

**The Juliette K. and Leonard S. Rakow Research Library  
Corning Museum of Glass**

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**Introduction to the Library**

The Juliette K. and Leonard S. Rakow Research Library of The Corning Museum of Glass is the foremost library in the world on the art and history of glass, glassmaking, and early glass technology.

The Rakow Research Library is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for business holidays, with additional hours when the Museum's Studio is in session. We encourage you to call us before you arrive at the library, so the reference staff can prepare for your visit and ensure the best possible use of your time here.

**Scope of the Library**

The book and periodical collection includes publications in 41 languages (half of the collection is in languages other than English), ranging in date from a 12th-century manuscript to the latest biographies of 20th-century glass artists. The collection contains approximately:

- 50,000 monographs
- 850 active periodical subscriptions
- 20,000 auction and trade catalogs
- 20,000 microfilm titles
- 230,000 slides
- 2,000 dvd/videotapes
- 1900 linear feet of archival collections
- 3000 miscellaneous ephemera files.
- Several thousand prints, posters, and works of art on paper.

**Library Services**

**Reference**

Reference librarians may be contacted via letter, telephone, fax, or through our new **Ask a Librarian** service online. The Library staff will be happy to answer questions which require brief, factual answers; for in-depth research, we recommend you visit the Library or borrow materials through Interlibrary Loan.

### **Group Tours and Instruction**

The library reference staff provides training in how to access and use library resources as well as offer tours of the library to interested groups. These training sessions may be tailored to the group's research interests. To schedule a session, please call or e-mail the Reference Department at (607) 974-8649 or [rakow@cmog.org](mailto:rakow@cmog.org).

### **Interlibrary Loan**

The library participates in international Interlibrary Loan services. Through these services, you may request photocopies of periodical articles or borrow microfiche copies of our books or trade catalogs. We do not loan originals. Researchers who wish to obtain these materials should contact their local library. More information can be found on the library website.

### **The Rakow Research Library Online Catalog**

The Rakow Research Library's catalog is available on the Internet at <http://rakow.cmog.org>. Visitors to the library's website (<http://www.cmog.org/library>) will find a tutorial for searching the databases.

### **Appraisal and Identification**

The Corning Museum of Glass does not provide appraisals of glass; however, our curatorial staff may be able to assist you in the identification of your item. Our curators can provide identification information about an object but cannot discuss its value. The curators may be able to provide you with guidance to help you find library resources that are appropriate for your piece. Send a photograph and a description of the item to: Violet Wilson, Curatorial Department Assistant, One Museum Way, Corning, NY 14830-2253 or [curatorial@cmog.org](mailto:curatorial@cmog.org), and she will direct your inquiry to the proper curator.