

Resources for Creative Writing 118—"Image into Scene"

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FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. The **OhioLINK Library Catalog** combines the holdings of 90 libraries at colleges and universities—and through SearchOhio, those of an additional 20 public libraries—across Ohio. Both can be searched by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc. To borrow OhioLINK materials, click on "Request this item" and follow the instructions. ("Barcode" is the number on the back of your OCID.)

Subject Heading searches: selected useful Library of Congress Subject Headings

Oberlin College

Birds – Ohio

Trees – Ohio

Oberlin (Ohio)

Geology – Ohio

Wild flowers – Ohio

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Natural history – Ohio

Ohio – Climate

 choose *Advanced Search* for more search flexibility

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LOCAL PUBLICATIONS

The Oberlin Review. 1874–present. Online digital archive 1874–2012. Post-2012 available in paper.

Oberlin College's main student newspaper. For access, see

<http://oberlin.edu/library/news/college.html>

Full disclosure: digital archive has a quirky search engine!

The Hi-O-Hi. Oberlin, Ohio, 1890–2005/2006

Main Oversize LD4177.H5, 2nd copy in Special Collections

Oberlin College yearbook; includes class-year photographs, clubs, academic departments, significant events, etc. Primarily photographs. Earlier years may include indexes.

Oberlin Alumni Magazine. 1904–present.

Shelved in Main Periodicals, 2nd floor south side, Mudd

Two card file indexes are available in the Goodrich Room on the 4th floor: 1904-1957 and 1958 - ~1994? (through at least vol. 90, no. 2, Summer 1994). Articles about college events, activities, and initiatives, as well as human interest stories about alumnae, faculty, and staff.

Oberlin News-Tribune. 1860–present under various publishers and titles

for access, see <http://www.oberlin.edu/library/news/town.html>

Oberlin Architecture, College and Town: A Guide to its Social History (Blodgett). Oberlin, OH: Oberlin College, 1985.

Main Reference NA735.O3B56 1985 (check OBIS for additional copies)

Westwood: A Historical and Interpretive View of Oberlin's Cemetery. Oberlin, OH: Oberlin Historical and Improvement Organization, 1997

Main Reference F499.O262 W4 1997

Oberlin History Bibliography: A Partial Listing of Published Titles Bearing on the History of the College and Community Covering the Period 1833 to 1992 (Baumann). Oberlin, OH: Oberlin College, 1992.
e-book, print copy Main Reference Z5816.O23B38 1992

Guide to the Architectural Records in the Oberlin College Archives (Baumann). Oberlin, OH: Oberlin College, 1996.
e-book, print copy Main Reference Z5944.U5 G845 1996

LOCAL HISTORY AND LOCAL INFORMATION WEB SITES

Electronic Oberlin Group, <http://www.oberlin.edu/external/EOG/>
Developed by a group of volunteers to enhance the teaching of local history in elementary and secondary schools. This web site is no longer actively maintained.

Oberlin Heritage Center, <http://www.oberlinheritage.org>
A nonprofit museum, historical society, and historic preservation organization whose mission is to preserve and share Oberlin's unique heritage and to make it a better place to live, learn, work, and visit.

City of Oberlin, <http://www.cityofoberlin.com>
The official website for the City of Oberlin. The city's "Oberlin 2025" strategic plan (under City Government/City Manager) is chock full of interesting data and tidbits.

Oberlin Business Partnership, <http://oberlin.org>
An nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the sustainable growth and prosperity of the Oberlin Community. Membership includes individuals, businesses, and community organizations.

Oberwiki, <http://oberwiki.net>
A cooperative web site about Oberlin that anyone can edit; it's not clear how active this site is currently. (Wikipedia's entries for "Oberlin College" and "Oberlin, Ohio" are also useful.)

Oberlin Environmental Dashboard, <http://www.oberlindashboard.org>
Provides real-time feedback on water and electricity consumption to encourage citizens to conserve resources and improve the ecological health of our bioregion.

About Oberlin, <http://new.oberlin.edu/about/index.dot>
Oberlin College's introduction to Oberlin gives a fun and informative overview.

State & County QuickFacts, <http://quickfacts.census.gov>
The U.S. Census Bureau's web site gives overview statistics of the City of Oberlin; follow the "Browse data sets for Oberlin (city)" link for even more data!

GENERAL HISTORIES OF OBERLIN

☞ Check OBIS for location/availability of additional copies of all these titles

Fletcher, Robert Samuel. *A History of Oberlin College from its Foundation through the Civil War*. Oberlin, OH: Oberlin College, 1943. Main Reference LD4168.F58 (2 vols.)

Fairchild, James Harris. *Oberlin: The Colony and the College, 1833-1883*. Oberlin, OH: E. J. Goodrich, 1883.
Main Reference F499.O2F3

Leonard, Delavan L. *The Story of Oberlin: The Institution, the Community, the Idea, the Movement*. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1898. Main Reference LD4168 .L5 1898a

Phillips, Wilbur H. *Oberlin Colony: The Story of a Century*. Oberlin, OH: Oberlin Printing Company, 1933.

Main Reference F499.O2 P5

Barnard, John. *From Evangelicalism to Progressivism at Oberlin College, 1866-1917*. Columbus: Ohio State University Press, 1969. Main Reference LD4168.3.B3

Blodgett, Geoffrey. *Oberlin History: Essays and Impressions*. Kent, OH: Kent State University Press, 2006.

Main Reference LD4168 .B56 2006

NATURAL HISTORIES OF OBERLIN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

Sherman, Thomas Fairchild. *A Place on the Glacial Till: Time, Land, and Nature within an American Town*. New York : Oxford University Press, 1997. Science Library QE152.O24 S54 1997

Garvin, Mary C. and Jan Cooper, eds. *Living in the Vermilion River Watershed*. Oberlin, OH: Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Firelands Chapter and Oberlin College, 2008. Sci Oversize QH105.O3 L58 2008

Ohio's Natural Heritage. Columbus: Ohio Academy of Science, 1979

Sci Oversize F491.O398

OHIO FIELD GUIDES

The Ohio Nature Almanac: An Encyclopedia of Indispensable Information about the Natural Buckeye Universe. Sci Reference QH105.O3 O35 2001

Birds of Ohio: Field Guide. Science Library QL684.O3 T44 2004

The Birds of Ohio: With Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas Maps. Sci Reference QL684.O3 P48 2001

Ohio Trees. Science Library QK484.O3D3

Wildflowers of Ohio Field Guide. Sci Reference QK180 .T44 2001

Wildflowers of Ohio. Science Library QK180 .H45 1998

Complete Field Guide to American Wildlife: East, Central, and North. Science Library QL151.C6

Common Butterflies and Skippers of Ohio. Sci Reference QL551.O3 P37 2013

Ohio Fish Identification Guide. Science Library QL628.O3 O45 1997

A Guide to Ohio Streams, Science Library QH97 .G84 2001

USING THE OBERLIN COLLEGE ARCHIVES

The Oberlin College Archives contains a vast and varied collection of rare, original, and reproduced materials in printed, electronic, and digitized formats. It holds the permanently valuable records of the institution as well as those of individuals, families, and organizations affiliated with the college, the Conservatory of Music, and the city of Oberlin. Records offer details about student life, maps, master plans, art and architecture, and much more.

Main web page: <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/index.html>

Search finding aids: <http://www.oberlinlibstaff.com/archon/index.php?>

Browse finding aids: <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/index.html>

Student publications: <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG19/SG00/S1/inventory.html>

Digital Collections: <http://digitalcollections.oberlin.edu>, <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/digital/index.html>

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY 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 8,000+ general and academic periodicals in all disciplines; over 80% of the journals indexed are peer-reviewed; almost 60% of the journals indexed include full text.

America: History and Life. 1964-present.

Indexes articles from 2,000+ journals on history and culture of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present.

SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, *but not all*, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many 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 probably *do* have access

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

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