Library Research Services

- **Research Appointments**
  - meet with a librarian to discuss research strategies and sources for your papers
- **ILLiad Interlibrary Loan**
  - get books and articles from other libraries
- **ProQuest Refworks**
  - collect, organize and edit citations and create bibliographies

Research Tools

**OBIS** is the inventory of all of the materials held by all the Oberlin College Libraries -- if we own it, subscribe to it, or have electronic access to it, OBIS knows!

**OhioLINK Library Catalog** represents the holdings of over 90 colleges and universities from around the state as well as some large public libraries.

*Finding primary sources in library catalogs:*

- limit searches by date in the advanced search to find older material
- add keywords such as: source*, document*, history, memoir*, personal narrative*

**Summon** is the default search box on the main page of the library website. It searches OBIS, some of our online databases, and other open access content. Types of content include books, journal articles, newspapers and magazines, including current and historical materials.

*Finding primary sources in Summon:*

- use the filters to limit by date and content type (i.e. books, newspapers, images)
- add additional keywords to narrow down your search results

Background/Context

Entries in encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press; Authoritative alternative to Wikipedia

**The Cambridge History of Latin America** ([http://histories.cambridge.org/](http://histories.cambridge.org/))
Main Library F1410.C1834 1984, 11 volumes
**Databases**

**Academic Search Complete**  
A large database with a broad range of articles on all areas of study. Useful for getting perspectives from many disciplines, and popular media sources.

**ArtStor**  
Online collection of art images with global coverage from prehistory to the present.

**Historical Abstracts**  
The major index to articles in history journals in world history (not covering North America).

**JSTOR**  
Full-text articles in all disciplines, generally excludes recent 3-5 years.

**Project Muse** Journals and books by university presses and scholarly societies; humanities and social sciences.

**Citation**

**Chicago Manual of Style (chicagomanuelofstyle.org)** is a citation style guide to help you format your papers and properly cite in your notes and bibliographies.