

APPENDIX B
LIBRARY RESOURCES

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The following information for the MA degree in Art Education was provided by Julie Rabine

The library is well-supplied with materials for research in education theory and practice, as well as art history and art education. Certainly the library will be able to support the addition of 6-15 graduate students researching in these areas. In addition to research materials, the library also offers research assistance; graduate students can make an appointment for a one-on-one consultation with one of our Library Instruction librarians, and the reference desk is staffed by librarians approximately 70 hours per week.

Monographs

The library has literally tens of thousands of books on all aspects of education and art, and we are continually acquiring more. Last academic year the library spent \$41,000 for books on education and \$25,000 for books on art. We have about 700 volumes specifically on art education, though only 18 percent were published in the last ten years. Materials are also available through the OhioLINK system within three to four days for any student pursuing a specialized topic not well represented in our collection. If the three new Art Education courses require additional or more recent materials, funds are available to help address this need.

Databases/Journals

The library has a number of databases that will be useful for students pursuing research in the fields of education or art history. Some of these databases include full text; where that is not the case, articles can be obtained in the library or through interlibrary loan, a service that is free to library users.

Education:

- ERIC - some full text; ERIC Documents on microfilm
- Education Abstracts - some full text
- EBSCO Professional development Publications (Education) - mostly full text

Art:

- Art Abstracts
- Arts & Humanities' Citation Index
- Avery Index to Architecture
- Bibliography of the History of Art
- Index to 19th Century American Art Periodicals

The library provides access to several hundred journals and periodicals related to art and education, both print and electronic. The following journals should be especially useful to students studying art education:

Electronic:

Journal of Aesthetic Education

Journal of Art and Design Education

Teaching Artist Journal

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Dr. Katerina Ray, Director
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Dr. Katerina Ray,

I am pleased to write a letter in support of the program proposal for the Master of Arts Degree in Art Education in the College of Arts and Sciences.

The University Libraries has a history of acquiring information resources in the areas of art and education. Based on a strong tradition of teacher education at BGSU, the Curriculum Resource Center has grown to more than 90, 000 items to support a wide array of courses and programs. In the area of art education the collection includes a substantial collection of art reproductions, textbooks and books about art and artists. The University Libraries has independent budget lines for acquisitions and also receives art and education books via the general approval plan. Beyond the paper-based materials, the library has made substantial investments to electronic resources to provide access to information in online journals, education and art databases. As a member of the OhioLINK consortium the library's holdings are significantly supplemented by other members' holdings.

The University Libraries provides support services to graduate students including reference service (in-person and online reference) and individual research assistance. Based on the collective resources in the areas of art and education, supplemented by academic support services offered by excellent and experienced librarians, I am confident that the library is well positioned to serve the research needs of faculty and graduate students. Should it become necessary funds will be allocated to acquire additional materials to support the Master's Degree in Art Education.

If you need more information, please contact me at (419)-372-2858.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Prof. E. Cole, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences