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

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  
**European Views of the Americas** - works printed in Europe relating to The Americas 1493-1750  
**Nineteenth Century Collections Online** – diverse 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 documents of 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

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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