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During September 1996 the Freer Gallery of Art Library received from ACE Japan the first shipment of more than 1,100 volumes of Japanese art catalogs sent as part of the Japanese Art Catalog Project. According to Freer's rough subject survey of this first shipment, 587 titles (52.1%) are on Japanese modern art, 218 titles (19.4%) are on Western art, and 189 are collection catalogs (16.8%). The Freer Library expects the second shipment, which should arrive summer 1997, to number 500 to 600 volumes.

As of the end of January 1997 the Freer Library had cataloged more than 250 of the titles received into the RLIN database. A complete listing of all Japanese Art Catalog Project data may be retrieved by an RLIN corporate phrase search: "fin cp JAC Project." The RLIN Library ID for the project is DCFX. Project materials may also be retrieved on EUREKA by the search "bro au JAC Project."

The Freer Library is now ready to provide interlibrary loan services for cataloged JAC Project items. Requests may be submitted on a standard ALA form or through RLG ShaRes. The initial loan period for JAC Project materials will be four weeks; a item may be renewed for another four-week period unless it has been requested by another user. The Library provides free photocopy services within the limit of copyright restrictions. This interlibrary loan policy applies only to JAC Project materials.

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