Library Guide
Painting Modern America: American Art in the 1940s


American art during the 1940s encompassed a variety of styles, and many artists were interested in creating images of American society. This book display, presented in conjunction with the exhibition To Make a World: George Ault and 1940's America, includes titles on artists who were active during the 1940s. Also included are books about the art movements of Precisionism and Modernism, and items about the 1940s in general. Lastly, we have listed some online resources that relate to American art in the 1940s. The For Further Reading Section incorporates items held by the Educator Resource Center, as indicated.

If you have questions, please contact the reference staff at the Spencer Art Reference Library (telephone: 816.751.1216). Library hours and services are listed on the Museum’s website at www.nelson-atkins.org.

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Artists of the 1940s
Spencer Art Reference Library
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**Precisionism and American Modernism**

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**Online Resources**


