

## What You'll Find Here

- Circulating and reference books on the artistic design of everyday apparel, designer clothing and traditional dress throughout the world and in different historical periods
- Access to Electronic Resources

## What's Not Here and Where to Find It

- Beauty and makeup instruction  
1st Floor – Nonfiction under call number 646.72 and other branch libraries
- Career Information  
2nd Floor – Job Information Center under 687.023 and 746.9202 (a few titles on this floor)
- Fashion and costume magazines and periodicals  
4th Floor – Periodicals and other branch libraries
- Fashion Modeling  
2nd Floor – Job Information Center and other branch libraries
- Military uniforms  
5th Floor – History and Social Sciences collection
- Dress pattern design  
Science, Industry and Business Library at 188 Madison Ave./34th St. (a few titles in this library on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors)
- Sewing and dress making  
1st Floor – Nonfiction and 2nd – General Reference and other branches under call numbers beginning with 646.2 and 646.4
- Theater and dance costumes  
NYPL for the Performing Arts,  
40 Lincoln Center Plaza

## Call Numbers

### 391 Costume and Fashion

391.009 Histories  
391.0093 Ancient Egyptian, Greek, Roman  
391.0094 European (Medieval, Victorian, etc.)  
391.0095 Asian  
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391.2 Women's  
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391.6 Body decoration  
391.7 Jewelry

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## Mid-Manhattan Library Art Collection

## FASHION DESIGN & COSTUME HISTORY Research Guide



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## Finding Magazine And Journal Articles

Popular fashion magazines such as *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar* and *W* are available on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. In addition, we have journals such as:

American Fabrics and Fashions (to 1986)  
Costume  
Connoisseur (to 1992)  
Dress (Costume Society of America)  
Fashion Theory  
Fiberarts  
Ornament  
Surface Design Journal  
Women's Wear Daily (WWD)

None of the periodicals at this branch can be borrowed, but you may find circulating copies at other branches.

Periodicals on the fashion business and textiles can be found at the Science, Industry and Business Library.

To find specific articles, you will need to use an index, which the library provides electronically through nypl.org. Click on **Magazines, Journals and Databases** to access:

- "MasterFILE Premier" (EBSCOhost) for bibliographic and full text records of general interest magazines (available from home)
- "Business Source Premier" for full text articles from WWD (available from home)
- "Art Full Text" for scholarly articles on costume history and fashion design
- "Design and Applied Arts Index" for citations and abstracts of articles on costume history and fashion design

## Guide To Fashion Reference Books

A good place to start your research is the Closed Shelf Reference section.

### Short biographies

- ◆ Biography Resource Center under the nypl.org Magazines, Journals and Databases link (available from the library or from home)
- Contemporary Fashion, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Detroit: St. James Press, 2002.
- ◆ Couture, the great designers. New York: Stewart, Tabor & Chang, 1985.
- ◆ Fashion Designers. New York: Watson-Guptill, 2001.
- Icons of fashion: the 20<sup>th</sup> century. New York: Prestel, 1999.
- In an influential fashion: an encyclopedia of nineteenth and twentieth century fashion designers who transformed dress. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2002.
- ◆ The London fashion book. New York: Rizzoli, 1998.
- ◆ New York Fashion: the evolution of American style. New York: Abrams, 1989.
- ◆ Radical fashion. London, New York: V&A, 2001.
- ◆ The St. James Fashion Encyclopedia: a survey of style from 1945 to the present. Detroit: Visible Ink, 1997.
- ◆ The Thames and Hudson dictionary of fashion and fashion designers, rev., exp. and upd. New York: Thames and Hudson, 1998.
- Who's Who in Fashion, 4<sup>th</sup> edition. New York: Fairchild, 2003.

➤ Contains bibliographies

### Interviews

- ◆ Visionaries: interviews with fashion designers. London: V&A, 2001.
- ◆ The Fashion Makers. New York: Random House, 1978.

### Fashion Terms

- ◆ The Fairchild Dictionary of Fashion, 3rd ed. New York: Fairchild, 2003.
- ◆ The Fairchild Dictionary of Accessories. New York: Fairchild, 2003.
- ◆ The Thames and Hudson dictionary of fashion and fashion designers. New York: Thames and Hudson, 1998.

### History

- ◆ The Costume Timeline: 5000 years of fashion history. New York: Thames and Hudson, 1993.
- ◆ The Complete History of Costume & Fashion: from ancient Egypt to the present day. New York: Checkmark Books, 2001.
- ◆ Decades of Fashion. Köln: Hulton Getty Picture Collection, 2000.
- ◆ Icons of fashion: the 20th century. New York: Prestel, 1999.
- ◆ Mendes, Valerie. 20th century fashion. New York: Thames & Hudson, 1999.
- ◆ Watson, Linda. 20th century fashion. Buffalo, NY: Firefly Books, 2004.

### Industry/Trade

- ◆ The Art of Fashion Draping, 3rd ed. New York: Fairchild, 2005.
- ◆ The Dynamics of Fashion, 2nd ed. New York: Fairchild, 2004.
- ◆ Fashion Design. New York: Watson-Guptill, 2002.
- ◆ Portfolio presentation for fashion designers. New York: Fairchild, 1998.
- ◆ Fashion & Print Directory. Westport: Peter Glenn Publications, 2004.
- ◆ Guide to Producing a Fashion Show. New York: Fairchild, 2004.
- ◆ Le Book and Le Book Too. (In the Special Collection Annuals section.)
- ◆ Patronen = patterns. Ghent: Ludion, 2003.