RHET 106
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

FINDING BOOKS, FILMS, GRAPHIC NOVELS, MUSIC 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/CONTEXTUAL SOURCES

- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- Oxford Reference
- Oxford Music/Grove Music Online
- OBIS – Advanced Search – "Type of text or topic" - Limit *Location* to *Main Library Reference*

FINDING ARTICLES USING DATABASES

There are subject-specific databases for finding specific types (i.e. scholarly journals, magazines, newspapers, etc.) articles. Some to consider:

- Film & Television Literature Index
- Communication & Mass Media Complete
- MLA International Bibliography
- Art Full Text

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
  - 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
- Organize your research with a citation manager or other note-taking system