Architecture, Architectural History & Historic Preservation in Portland & Oregon

A Selected Bibliography

This bibliography lists sources on the built environment of the city of Portland, the state of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Topics include architecture, architectural history, engineering and construction, urban planning and design, and historic preservation. The first section lists sources focusing on Portland, followed by a section covering Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Sources on broader topics in American architecture, for instance style guides and comprehensive architectural histories, are listed in a separate bibliography, as are those covering practical aspects of preserving and renovating historic structures.

Included here are books, theses, articles and monographs. A great many specialized historic preservation-related reports and documents that can aid in local architectural and preservation research are not listed, however. These include the many hundreds of National Register of Historic Places nominations for structures and districts in Portland and the region. Nomination forms may be identified through the National Register Information System database and ordered from the National Register: http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/research/. Related sources also not consistently listed here include historic structure reports and evaluations for specific buildings, HABS/HAER documentation, and certification documents for Federal historic tax credit applications, all of which contain useful documentary information.

Many of the sources cited in this document may be found in the Multnomah County Library: http://catalog.multcolib.org/ or the Research Library of the Oregon Historical Society: http://librarycatalog.ohs.org/WebOPAC/. Some of the more elusive works may be found using the Orbis Cascade Alliance’s online Summit union catalogue, which joins the catalogs of over 30 Pacific Northwest college and university libraries: http://summit.worldcat.org/. Copies of most of the documents prepared by or for the City of Portland are held by the Stanley Parr Archives and Records Center, and may be identified through the online Efles database: http://www.portlondonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=26978&.

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