpture, ceramics, textiles, fashion, photography, architecture and graphic design. The collection serves the whole of Cornwall.

Find out more about that painting you have at home by making an enquiry at Cornwall's Art Library!

Whatever your interest in the visual arts – amateur or professional, student or teacher, artist or designer – we can help you make the most of it.

You can order art books through your local library in the usual way or online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/library where the catalogue can be accessed.

"Do you have any books on the artist Marlene Dumas?"

"My son needs information about the sculptor Lucy Glendinning for his GCSE art"

"I need to identify the whereabouts of some sketches done by the Royal Academician Joseph Farington at Tehidy House around 1810"

"My daughter needs to see two commentaries on still life paintings by Chardin"

"It is one of the chief resources that enable me to base my working life in Cornwall".

Michael Bird, Local author

Browsing collections of Art books

The larger collection is at Penzance Library, where there is a focus on world art and on artists from West Cornwall. As well as its stock of books for borrowing, this collection contains art journals, exhibition catalogues for locally-based artists and reference books which remain essential for the researcher. These include the Royal Academy lists of exhibitors, and a new English-language version of Benezit's fourteen-volume international biographical listing of artists.

The collection at St Ives Library has an emphasis on photography, fashion and design. It also contains many books and catalogues reflecting the history of the local art colony. Important works of art are on permanent display at St Ives Library, including pieces by Barbara Hepworth, Robert Borlase Smart, Ben Nicholson and Bryan Pearce.