News from the Library

This semester the Visual Resources Collection (VRC) is hosting three more talks in the Materials Talks at Lunch series. On March 2 we heard from Solatube representatives, on March 30 Environmental Greenscapes, Inc., and on April 6 a representative from Countryside Play Structures will be visiting us to discuss Landscape Structures, Inc. and playgrounds. I hope you will bring your lunch and join us at 12:15 in the Atrium.

Throughout the semester new materials are added to the collection all the time. In this newsletter we highlight some new DVDs. Stop by and check them out!

News from the Archive

A recent collaboration between the archive and the cataloging department at Bracken Library has led some surprised second-year architecture students to discover the archive and its interesting collection of trade catalogs during their research in CardCat for the Indiana Concrete Masonry Association’s upcoming design competition. What they’re discovering are issues of Pictorial, a promotional magazine produced by the National Concrete Masonry Association during the 1940s to 1970s. While they’re here, the students are finding even more resources to help their design project.

Only a small portion of the trade catalogs have been cataloged in CardCat to date, but expect to see more listed in CardCat over the coming year.
Historic Building Blocks Find Modern Use in ICMA Competition

By Carol Street, Archivist for Architectural Records

Produced by the National Concrete Masonry Association and sent monthly to over 30,000 building professionals, *Pictorial* began publication in 1944 and continued into the 1970s. The Archive’s collection ranges from 1959-1966 and depicts a wide range of applications for the use of concrete in building design, including homes, offices, large businesses, banks, fencing, fireplaces, outdoor recreation, screen block walls, decorative wall patterns, and hotels. Smartly designed for the aesthetics of the day, *Pictorial* relied heavily on photographic essays and graphic design to highlight each different use of concrete. A typical cover image is a highly saturated color photograph of an impeccably dressed woman posed within a scene that includes an extraordinary use of concrete materials. Inside each issue are black and white photographs depicting different examples of the main theme, encouraging designers and architects to explore the many forms and uses of concrete. Current students are sourcing ideas for their own entries into the ICMA competition by researching historic uses of concrete block where designers embraced its versatility and strength. Aside from *Pictorial*, architects represented in the drawings collections, particularly Fran Schroeder and Thomas McConnaughey, often used concrete block in their designs. In the picture at left, architecture student Austin Pontius sketches an idea for a screen wall design inspired by what he saw in the Archive.

New DVDs in the Architecture Library

- **Brazil: Urban Planning Challenges.** Films for the Humanities & Sciences, 2009. DVD VIDEO 8661
- **Carbon Nation.** Earth School Educational Foundation, 2011. DVD VIDEO 8641
- **Citizen Architect: Samuel Mockbee and the Spirit of the Rural Studio.** Big Beard Films, 2010. DVD VIDEO 8255
- **Frank Lloyd Wright’s Guggenheim Museum.** In-D, 2010. DVD VIDEO 8646
- **Frederick Law Olmsted.** Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1990, 2009. DVD VIDEO 8156
- **Make No Little Plans: Daniel Burnham and the American City.** Archimedia Workshop, 2009. DVD VIDEO 8253
- **Parks for the People.** Twin Cities Public Television, 2009. DVD VIDEO 7559
- **Studio Gang Architects, Aqua Tower, Chicago, IL.** Checkerboard, 2009. DVD VIDEO 7729

Resource Spotlight on: MADCAD

- Online, searchable text for:  
  - *International Building Code (IBC)*
  - *CSI Masterformat 2004*
  - Codes related to accessibility guidelines
- On campus, go to: [http://www.bsu.edu/libraries/madcad](http://www.bsu.edu/libraries/madcad)
- Off campus, go to: [http://www.bsu.edu/libraries/madcadtrial](http://www.bsu.edu/libraries/madcadtrial)
- Links to MADCAD are on the Library Subject Guides for architecture & building material samples.

Help Finding DVDs in the Library

The Architecture Library’s subject guides now feature sections on finding videos.


CardCat

Search for videos in the University Libraries online catalog.

Architecture Library Videos

Browse videos in CardCat

Toolbox from an Architecture Library subject guide.