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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, those 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.

Below is a selective list of subject headings that may be useful for research in this class:

Aging
Assisted suicide
Bereavement
Black humor
Burial
Dead
Death
Death (Personification)
Death – Moral and ethical aspects
Death – Poetry
Death – Psychological aspects
Death – Religious aspects
Death – Social aspects
Death – Symbolic aspects
Death in literature
Euthanasia
Fear of death
Funeral rites and ceremonies
Genocide
Grief
Grief therapy
Grim Reaper (Symbolic character)
Immortalism
Immortality
Loss (Psychology)
Mortality
Mourning customs
Right to die
Suicide
War -- Moral and ethical aspects

✩ Also: search for specific people (authors, artists, etc.) as subjects (as well as authors)

Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic
2. Select the CATALOG tab; change the drop-down search option to Subject; search: death social aspects
3. Scroll down to the geographical sub-division “United States”

Use KEYWORD and ADVANCED searches to find book chapters/articles, and works on multiple topics:
example: mass death and war

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

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

☞ To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use “360 Link to Full Text” or “Find It!” where available in research databases, or search Journal Finder from Library home page or the Quick Links pull-down menu

Multidisciplinary: Stars Academic Search Complete
Web of Science (especially good for science topics)

Anthropology: Anthropology Plus

Environmental Studies: Environment Complete

History: America: History and Life (U.S. and Canadian history and culture)
Historical Abstracts (world history and culture)

Literature: MLA International Bibliography

Media, popular culture: Communication & Mass Media Complete
Film & Television Literature Index

Medicine, health: MEDLINE (EBSCO version recommended)

Philosophy: ETHXWeb
Philosopher’s Index

Psychology: PsycINFO

Public opinion: iPOLl Databank at the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research

Religion: ATLA Religion Database

Sociology: SociINDEX

Popular magazines/newspapers MasterFILE Premier
Newspaper Source

Exercise for searching Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic
2. Choose the Databases tab; under the “by subject” drop-down search option, choose Any Subject/Multidisciplinary; find and select Academic Search Complete
3. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept, each connected by “or”
4. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, each connected by “or,” and click Search
5. Refine results by choosing “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals”
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: anti-aging drugs
3. Under Refine Your Search, select “Scholarly and Peer-Review”

USEFUL WEB SITE

Association for Death Education and Counseling, The Thanatology Association.
http://www.adec.org
A professional organization dedicated to death education, care of the dying, grief counseling, and research in thanatology; see especially the “Links & Resources” page.

CITING YOUR SOURCES

Main Reference LB2369 .G53 2009

Research and Documentation Online. 5th ed., 2012. Maintained by Bedford/St. Martin’s.
http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/
See the Humanities section for examples of how to cite resources using MLA style.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

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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
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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