

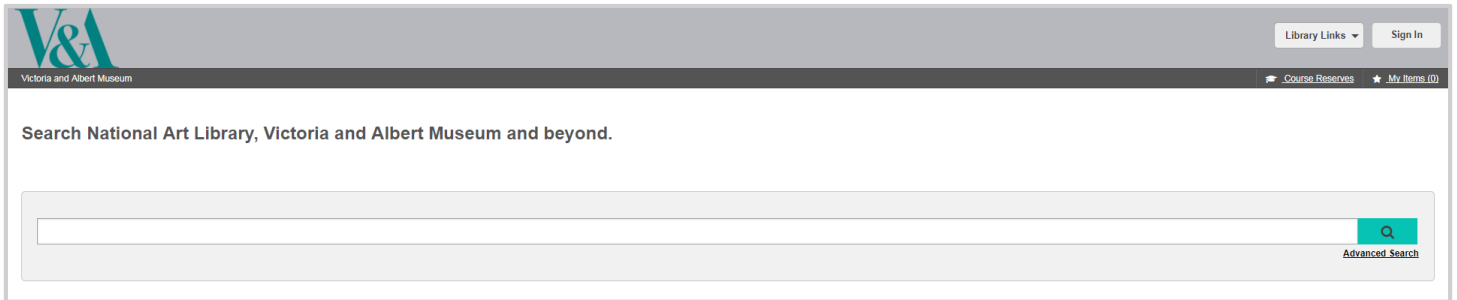


National Art Library

Searching the library catalogue using expert search

This guide covers what ‘expert searches’ you can perform to find specific aspects of the NAL collection. If you are searching for sales catalogues, use the Advanced Search option in the library catalogue (more information about this on the next page).

Go to <https://nal-vam.on.worldcat.org/discovery> and enter the combined terms in the main search box.



Below is what you need to type into the discovery box to find what you are looking for:

[keyword] – no need to include brackets – followed by the search label

Example: I want to search for books relating to Winnie-the-Pooh but only within the NAL’s children’s book collection. For this I will type into the search box **Winnie the Pooh, ge:children’s**

E-Resources	Use filter to limit main search box results for online items
Subject / Topic	su:[keyword]
Reference books on open shelves	[keyword], b8=REF*
Journal title	Search in main search box and then filter results by ‘Journal / Magazine’
Dyce Collection	Search for Dyce Collection in main search box
Forster Collection	Search for Forster Collection in main search box
V&A Publications Collection	[keyword], b8=SC/VAP*
Children’s Books	[keyword], ge:children's
Manuscript items	[keyword], ge:manuscript
NAL Pressmark	nu:[keyword]
NAL Item Barcode	Type the barcode into the main search box
local reference number (such as MSL/)	Search using main search box with reference number
Books held in V&A departmental libraries	
Searching for books held within the Ceramics collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/CER*
Searching for books held within the Conservation collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/CON*
Searching for books held within the East Asia collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/EAST*

Searching for books held within the Furniture and Woodwork collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/FWK*
Searching for books held within the South Asia collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/SOU*
Searching for books held within the Middle Eastern collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/MES*
Searching for books held within the Metalwork collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/MET*
Searching for books held within the Sculpture collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/SCP*
Searching for books held within the Textiles and Fashion collection at the V&A	[keyword], b8=GC/TFD*

Using advanced search to find Auction House Sales Catalogues

You can use search options in Advanced Search to look for auction house sale catalogues.

Option	How to use this search option	How this will work in main search
Date of Sale	Use the syntax YYYYMMDD. At this time, you will not be able to search with just the year or month, we are working with OCLC to improve this function.	ds:[keyword]
Conference Location; Place of Sale	This will usually be the city in which the sale took place.	e9:[keyword]
Auctioneer & Auction House; Author	You can use the * wildcard to search by auction house, so for example you can search across Sotheby's Belgravia, Sotheby's Olympia London, Sotheby's Los Angeles... using Sotheby*	au:[keyword]
Auctioneer & Auction House; Author Phrase		au=[keyword]
Sale Code	Search using a known sale code.	sl:[keyword]