

Library Live Presentation: Primary Sources on the Web

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Selected Digital Archives on the Web (freely available to anyone with Internet access)

American Memory Project (Library of Congress)

A vast digital archive of primary sources including photographs, documents, sound recordings, and film footage. This is the most ambitious digital archive project to date. All sources are fully searchable and helpful guides to resources by subject are also available. Sources are in the public domain, in most cases.

<http://memory.loc.gov>

Smithsonian SIRIS Catalog and Online Image Collection

The SIRIS catalog allows for searching across Smithsonian Institute collections, while a selected group of 138,000 digital archival images are available in the Online Image Collection.

<http://sirismm.si.edu/siris/sirisimagegallery.htm>

The Internet Archive

Started as a non-profit attempt to archive the Internet, it has expanded to include collections of footage, Web sites, software, audio, and texts. You can search by type of material or in specific part of the collection or browse collections. Also offers an advanced search option.

<http://www.archive.org>

Ohio Memory Scrapbook

Using the model created by the Library of Congress American Memory Project, this site includes primary sources related to Ohio's history. Contains images, documents, and even artifacts that have been digitized and transcribed. Fully searchable and also organized by subject.

<http://www.ohiomemory.org>

Duke Digital Scriptorium

High-quality online archive providing a variety of sources in American history including materials related to slavery, the Civil War, and women's history.

<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/scriptorium/projects.html>

Examples of Fee-based, Commercial Archives

Getty Images

Stock photographs, film and music footage available on a fee-basis. Some collections are "royalty free" and "rights ready" making usage a bit easier. Have to register in order to get pricing, but can search portions of the archive without having to register. Much of the material here is for commercial use, but there are also archival images and footage.

<http://www.gettyimages.com>

Corbis

Similar to Getty, this site provides still photographs and moving footage. Fee based with same "royalty free" and "rights ready" options for ease of use. Can search and preview without registration, but have to register in order to get pricing.

<http://pro.corbis.com>

British Pathé News Reel Archive

The entire British Pathe new reel archive (3,500 hours of new reels), dating from 1896-1970 and covers news, sports, entertainment, and social history. Can search and preview footage without registering.

<http://www.britishpathe.com>

Note: Many media and news corporations (e.g. ABC, NBC, CBS, Time/Life, National Geographic) offer use of archived images and footage, for a fee.

Selected Primary Source Databases via OhioLINK

(available through OhioLINK—KSU students/faculty/staff only)

Go to: <http://www.library.kent.edu/page/10078> to access these sources via the alphabetical list of databases.

AP Images

Contains approximately 500,000 photos and selections of pictures from the AP image and print negative library. Pictures cover local, state, national and international subjects. Also included are audio clips and charts and graphics.

American Periodical Series Online

American Periodicals Series Online contains page images of more than 1,100 historic American magazines, journals, and newspapers. These resources illuminate the development of American culture, politics, and society across some 150 years. Articles can be searched by author, source, and words in the complete text. Updated quarterly. (1741-1900)

Annals of American History

Highlights of U.S. history from 1493 to the present. Contains over 2000 primary source documents, including historical accounts, speeches (text and audio), pictures, video clips, and much more.

CQ Historical Document Series (Congressional Quarterly)

“Published annually since 1972, the Historic Documents Series now contains 34 volumes of primary sources. Each volume includes approximately one hundred documents covering the most significant events of the year. These documents range from presidential speeches, international agreements, and Supreme Court decisions to U.S. governmental reports, scientific findings, and cultural discussions.”

HarpWeek (1857 - 1871)

Full-text archive of *Harper's Weekly*, a national publication during the American Civil War and Reconstruction eras. Contains illustrations, articles, advertisements, and editorials. Search by date, keyword, literature genre, and individuals' standing in society or occupation.

Lexis-Nexis Academic

Contains the full-text of newspapers for the past 20 years, company news and financial information, federal, state and legislative materials, medical and health information, general information sources and much more. Updates and coverage vary with section.

OhioLINK Digital Media Center

Includes collections of art and architecture images, selected archival collections of OhioLINK institutions, maps, educational videos, and science collections

<http://dmc.ohiolink.edu>

Locating Physical Primary Source Collections

Google Search Hints

A **quick** way to see where the records or papers of an organization or individual might reside (if not privately owned by an individual) is to perform a Web search via Google.

Search on the name of the person or organization and the following terms “manuscripts or archive or papers or records or collection.” These are the terms that most archives and special collections will use to refer to a collection of materials created by and about a person or organization.

Sample searches to try on Google:

- aldous huxley (manuscripts or papers or archive or collection)
- “league of women voters” (archive or papers or records or collection)
- vietnam war (archive or papers or records or collection)

Supplement a quick Web search by using the following tools:

WorldCat (accessible via the KSU Library site at: <http://www.library.kent.edu/page/10078>)

Largest worldwide catalog of library holdings. It now include records formerly part of the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, along with records submitted by libraries worldwide, describing archival collections.

HINTS:

- Use the Advanced Search feature.
- Limit your search to “Archival Materials”

Repositories of Primary Sources—Additional Lists page

The Repositories of Primary Sources site provide links to archives and special collections repositories worldwide, but you cannot search by subject. The additional lists page provides links to some helpful sub-groupings of archives, such as the corporate archives, history of science archives, history of health sciences libraries and archives, and religious organization archives.

<http://www.uidaho.edu/special-collections/other.html>

**Contact Special Collections (330-672-2270)
or the Reference Desk of the Main Library (330-672-3150)
for additional assistance in
locating primary source collections.**