Thematic Book Displays

Stimulating Creativity in Practice

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500 Books: a measure of absence (2011)
Book displays are visible from the Research Help desk
Observable reactions + opportunity for interactions
Thematic Displays / Collections

- create a presence in the community
- agile, informed response to topics & issues
- act as a mirror reflecting student concerns
- develop & hone inclusive, critical collection practices
- support & complement other programming
Thematic Displays / Collections

• capture content from past displays for future discoverability
• support in-depth thematic inquiry from within the collection
• offer opportunities for collaboration
• interject the presence of librarians into the library
• feed back into research appointments, collection development, teaching, and strategic planning
• invite creative action
• new library website design - integrate a book covers feature
• Library Thing subscription in May 2015
- each collection holds up to 100 items
- need more than 100?
- create multiple collections
Browse Thematic Collections

Browse collections around topical issues, shared concerns, and transdisciplinary interests

Art & Activism
Art & Design Research
Art & Feminism
Art & Globalization
Art & Nature
Art & Race
Artists' Writings
Climate Change
Color
Creative Practice, Imagination
Edible Issues: RISD Global Initiative
Ethics in Art & Design
LGBTQIA Artists
Maps & Mapping
Place
Queer Theory
Skin
Social Practice & Participatory Art
Sustainability in Art & Design
The Uncanny

CREATIVE PRACTICE, IMAGINATION, HAPPINESS, HOPE, PLAY

How will you measure your life? / Christensen, Clayton M.

Design & Imagination & Creativity (streaming videos)
Critique - sources & topic exploration

Work is what we do by the hour but labor sets its own pace... Lewis Hyde

risd.libguides.com/browse
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1 guides, 786 views, 3 months
combine ebooks & physical books across disciplines & locations
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Creative Practice, Imagination, Happiness, Hope, Play

Alien agency: experimental encounters with art in the making / Saiter, Chris, 1957- author.

A Lived Practice / Neff, Terry Ann R.

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capture display content for future discoverability through browsing
can highlight intersectionality and related subjects
Thematic Collections

Reflect the concerns of the RISD community

Support subsequent thematic inquiry, discoverability & instruction

Respond to trends tracked through research appointments

Inform & drive collection development
Individual, sustainable, handmade signs
Title slips are collected at the Circulation Desk when books are checked out

- track the number of books being checked out
- review what titles are being checked out
LGBTQIA Artists + Queer Theory
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LGBTQIA ARTISTS & WRITERS

RESEARCH GUIDE & FILMS
LGBTQIA Resources
LGBT Films (streaming)
See also QUEER THEORY
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