Research Guide
Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera and Masterpieces of Modern Mexico

Book Display and Resource List | June 2013

Jacques and Natasha Gelman were important collectors of 20th century art. Arriving in Mexico as Eastern European immigrants, they fell in love with their adopted homeland and built a collection of Mexican modern art by acquiring the works of major artists including Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, José Clemente Orozco, as well as many others. The twentieth century was a tumultuous time in Mexican art and history. During this period after the Mexican Revolution, Mexican artists created a new Mexican aesthetic through exploration of styles like social realism, surrealism, abstraction and conceptualism and by incorporating a uniquely Mexican iconography.

This bibliography includes titles about the Gelman’s collection as well as books exploring the lives and art of several artists represented in this collection. To contextualize this collection, titles on modern art in Mexico and Mexican history in the twentieth century are included in the section Explore More. Online resources have been included throughout the bibliography. In the bibliography below, the items with this symbol: ◘ are on display in the library reading room from June 1 – August 18, 2013.

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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**The Gelman Collection**

  Call No: N 6555 .C65 2004


  Call No: ND 255 .F75 2001


**Frida Kahlo**

  Call No: ND 259 .K33 B38 2007 KAHLO

  Call No: N44 K234 .H47 1983

  Call No: ND 259 .K33 H47 2002 KAHLO

  Call No: ND 259 .K33 K48 2003 KAHLO FRIDA

  [http://www.ago.net/hayden-herrera](http://www.ago.net/hayden-herrera)


  [http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~cpuerto/biblio.htm](http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/~cpuerto/biblio.htm)

**Diego Rivera**

  Call No: ND 259 .R5 A4 2011 RIVERA


**Mexican Modern Artists**


http://www.artcyclopedia.com/nationalities/Mexican.html

**Explore More**

**Mexican Modernism**

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: ND 2644 .M49 2012

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: ND 2644 .F63 1998

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: ND 2644 .I53 2009

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: NE 544.4 .M49 2006

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: N 6538 .M4 M48 2011

**Mexican Cultural Context**

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: NX 180 .T4 G35 2005

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: TR 28 .C37 2003 CASASOLA AUGUSTIN

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: F 1226 .R94 2010

http://vc.lib.harvard.edu/vc/deliver/home?collection=LAP

http://countrystudies.us/mexico/

**For Further Reading**

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: N 6797 .C37 A24 2004 CARRINGTON LEONORA

Spencer Art Reference Library 
Call No: ND 259 .S56 A4 2010 SIQUEIROS

Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: ND 255 .A43 2004


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: ND 1329 .K33 A 2007 KAHO


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: N44 C6898 .C69 1985


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: ND 259 .K44 F695 2006


Educator Resource Center
Call No: 600BC.5 Kah03


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: N44 T252 .P39 1982


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: N 6559 .K34 A4 2010 KAHO


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: N 6502.5 .S24 2002 READING ROOM


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: N 6502.4 .S54 2003 READING ROOM


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: N 6502 .E53 1999 READING ROOM


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: TR 647 .A482 M36 2008 ALVAREX BRAVO


Spencer Art Reference Library
Call No: N44 K234 .Z36 1990