

The FIDM Library

FIDM's specialized resources go far beyond those of traditional libraries.

As the largest fashion Library in the West, FIDM's renowned Library provides students with access to thousands of books, periodicals, and non-print reference materials.

Examine a copy of *Vogue* from the 1950s. Drape a dress form using your own design. Select a tile for the ultimate kitchen. Choose the perfect graphic for your ad. Spend time online at the Cyber Bar or in the Cyber Room to access the Library's many database and subscription services. Find inspiration watching a runway show or viewing slides of architectural masterpieces in our Media Lounge. You'll be able to access a wealth of information from around the globe without leaving the campus.

A variety of materials are available for study in the Library.

Books — A print and electronic collection of over 50,000 titles encompasses all subject areas, with emphasis in Fashion, Interior Design, Retailing, and Costume.

Periodicals — The Library subscribes to over 270 international and national periodicals. They offer the latest information on Art, Design, Fashion, Graphics, Beauty, Business, Textiles, and Current Events.

Trade Publications — The Library's collection of trade journals, newsletters, press kits, and forecasts, provides the latest industry developments on the business of Apparel Manufacturing and Design.

Newspaper Clipping Files — The Library clips newspaper articles relating to different subject areas supporting the academic focus of the college.

Trend Reports — The Library subscribes to various Fashion, Interior Design, and Graphics forecasting services that predict trends in color, fabric, and silhouette up to 18 months in advance of the season.

Visual Presentation Materials — This collection includes a selection of catalogs of props, mannequins, store fixtures, and other visual presentation and display materials for Retail.

Interior Design Workroom — This room includes samples of floor coverings, drapery, upholstery, laminates, tiles, wall coverings.

Textile Collection — More than 1,800 swatch files, plus a collection of 3-yard cuts of fabrics of the past, present, and future are available here.

Trimmings, Findings Collection — Decorative trims, beadings, and findings show examples of items used in design and manufacturing.

Vintage Collection — This room houses 19th and 20th century fashion magazines, out-of-print books, original fashion sketches and patterns by renowned designers, and material on the California apparel industry.

Beauty Collection — Available study tools include research files, beauty supplements, and the *Rose Sheet*, a specialized weekly for industry executives.

Special Collections — The Library holds the personal and business papers of noted Interior Designer Arthur Bennett Kouwenhoven, Jr., as well as books, fabrics, photographs, artwork, and decorative objects, including pieces from Steuben and Baccarat, which date from the 1940s through the 1960s.

Students can see how fabric drapes on a dress form in the Library.