

RHET 103
Research Services & Sources
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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 o
 - 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