



Resources for FYSP 051: Soundscapes: Listening to the Past/Hearing the Present
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DATABASES OF RECORDED SOUNDS

Birds of North America Online

Provides detailed scientific information, including an audio gallery of recorded sounds, for the 716 species of birds nesting in the USA and Canada.

Borror Laboratory of Bioacoustics, Digital Animal Sounds

More than 30,000 digitized recordings of over 1000 species of animals (mostly birds) from the Borror Laboratory of Bioacoustics at The Ohio State University.

Naxos Spoken Word Library

Contains the world's greatest literature - many classic novels, plays, and poetry, from medieval times to the twenty-first century under various categories, such as Children's Classics, Classic Fiction, and Shakespeare's plays.

Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries

A variety of online sound files, mostly related to music. For non-music sounds, choose More under Genres and select Non-music Sound recording.

WEB SITES FOR RECORDED SOUNDS

Note: There are *many* web sites for listening to, and downloading, many types of sounds. This list highlights only a small selection.

British Library Sounds, <http://sounds.bl.uk>

A selection of 50,000 sounds (from 3.5 million sounds held by the Library) from all over the world, covering the entire range of recorded sound: music, drama, literature, oral history, wildlife, and environmental sounds.

National Recording Preservation Board of the Library of Congress, <http://www.loc.gov/rr/record/nrpb/>

Each year since 2002 the NRPB has added a selection of recordings that are culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant to its National Registry, to highlight the richness of the nation's audio legacy. There are now 400 recordings on the registry, a small part of the Library's vast recorded sound collection of more than 3.5 million items. *Inside the National Recording Registry*, a series from the radio show Studio 360 (a co-production of Public Radio International and WNYC Radio), highlights some of those selections (<http://www.studio360.org/series/inside-national-recording-registry/>).

FindSounds: Search the Web for Sounds, <http://www.findsounds.com>

A specialized web search engine for finding sound effects.

FreeSound, <https://www.freesound.org>

An online collaborative database of Creative Commons-licensed audio samples—snippets, samples, recordings, bleeps, you name it.

FreeSoundEffects, <http://www.freesoundeffects.com>

Scroll down to access Free Sound Effects section in the left hand menu. Most of the free clips are just 2-3 seconds long. This site also includes sounds that can be downloaded for a fee.


FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. The **OhioLINK Library Catalog** combines the holdings of 90 libraries at colleges and universities—and through SearchOhio, of an additional 20 public libraries—across Ohio. Both can be searched by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

*Suggested **SUBJECT HEADINGS** for sound studies topics:*

Sound	Sound in mass media	Hearing
Sound -- History	Sound in motion pictures	Listening
Sound -- Psychological aspects	Sound installations (Art)	Noise
Sound -- Social aspects	Sound poetry	Noise in literature
Sound -- Therapeutic use	Sound production by animals	Noise pollution
Sound in art	Sound production by insects	Silence
Sound in literature	Sounds	Voice

See also the subheading "Sound effects" under Motion pictures, Radio broadcasting, Television broadcasting, Theaters, and Video games

 Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
2. Select the CATALOG tab, change the drop-down search option to Subject; search: sound social aspects

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY, ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

Academic Search Complete

Indexes articles from general and academic periodicals in all disciplines; almost 60% of the journals indexed include full text, and most are peer-reviewed.

Other recommended research databases

<i>America: History and Life</i>	<i>Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts</i>
<i>Anthropology Plus</i>	<i>MLA International Bibliography</i>
<i>Communication and Mass Media Complete</i>	<i>Music Index Online</i>
<i>Computers & Applied Sciences Complete</i>	<i>PsycINFO (psychology, social psychology)</i>
<i>Education Research Complete</i>	<i>SocINDEX (sociology)</i>
<i>Film & Television Literature Index</i>	<i>Web of Science</i>

 Exercise for searching Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
2. Choose Databases tab; under "by subject" drop-down search option, choose Any Subject/Multidisciplinary
3. Find and select Academic Search Complete
4. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept and click Search
5. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, each connected by "or," and click Search
6. Refine results by choosing "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals" and click "Update"

SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, *but not all*, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- comprehensive or complex searches should be done in subject-specific databases
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books

- if links don't lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably *do* have access


 **Exercise for searching Summon for additional articles relevant to your topic**

1. From the library home page, make sure the Summon tab is selected
2. In the Search box, type: history of railroads in the united states
3. Under Refine Your Search, select "Scholarly and Peer-Review"
4. Change instead to the filter for Content Type "Reference"

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

*To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use "360 Link to Full Text" or "Find It!" when available in research databases, or select the **Journal Finder** tab on Library home page or from the Quick Links pull-down menu*

OhioLINK/SearchOhio

- how it works: 110 Ohio libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other
 -  *does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL*
- to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
- Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID (*not* your T-number)
- how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
- loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)

- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; for journal articles they may send scanned pdfs
- to request: select "ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan" from the Quick Links menu on the Library's home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many articles arrive much more quickly
- loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

CITING YOUR SOURCES

Research and Documentation Online. 5th ed., 2012. Maintained by Bedford/St. Martin's.
<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/>
 Covers four major styles for documenting sources: MLA, APA,

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:

- ✓ *Help focus and define research topics*
- ✓ *Find information for papers and projects*
- ✓ *Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials*
- ✓ *Develop effective search strategies for online databases*
- ✓ *Identify useful web sites and internet resources*
- ✓ *Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources*
- ✓ *Track down facts and statistical data*
- ✓ *Learn how to use the library and its resources*

Drop-in help at the Research Desk. Just stop by and tell us what you need

Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
 Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm
 Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

IM. Chat online with a member of Oberlin's reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

Research appointment. Sign up online from the library home page

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