



**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 Reserve PR4036 .A275 2005 (2 vols.)  
Articles explain the meaning, significance, and context of objects, ideas, and customs referred to in the works of Jane Austen, often accompanied by illustrations. A wide range of topics is covered, including behavior, clothing and accessories, entertainment, intellectual life, food and drink, religion, transportation and travel, the military, and household matters.
- Jane Austen in Context*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2005.  
Main Reserve PR4036 .A283 2005  
Part III "Historical and cultural context" covers topics such as agriculture, architecture, consumer goods, education, food, manners, medicine, money, politics, rank, and many others.
- The Cambridge Companion to Jane Austen*. 2nd ed. Cambridge, UK, 2011.  
Main Reserve PR4036 .C3 2011  
Chapters 8-11 discuss class, money, making a living, gender, and sociability in Austen's day.
- Critical Companion to Jane Austen: A Literary Reference to Her Life and Work*. New York: Facts On File, 2008.  
Main Reserve PR4036 .B255 2008  
Part III "Related Entries" contains brief essays on people, places, themes, topics, and other information helpful in understanding Austen's life and work.
- A Jane Austen Encyclopedia*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1998.  
Main Library PR4036 .A28 1998  
Brief entries focus primarily on Austen's works and characters.
- 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 Oversize PR4036.A24 1982 (3 vols.)

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#### FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS, AT OBERLIN AND ELSEWHERE

**OBIS** is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online borrowing is available through the **OhioLINK Library Catalog**, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through **SearchOhio**, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

*Search for writers as both **AUTHOR** (for writings by people) and **SUBJECT** (for writings about people and their 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**

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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 journal 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 "Peer Reviewed"

**OTHER RECOMMENDED DATABASES**

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Gender, Sexuality	<i>Gender Studies Database</i>
History	<i>Historical Abstracts</i>
Popular culture	<i>Communication &amp; Mass Media Complete</i> <i>Film &amp; Television Literature Index</i>
Popular sources (i.e., non-scholarly)	<i>MasterFILE Complete</i> <i>Readers' Guide Abstracts</i>

## SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

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- 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
- Subject-specific databases are generally better for complex or comprehensive searches
- 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"
5. Refine again with the Discipline category "Film"

## CITING YOUR SOURCES

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*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 8th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2016.

Main Reference LB2369 .G53 2016 (check OBIS for locations of additional copies)

*Purdue Online Writing Lab* (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using MLA style.

## WEB SITES (FOR FUN!)

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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. You may also enjoy looking at The Jane Austen Society of the United Kingdom's website, <http://www.janeaustensoci.freeuk.com/index.htm>.

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.

Molland's, <http://www.mollands.net>

Named after a candy shop in Bath that appears in *Persuasion*, this Jane Austen fan site includes texts, illustrations, and links. You can even send an Austen-themed e-card to a fellow Austen fan.

Jane Austen Places, <http://www.astoft.co.uk/austen>

Virtually visit the places relevant to Austen's life and works; a great way to get a mental picture of the places she writes about—many of the buildings haven't changed much since the 18th century.

## HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

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☞ 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: 115 Ohio library systems 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; journal articles are usually sent as 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, though 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

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### **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