Library Resources Available to ASLA Members


Many members might not realize it, but ASLA has its own library with a collection of more than 1,500 titles on landscape architecture, landscape design, gardens, garden history, plants, flowers and trees, urban planning, the environment, therapeutic design, and much more. The library also receives an eclectic selection of more than 110 magazines, including ANLA Today, Architecture, Architectural Record, Building Stone Magazine, Garden Design, Horticulture, Landscape and Urban Planning, Landscape Ecology, Planning, Parks and Recreation, Urban Land, Landscape Management, Water Shapes, World Waterpark, Urban Forestry, Preservation, and Studies in the History of Garden Design.

Members who are interested in using the library’s resources can make appointments with the librarian, Marlene Koenig, or call her to discuss their research. Koenig can assist with the project and provide any needed guidance. If you’re looking for an article from a particular magazine, she can find it and send a link or scanned copy. However, at this time the library does not loan books.

Library of American Landscape History
In addition to the ASLA library, members interested in the history of landscape architecture should look into the Library of American Landscape History (LALH), a not-for-profit organization that produces books and exhibitions about North American landscape history. LALH books are written by leading historians and appeal to specialists and general readers alike.

One of the library’s more unique collections is the ASLA Centennial Reprint Series, which restores classic texts, reprints them form the original edition, and adds an illustrated introduction from one of today’s leading authorities on landscape architecture. The latest title in the series is John Nolen’s classic New Towns for Old (1927), which will be released in June by University of Massachusetts Press in association with LALH. This new edition features a new introduction and Nolen’s never-before-published project list.

This is the title in the series most relevant to today’s practitioners. As you are no doubt aware, the New Urbanist movement has embraced the town and city planning principles espoused by Nolen, and this very rare book’s republication is already generating intense interest. To pre-order your copy, visit the LALH books webpage.

New Acquisitions
The library adds approximately 100 books to the collection per year. Here is a list of the latest acquisitions:

Down the Garden Path
First published in 1932 and republished in 2005, this book has stood the test of time as one of the world’s best-loved and most-quoted gardening books.

Norman Tyler, a registered architect and planner, discusses the preservation movement in the United States. This book was first published in 1994 as Issues in Historic Preservation.

StoneScaping: A Guide to Using Stone In Your Garden
Garden designer Jan Kowalczewski-Whitner shows readers how to apply Asian, European, and contemporary design approaches at home, using stone features to solve common site problems and beautify their gardens.

PoolScaping: Gardening and Landscaping Around Your Swimming Pool and Spa
Catriona Tudor Erler provides information on design, including plant and stone selection, waterfalls, lighting, planters, sculpture, and furniture.

Native Plants of the Northeast
Donald J. Leopold offers landscape architects solid information on native plants for the northeast United States. This book is broken down into separate chapters on ferns, grasses, wildflowers, vines, shrubs, and trees.

Porous Pavements
Bruce K. Ferguson provides a comprehensive encyclopedia on porous pavement materials and covers all nine families of porous pavements in one volume.

For more information about these books and other titles, please contact ASLA’s librarian, Marlene A. Koenig at mkoenig@asla.org.