RESEARCH SERVICES

OhioLINK
Get books that aren’t available at Oberlin for free

Research Appointments
Meet one-on-one with a librarian to discuss sources and strategies

RefME
Mobile app to scan and store citations, store notes and quotes and create bibliographies

Oberlin History
Find from the main library page, oberlin.edu/library > Research Sources > By Subject > Oberlin History

FINDING BOOKS, FILMS, ETC.

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog - all items owned or accessed by the OCL system are listed.

- **Keyword:** searches for words or combinations of words that appear *anywhere* in an OBIS record
- **Subject Heading:** searches OBIS records using official Library of Congress Subject Headings for items *about* a topic

FINDING BACKGROUND AND CONTENT IN REFERENCE SOURCES

- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Oxford Reference
- OBIS – Advanced Search - Limit *Location* to *Main Library Reference*

FINDING ARTICLES USING DATABASES

There are subject-specific databases for finding specific types of articles:

- Scholarly journals
- Magazines
- Newspapers
MAKE A RESEARCH PLAN

- Get background information & context
- Determine what kind(s) of information is needed
  - Books or articles or films, etc.
  - Popular or scholarly or technical
  - Primary sources or secondary sources
- Consider who is likely to produce the information
  - Scholars
  - Journalists
  - Professionals in a field
- Determine which sources will help you find that information
  - Library catalogs
  - Databases
  - Other online resources
- Brainstorm terminology
- Be flexible and creative
- Search and then re-search