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Docent Manuals

These manuals, used by VMFA docents who lead our tours, comprise information on every item on view in the galleries, as well as new purchases. They are usually arranged by region and historical era, although there are some that address a particular genre, like decorative arts. Each listing should include images and general information on the objects, and some include bibliographies. These manuals are available in the main Reading Room.

Exhibition Catalogs

Many VMFA exhibitions have been a showcase for the Museum's collection. These catalogs are available in the main Reading Room, shelved by publication date.

Arts in Virginia

Arts in Virginia, a periodical published by VMFA from 1960 until 1992, frequently featured articles on art objects from the Museum. An index to *Arts in Virginia* is available in the main Reading Room, shelved next to the bound volumes of the periodical.

Electronic Resources

Pinkney is the Museum's collections database, which can sometimes provide further images and additional information that may not be included in the Docent Manuals. This web-based database is available on any of the public computer terminals in the Library.

Specific monographs on artists, movements, or other art topics can be found by searching **PANDORA**, the Library's online catalog, which is available on any computer with an Internet connection.

Specific periodical articles on artists, particular works of art, or other art topics can be found by searching various periodical indexes. These indexes are available on any public computer terminal in the Library with the help of a Library staff member to log-on.

Note: Not every object in the Museum's collection will be documented in one of the following sources. If further information is needed, researchers may make an appointment with the Curatorial department to view object files by telephoning 804.340.1612.