



Resources for FYSP 066: Jane Austen Then and Now
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ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND OTHER REFERENCE WORKS

- ☆ *All Things Austen: An Encyclopedia of Austen's World*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2005.
Main Library PR4036 .A275 2005 (2 vols.)
- A Jane Austen Encyclopedia*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1998.
e-book, Main Library PR4036 .A28 1998
- Jane Austen in Context*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
Main Library PR4036 .A283 2005
- A Chronology of Jane Austen and Her Family*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
Main Library PR4036 .L42 2006
- A Concordance to the Works of Jane Austen*. New York: Garland Pub., 1982
Main Library PR4036.A24 1982 (3 vols.)

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, 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.

*Writers can be searched as both **AUTHOR** (for writings by the person) and **SUBJECT** (for writings about the person and her/his works):*

Austen, Jane, 1775-1817

*Suggested **SUBJECT HEADINGS** for related topics:*

England -- Economic conditions [for even more books, Great Britain can usually be substituted for England]
England -- Social conditions
England -- Social life and customs
Great Britain -- History [browse for more specific time periods, e.g., 1714-1837; 1789-1820; 1800-1837; etc.]

Aristocracy (Social class) -- England
Middle class -- England
Nobility -- England
Social classes -- England
Social status -- England
Upper class -- England
Working class -- England

Books and reading -- England
Families -- England
Households -- England
Marriage -- England
Sex role -- England
Women -- England

Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library/>
2. Select the CATALOG tab, change the drop-down search option to Author; search: austen jane
3. Click on Limit/Sort Search; for MATERIAL type, select Video/DVD, and click Search
4. Click on the Start Over button and select the Subject Heading search option; search: austen jane

Use **KEYWORD** and **ADVANCED** searches to find book chapters/articles, and works on multiple topics:

example: austen and marriage

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY, ACADEMIC JOURNALS

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

☆ *MLA International Bibliography*

Indexes books and periodical articles in world literature, folklore, and modern languages

Academic Search Complete

Indexes articles from general and academic periodicals in all disciplines; almost 60% of the journals indexed include full text, and most are peer-reviewed.

Exercise for searching *MLA International Bibliography* for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library/>
2. Choose the Databases tab; under the “by subject” drop-down search option, choose English or Literature
3. Find and select *MLA International Bibliography*
4. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept and click Search
5. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, each connected by “or,” and click Search
6. Refine results by choosing “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals” and click “Update”

OTHER RECOMMENDED DATABASES

Gender, Sexuality	<i>Gender Studies Database</i>
History	<i>Historical Abstracts</i>
Popular culture	<i>Communication & Mass Media Complete</i> <i>Film & Television Literature Index</i>

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

Exercise for searching *Summon* for additional articles relevant to your topic

1. From the library home page, make sure the Summon tab is selected
2. In the Search box, type: jane austen popular culture
3. Under Refine Your Search, select “Scholarly and Peer-Review”
4. Refine your search further with the Content Type “Journal Article”

CITING YOUR SOURCES

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 7th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2009.

Main Reference LB2369 .G53 2009

Research and Documentation Online. 5th ed., 2012. Maintained by Bedford/St. Martin’s.
<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/>

See the Humanities section for examples of how to cite resources using MLA style.

WEB SITES (FOR FUN!)

AustenBlog, <http://austenblog.com>

A compendium of news about Jane Austen in popular culture; includes newspaper articles, books, magazines, film adaptations, continuations of the novels, modern retellings, and events.

The Jane Austen Society of North America, <http://www.jasna.org>

A nonprofit organization staffed by volunteers who are dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of Jane Austen and her writing.

Jane Austen's World, <http://janeaustensworld.wordpress.com>

A blog bringing Jane Austen, her novels, and the Regency Period alive through food, dress, social customs, and other historical details.

The Republic of Pemberley, <http://pemberley.com>

A collection of information, communities, discussion boards, and supporting sites about Jane Austen run by a volunteer committee.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

☞ *To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use "360 Link to Full Text" or "Find It!" when available in research databases, or select the **Journal Finder** tab on Library home page or from the Quick Links pull-down menu*

OhioLINK/SearchOhio

- how it works: 110 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 (*not* your T-number)
- 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

HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:

- ✓ *Help focus and define research topics*
- ✓ *Find information for papers and projects*
- ✓ *Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials*
- ✓ *Develop effective search strategies for online databases*
- ✓ *Identify useful web sites and internet resources*
- ✓ *Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources*
- ✓ *Track down facts and statistical data*
- ✓ *Learn how to use the library and its resources*

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 from the library home page

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