ENCyclopediaS, Background Information

Vol. 1 has thematic essays; the rest of the set consists of articles on major cities, each covering Orientation, History, Infrastructure, Cultural & Social Life, Quality of Life, and a bibliography.

e-book

v. 1. The Caribbean, Mexico, and Central America -- v. 2. North America and South America

Main Reserve G1030 .W5 2005


Main Reference HT108.S5.E63 2005

Main Reference HM756.E53 2003 (4 vols.)

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 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through SearchOhio, which does the same for 28 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.

Search tips:
• search for your city as a subject in OBIS: [name of city] i.e., Moscow (Russia)
• use the Advanced Search option, in Box 1, search your city as Subject, then add additional terms in Box 2
• think multilingually – official subject headings are in English, but for keyword searches, titles, tables of contents, etc. different names and languages may be used (i.e., Mumbai/Bombay, Beijing/Peking)
• limit search results to English if you don’t read foreign languages
• use keyword searching to combine city name with other relevant words
• use truncation (wildcard character) in keyword searches to search for stem word with any ending (ie., urban*)

Possible words to combine with a city name in an Advanced Search:
architecture  gentrification  metropolitan  slums
buildings   housing    planning   suburb*
city       land use    public spaces    urban*

search for types of buildings: temple or church or city hall or theater or skyscraper or housing or... etc.
search for names of neighborhoods and districts within cities
Useful subject **subheadings** for identifying primary sources, also useful in Advance or Keyword searches:

- Archival resources
- Correspondence
- Exhibitions
- Maps
- Pictorial works
- Sources

**DIGITAL COLLECTIONS OF PRIMARY SOURCES**

*World Digital Library.* Maintained by the US Library of Congress in cooperation UNESCO and libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural institutions from around the world.

https://www.wdl.org/en/

Significant primary materials from all countries and cultures. Content includes books, manuscripts, maps, newspapers, journals, prints and photographs, sound recordings, and films.

*OAlster.* Maintained by OCLC, a membership-based computer library service and research organization.

http://oaister.worldcat.org

A union catalog of millions of records representing open access digital resources, that was built by harvesting from open access collections worldwide. It includes a wide range of materials such as scanned publications, audio and video files, photographic images, and data sets.

*ARTstor* – select from Databases tab on library home page

Database of more than one million images in the arts, architecture, humanities, and social sciences.

*Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection,* University of Texas.

http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/

70,000 scanned map images for places all over the world. Tip: choose the “Maps on Other Web Sites” link for a useful list of online maps.

*David Rumsey Map Collection.*

http://www.davidrumsey.com

16th–21st century maps covering all areas of the world.

*Historic Cities.* Maintained by the Historic Cities Center, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Jewish National and University Library.

http://historic-cities.huji.ac.il/historic_cities.html

Maps and selected links to other relevant material on historic cities.

**USEFUL WIKIPEDIA PAGES:**


**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
• tip #1: select the “Add results beyond your library's collection” option; many of these additional resources will be open access and available for free
• tip #2: filter results by “Content type” to find a wide range of digital resource types; many of these categories represent primary source material

TREATMENT OF CITIES IN LITERARY WORKS

WorldCat: (search for [city name] and “fiction” as subjects); other genre/form terms exist besides “fiction;” try experimenting [or ask me for ideas!]

LitFinder: includes full text of poems, short stories, novels, essays, speeches, and plays
  Tip: use the Advanced Search, enter your city as a subject, and for “by Product/Series” chose LitFinder; filter results by Content Types and Document Types

The Columbia Granger’s Index to Poetry in Anthologies: Main Reference PN1022 .H39 2002
The Columbia Granger’s Index to Poetry in Collected & Selected Works: Main Ref PN1022 .C63 2004

Short Story Index: Main Reference Z5917.S5C62

Play Index: Main Reference Z5781.P53

The Cambridge Companion to the City in Literature. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014
  Main Library PN56.C55 C36 2014

FINDING ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS (SECONDARY SOURCES)

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

Multidisciplinary:  ○ Academic Search Complete
  ○ Urban Studies Abstracts

Art, Architecture:  Art Full Text
  Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals

Environment  Environment Complete

History:  Historical Abstracts (world history and culture)

Literature:  MLA International Bibliography

Politics:  International Political Science Abstracts
  Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

Regions:  ABSEES (American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies)
  Bibliography of Asian Studies
  Black Studies Center (covers African diaspora)
  Handbook of Latin American Studies
  HAPI: Hispanic American Periodicals Index
  Index Islamicus
  Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies

Sociology:  SocINDEX

☞ 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
HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK/SearchOhio
- how it works: over 300 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
- 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

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