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# PRATT INSTITUTE LIBRARIES

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**ACCESSING ARTISTS' BOOKS – at Pratt Library, Brooklyn** by CM Costello Fall 2007

## PRATT BROOKLYN LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 7:30am-11pm : Friday 7:30am-6pm : Saturday 1pm-6pm : Sunday 1pm-11pm

## GETTING HELP WITH YOUR RESEARCH

- Visit the Reference Desk during the **Reference Desk Visiting Hours (above)**
- Call a librarian at the **Reference Desk: 718.636.3704**
- Email a librarian: [libref@pratt.edu](mailto:libref@pratt.edu)
- Follow the steps of the Information Literacy guide at [http://library.pratt.edu/info\\_lit.html](http://library.pratt.edu/info_lit.html)

## ARTISTS' BOOKS FAQ's at PRATT:

- **Artists' Books Defined, see also:** <http://library.pratt.edu/colls/html>  
Artists' Books encompass "...books crafted, published, produced or altered by an artist(s), including works resulting from an artist's collaboration with artist-run organizations, colleges, universities, galleries and museums. ...[They] also include non-book works that represent a conceptual renegotiation of the traditional book form."
- **How do I find Artists' Books at Pratt?**  
Since the Brooklyn Library's Artists' Books collection is in the Library's Special Collections (a locked area), you cannot browse the Artists' Books stacks area on your own. However, through PrattCat, the online library catalog, you can browse our holdings of Artists' Books. See directions for Locating Artists' Books on the reverse side of this sheet.
- **Can I check out Artists' Books and take them home?**  
No, Pratt's Artists' Books do not circulate, so you are not able to check them out. However, you are able to view them in the library. To view an artists' book, you'll need to fill out a brief form at the Reference Desk, where a library staff member will then retrieve the artists' book for you.
- **Where do I view Artists' Books in the Library?**  
There is a special table set up next to the Reference Desk where materials from Special Collections and Rare Books may be viewed. You are not able to view artists' books elsewhere in the library.
- **Can I make copies from Artists' Books?**  
No. Because Artists' Books are from Special Collections, you are not able to make copies. However, you may use a digital camera to make images of materials from Special Collections. Please use pencils only (no pens please) when writing notes about Artists' Books at the Special Collections Table.
- **Further Information on Artists' Books, Visit:**
  - [http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/spec-coll/bookcolls/Artists'%20Books/artists'\\_books.htm](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/spec-coll/bookcolls/Artists'%20Books/artists'_books.htm)
  - <http://library.louisville.edu/art/ArtistsBooks.htm>
  - <http://www.library.yale.edu/aob/term.html>

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**Need help or have questions? No problem. The Reference Desk can further assist you in-person, by phone or email!**