Art Information and the Walter Wey Library of Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo
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The Pinacoteca do Estado de São Paulo is the oldest art museum in São Paulo, SP, Brazil. It is committed to improve the public experience with visual arts, by studying, preserving and communicating its collections. By following this principle, Pinacoteca maintains an art library since 1959, the Walter Wey Library.
The Museum’s Collections are split in:

- Library – more than 30,000 publications
- Art collection - more than 8,000 works.
- Archives - 25,000 sets of documents
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Initially the library was created to support the Museum staff: curators, researchers and conservators. Today the majority of patrons are graduate students. The Library’s collection is rich in representing Brazilian artists and contains materials pertinent to the Museum's collections but it includes materials from all over the world. The organization of the Library reveals the early interest of Pinacoteca in promoting research about Brazilian arts.
The new building opened in 2006 and since that the library has expanded its services to the public. The highlight of the new design is the public reading room, which can be viewed in this picture.
Library’s Fact Sheets

Books

- 5418 (2009)
- 6109 (2010)
- 6600 (2011)
- 7677 (2012)
General collections

• Books
• Journals
• Exhibitions catalogs
• Auction catalogs
Special collections

Fanzines collection

Carte-cabinet – ALMEIDA JÚNIOR, Acervo Biblioteca Walter Wey, 1882
Artists files

We have 200 linear feet of newspaper clippings dating from the mid twentieth century, documents produced in the late nineteenth century, invitations, programs, tickets, brochures, flyers, catalogs, postcards, advertising, posters, certificates, almanacs, biographical information, bibliographies, bookmarks, ticket display that can serve as an information resource as well. That kind of information contained in ephemera has great value, because it provides unique information on artists and exhibitions. We collect Brazilian artists and art from Americas as well.
Library’s Portal

• The Library Portal was launched to provide access to the library’s collections as well as to Exhibition History database.
• It also aims to encourage the use of the library as an information source to find documentation related to art works from collection and to provide access on Brazilian art history resources.
Library’s Portal

Biblioteca Walter Wey

Online catalog
Enter one or more words
Search

Collections overview

Events and news
The Library is starting a collection of fanzines and publications. If you want to be part of this collection, please send your donations to:

Largo General Osório, 56 - Centro - CEP 01211-010 - São Paulo - SP
More information: biblioteca@pinacoteca.org.br

Library hours
Tuesday to Friday 10 am - 5:30 pm
Saturdays and holidays 10 am - 1 pm and 2 pm-5:30 pm
Scenario

Although it has limited resources, the Portal represents a significant advance for the integration of art resources in Pinacoteca. The library is now facing its next challenge which is to keep the continuous improvements to make collections accessible to the public and continue to develop services to make research an essential element of the museum’s development.
Thank you!

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