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In the Summer of 1999 Ricker Library acquired access to the *Avery Index to Architectural Literature* via the World Wide Web. This method replaces the older access via CD-ROM. The Web version features a simple search interface, more frequent updating, and access from the library, home or office. The Ricker Library Homepage at [http://www.library.uiuc.edu/arx](http://www.library.uiuc.edu/arx) provides a link to Avery. Avery is also listed in the Arts and Humanities Databases section of the Article Databases page of the Library Gateway.

In addition, Ricker Library has recently acquired access to *SCIPIO (Sales Catalog Index Project Input Online)*. This database provides information on auction sales catalogs held by the National Gallery of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago and the University of California at Santa Barbara, among others. Searching is offered by title, subject (i.e., watches, books, decorative arts), keywords, date of sale, auction house, etc.

In addition to these new electronic resources, Ricker has also recently acquired the new edition of a classic reference source, the *Dictionnaire des Peintres, Sculpteurs, Dessinateurs, et Graveurs*. (Paris: Grund, 1999). Known simply as Bénézit, this source is an indispensable tool for providing biographical information and bibliography on thousands of artists from the Renaissance to the present. Auction and museum information on artists is also provided, along with signatures and monograms. This new edition contains over 13,500 pages in 14 volumes. Entries have been extensively revised and more contemporary artists have been added. This source is located in the *Biography Section* of the Ricker Library Reference Room.

Questions about these sources may be directed to Chris Quinn.

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