Catalogs of books

**OBIS:** materials held by Oberlin College Libraries
**OhioLINK:** statewide catalog of 89 colleges and universities; self-service borrowing; items generally arrive in 3-5 days and circulate for 3 weeks with up to 6 renewals

Research Tools to Know

**Summon:** A search tool that includes print materials from OBIS, and online resources from hundreds of subscribed library research databases
**Journal Finder:** Search by journal title to access what Oberlin has in online and in print
**ILLiad:** InterLibrary Loan; borrow materials from other libraries

Examples of relevant subject headings

- Commerce -- History -- To 500
- Rome -- Commerce – History
- Shipping -- Mediterranean Region – History
- Commerce -- History -- Medieval, 500-1500
- Pirates
- Piracy – History
- Pirates -- Law and legislation -- Early works to 1800

Ancient World and Classical Sources

**Perseus Online Library** – online library of Greek and Roman classical texts, searchable English translations

**Beazley Archive of Classical Art** – online, keyword searchable descriptions of classical art, architecture, and pottery

European/British Empire Sources

**Early English Books Online** -- (almost) every book published in Britain 1475-1700

**Eighteenth Century Collections Online** – books published 1700-1800, primarily British

**Nineteenth Century Collections Online** – document collections covering the 19th century world

**19th Century British Newspapers** - full text newspapers

**Times of London (1785-2009)** full text of the major London newspaper
Times of India (1838-2004) - English Language daily newspaper (Mumbai)

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey, 1674-1913 - searchable edition of the largest body of texts detailing the lives of non-elite people ever published, containing 197,745 criminal trials held at London’s central criminal court

American Sources

19th Century US Newspapers - Searchable pages with scans of U.S. newspapers spanning most states

America’s Historical Newspapers (1690-1876) – great collection of searchable page scans

Early American Imprints – search within almost all books published in the United States before 1820; Series I: Evans 1639-1800, Series II: Shaw-Shoemaker 1800-1820

Early Encounters in North America - Letters, diaries, memoirs and accounts of early encounters between Native Americans and peoples from Europe, as well as Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

Google Books – books scanned by major research libraries, complete view available for public-domain books and and books not under copyright

ProQuest Congressional – All about congress; laws, legislation, hearings, reports Congressional Record and committee documents, also incl. some executive branch docs

Maritime Search Engine - National Maritime Digital Library

Mystic Seaport Library – digital resources, incl. people (captains, crew, shipmasters, shipbuilders, artifacts, art, photographs)

New York Times (1851-2011) – Complete scans of NYT, some images may be missing due to copyright

Nineteenth Century Collections Online – document collections covering the 19th century world

Piracy Trials – Library of Congress – PDF book scans of piracy trials, from holdings of the Library of Congress, PDFs are searchable

Map and Image Sources

Perry-Castaneda Map Library – Scans of historical maps from the Univ. of Texas at Austin map library

David Rumsey Map Collection - Online collection of searchable scanned historical maps

ArtStor – High quality digital scans of artwork and objects of material culture from across the globe, covering all time periods

CAMIO – Catalog of Art Museum Images Online – images of works held by numerous art museums
Databases for Finding Journal Articles

*Academic Search Complete*
Very large database of journals from all subject areas; includes a high percentage of full text

*America: History and Life*
Scholarly journals covering primarily US and Canadian history

*Historical Abstracts*
Scholarly journals in world history 1400-present, not focused on the US

*L’Annee Philologique*
Scholarly works pertaining to classical studies and the ancient world

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