VIEW SAMPLE METADATA AT WEB SITES FOR RECORDED SOUNDS

Note: There are many web sites for listening to/downloading many types of sounds. This list highlights only a few.

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.

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/).

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.

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

**OBIS** is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online requesting/borrowing is available through the **OhioLINK Library Catalog**, which combines the holdings of 90 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through **SearchOhio**, which does the same for 20 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable 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 -- History
- Sound -- Psychological aspects
- Sound -- Social aspects
- Sound -- Therapeutic use
- Sound in art
- Sound in literature
- Sound in mass media
- Sound in motion pictures
- Sound installations (Art)
- Sound poetry
- Sound sculpture
- Sounds
- Soundscapes (Music)
- Animal sounds
- City sounds
- Hearing
- Human sounds
- Insect sounds
- Listening
- Nature sounds
- Noise
- Noise in literature
- Noise pollution
- Silence
- 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
2. Select the CATALOG tab, change the drop-down search option to Subject; search: sound social aspects
3. Choose Sound -- Social aspects -- History

**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.

America: History and Life
Indexes books and journal articles in world literature, folklore, and modern languages

Other recommended research databases

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☞ Exercise for searching Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic
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: libraries
5. In box 2 enter: quiet or noise
6. Refine results by choosing under Limit To “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals”

SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, audio, video, images, data, government documents, and more; searches most, but not all, library resources
- draws from OBIS, 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 sometimes 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 enter: beanie babies
3. Under Refine Your Search select “Scholarly & Peer-Review”

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: 90 Ohio academic 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; journal articles are usually sent as 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

Purdue Online Writing Lab (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using APA, MLA, and Chicago citation styles.

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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