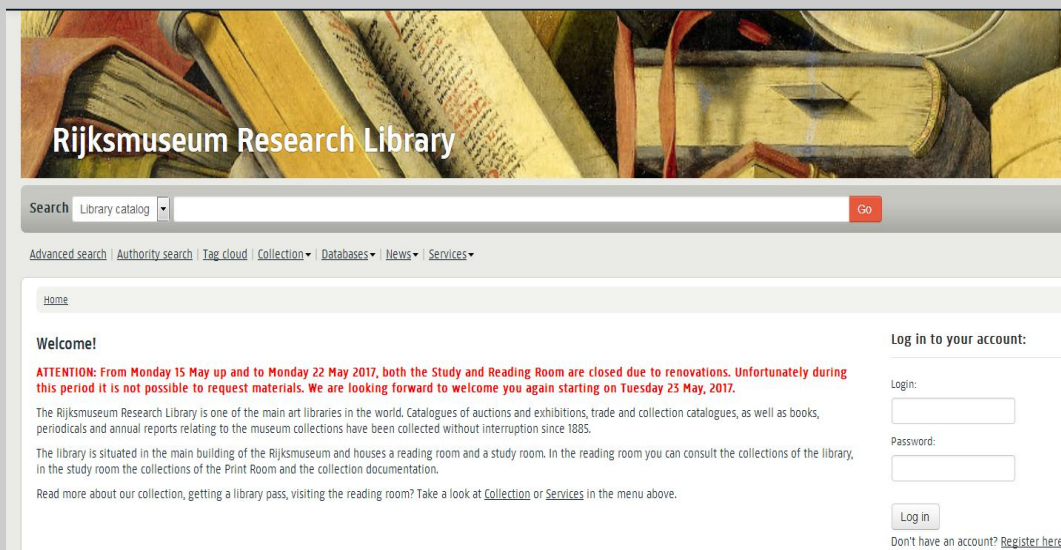


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**Welcome!**

**ATTENTION: From Monday 15 May up and to Monday 22 May 2017, both the Study and Reading Room are closed due to renovations. Unfortunately during this period it is not possible to request materials. We are looking forward to welcome you again starting on Tuesday 23 May, 2017.**

The Rijksmuseum Research Library is one of the main art libraries in the world. Catalogues of auctions and exhibitions, trade and collection catalogues, as well as books, periodicals and annual reports relating to the museum collections have been collected without interruption since 1885.

The library is situated in the main building of the Rijksmuseum and houses a reading room and a study room. In the reading room you can consult the collections of the library, in the study room the collections of the Print Room and the collection documentation.

Read more about our collection, getting a library pass, visiting the reading room? Take a look at [Collection](#) or [Services](#) in the menu above.

**Log in to your account:**

Log in:

Password:

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**Logo****URL**

<https://library.rijksmuseum.nl/>

**Subject**

The Rijksmuseum Research Library—Catalogs

**Accessibility**

Partially free

**Language**

Bilingual (English, Netherlands)

**Publisher**

The Rijksmuseum Research Library

**Brief History**

The Rijksmuseum Research Library is the largest public art history research library in the Netherlands. Catalogues of auctions and exhibitions, trade and collection catalogues, as well as books, periodicals and annual reports relating to the museum collections have been collected without interruption since 1885. The library had published 50,000 art sales catalogues before 1989.

## Scope and Coverage

The online web catalogue contains about 300,000 monographs, 3,400 periodicals and 90,000 art sales catalogues. The library contains approx 450,000 volumes, including around 60,000 auction catalogues, over 500 current periodicals and annual reports and approx. 3,500 discontinued periodicals. The collection attains an average yearly growth of 10,000 books, auction catalogues, and periodicals. The library's collection on European art history is extremely comprehensive. The library occupies a unique international position, particularly due to its collection of important works from the 19th century and earlier on Dutch industrial art, prints and drawings. The library aims to keep the quality of the collection at a high level and to maintain it as well as possible, to fill in gaps and to guarantee access to the information available, improving it where possible.

## Kind of Information

The library's main goals are the provision of factual information to support the Rijksmuseum's mission, and the expansion of the library's position as an academic art history library of national significance. The library for its users provides following search processes:

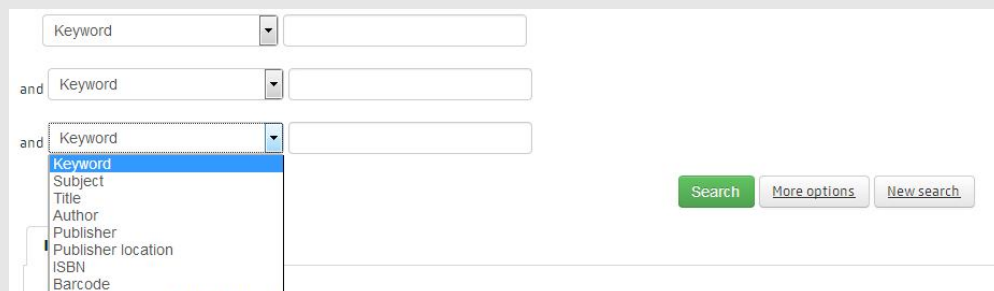
- Basic Search;
- Advanced Search;
- Authority Search.

The **Basic Search** process is represented in a following screen shot:



In this search process users can choose one particular bibliographic field and has to put relevant search terms in the search bar.

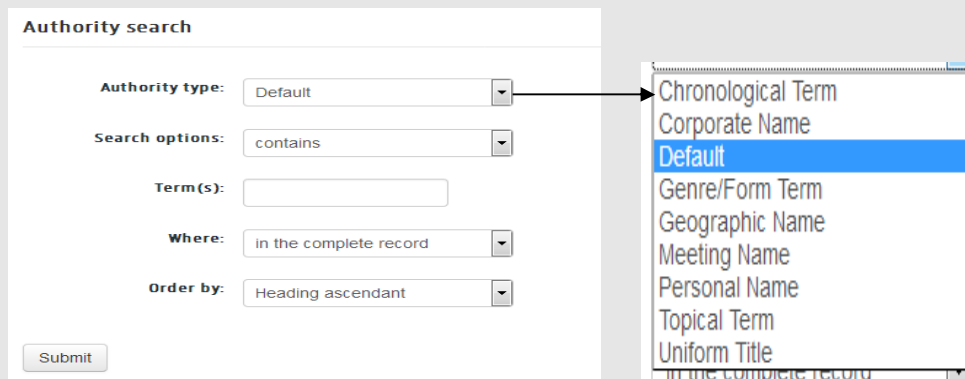
## Advanced Search



In advanced search process users are able to search the collection by giving maximum


three search terms for three kind of bibliographic fields. The bibliographic fields can be chosen from the tor down menu shown in the screen shot.

## Author Search



The screenshot shows an 'Authority search' form with several dropdown menus. The 'Authority type' dropdown is open, showing a list of options: Chronological Term, Corporate Name, Default (highlighted), Genre/Form Term, Geographic Name, Meeting Name, Personal Name, Topical Term, and Uniform Title. Other fields include 'Search options' set to 'contains', 'Term(s)' as an empty text box, 'Where' set to 'in the complete record', and 'Order by' set to 'Heading ascendant'. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom left.

The above search processes provides list of titles hyperlinked with following type of bibliographic records:



The screenshot displays a library OPAC record for the book 'Hats' by Clair Hughes. The record includes a cover image, a 'Normal view' / 'MARC view' toggle, the title 'Hats / Clair Hughes.', and the author 'By: Hughes, Clair, 1941- [author.]'. It provides publication details (London; New York: Bloomsbury Visual Arts, 2017), a description (pages cm), content type (text), media type (unmediated), and carrier type (volume). ISBNs are listed as 9780857851611 and 0857851616. Subjects include 'Hats -- History', 'Headgear -- History', 'Hats', and 'Headgear'. The genre is 'History' and the DDC classification is 391.4/3. A summary describes the book as a guide to hats through history. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Holdings ( 0 )', 'Title notes', and 'Comments ( 0 )', and a message stating 'No physical items for this record'.

The library OPAC under each title provides title of the work, author's name, publication details, physical description, content type, ISBN, subjects, genre and form of the type, DDC classification number, summary about the work etc.

At the time of accessing the bibliographic records on a particular item, users can browse the entire collection; can print the record details; can save the records in Dublin Core or MARC format, etc.

***Special Features***

- The Library OPAC provides external links to AdamNet (Amsterdam Libraries), WorldCat, other databases through Google scholar, Online Stores (Bookfinder.com).
- The search history is saved during the search process.
- Current updated information, news is provided regularly.

***Arrangement Pattern***

The search result is arranged by Publication/Copyright date: Newest to oldest but users can rearranged the list by popularity (most to least or least to most), author name (alphabetical from Z to A or from Z to A), call number (from 0 to 9 numbers to A to Z alphabets or vice versa), and relevance.

***Remarks***

The **Rijksmuseum Research Library** is one of the main art libraries in the world with great collection of industrial art, prints and drawings, books, journals etc. The collection is useful for research purpose.

***Date of Access***

April 26, 2017