The Art Library

1st floor Central Library, The Headrow, Leeds

Monday 9am – 7pm
Tuesday 9am – 7pm
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Thursday 9am – 6pm
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Here in the Art Library we have around 15,000 books available to loan, covering all aspects of art & design, fashion and graphic arts. We are the biggest public art library in the North.

We also have a large reference section that includes art dictionaries & encyclopaedia, exhibition catalogues, and sales guides. Many of these are local, such as Leeds Art Gallery exhibition catalogues, and are available to view on request. Ask the staff behind the counter for more information, we’re happy to help!

To become a member of the library, bring two forms of ID to any counter – one with your name (eg. Passport, driving license) and another with your address (eg. utility bill, bank statement).
Books of various artists:

- Damn Fine Art: By New Lesbian Artists
  - Smyth, Cherry. Art Lib 700
- Global Feminisms: New Directions in Contemporary Art
  - Art Lib 709.04
- Five Women Painters
  - Grimes, Teresa. Art Lib 759.2
- Women Artists in the 20th & 21st Centuries
  - Grosz, Natascha. Art Lib 709.2

Women artists speak:

- ART TALK: Conversations with 20 women artists (including Barbara Hepworth)
  - Nemser, Cindy. Art Lib STACK 709.2
- Contemporary British Women Artists: in their own words (including Tracy Emin)
  - Fortnum, Rebecca. Art Lib 709.2
- Mirror Mirror: Self-portraits by women artists
  - Rhoades, Teresa. Art Lib 759.2

Notable artists:

- Louise Bourgeois
  - Fantastic Reality: Louise Bourgeois and a Story of Modern Art
    - Rhoades, Teresa. Art Lib 759.2
  - The Dinner Party: From Creation to Preservation
    - Art Lib 759.2
- Judy Chicago
  - Judy Chicago (2012)
  - Art Lib 759.2
- Yoko Ono
  - Yoko Ono: Half a Wind Show
    - Art Lib 759.2
- Cornelia Parker
  - Cornelia Parker
    - Blazwick, Roz. Art Lib 759.2/PAR
- Sarah Siddons
  - A Passion For Performance
    - Asleson, Robyn. Art Lib 757/SID
- Yayoi Kusama
  - Yayoi Kusama
    - Hoptman, Laura. Art Lib 759.2/KUS
- Lee Miller
  - Lee Miller: Photographer
    - Conekin, Becky E. Art Lib 770.92/MIL
  - Lee Miller: Photographer
    - Blazwick, Roz. Art Lib 770.92/MIL
- Yoyoi Kusama
  - Yayoi Kusama
    - Russell, Tony. Art Lib 770.92/KUS

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