

## OPEN ACCESS RESOURCES FOR FACULTY *and* STUDENTS: ALL FREE

### I: TEXTBOOKS/OPEN ACCESS BOOKS:

1. **\*OPEN TEXTBOOK LIBRARY (OTL)**

<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/>

"Close to 1,000 textbooks *and counting* in more than 14 disciplines; with new textbooks being added **monthly**; 73% of textbooks include Faculty reviews; over 25 textbooks in development, and always *more* coming down the pipeline." (from the OTL Website). Many of these textbooks are in active use at Universities and Community Colleges across the USA and Canada. Please consult OTL's [FAQ](#) for any questions about the Open Textbook Library.

2. **Other collections of Textbooks may be found here:**

<http://libguides.cu-portland.edu/OER/findtextbooks> \*AND\* [WHERE TO FIND FREE TEXTBOOKS: A RESOURCE LIST](#)

A **NEW** SEARCH ENGINE TO LOCATE TEXTBOOKS IN ALL ACADEMIC FIELDS: <https://bit.ly/FTEATEXT>

**OER Repositories:** [OER = OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES]

<http://libguides.cu-portland.edu/OER/findrepositories>

**OPEN ACCESS BOOKS, BY SUBJECT:**

[https://library.oapen.org/browse?type=classification\\_text](https://library.oapen.org/browse?type=classification_text)

**OPEN BOOKS: MICHIGAN OPEN BOOK PROJECT** (Click on "The Books" in the Tabs area – for a listing of specific grades)

<http://www.oercommons.org/courses/michigan-open-book-project/view>

**PDX OPEN TEXTBOOKS (PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, OREGON)**

<https://pdxscholar.library.pdx.edu/pdxopen/>

**RMIT's COLLECTION OF OPEN TEXTBOOKS**

<https://rmit.libguides.com/c.php?g=924918&p=6679325>

**LITERARY TEXTS: UPENN ONLINE TEXTS: over 50,000 online Books** <http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/lists.html>

**OER COMMONS: RESOURCES.** [OER = OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES]

<https://www.oercommons.org/oer>

**OER CURATED COLLECTIONS**

<https://www.oercommons.org/curated-collections>

(HINT: CLICK ON **HUBS**, or **GROUPS** or **SUBJECT AREAS** to VIEW EVEN MORE VALUABLE OER RESOURCES)

**SCIENCE BOOKS ONLINE**

<http://sciencebooksonline.info/>

**FROM THE OHIO UNIVERSITY LIBGUIDE ON HATHITRUST VS. GOOGLE BOOKS**

"[Hathi Trust](#) and [Google Books](#) are two large, ongoing digitization projects whose goals are to create easily accessible archives of books and other information sources from around the world. Although there is much duplication of content between these two archives, each does have items not in the other. The searching capabilities of Hathi Trust are significantly better than those of Google Books. Full text will usually be available for items published before 1923 (cutoff date in US copyright law); full text may or not be available for more recent publications, depending on the wishes of the copyright holders." This Ohio University [Libguide](#) allows for a direct search of both [Hathi Trust](#) and [Google Books](#).

**GOOGLE BOOKS vs. HATHI TRUST (A LIBGUIDE FROM ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY – ASU)**

This Libguide notes the essential differences between these two digitized book search engines.

**MORE FREE BOOKS: A COLLECTION OF ADDITIONAL FREE BOOKS – this will give far more options**

**FOR CHILDREN: STORYLINEONLINE:** each story is read by a famous Actor; all stories have a [Teacher's Guide](#).

**INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DIGITAL LITERATURE** has the goal of building "a collection of books that represents outstanding historical and contemporary books from throughout the world." **Additional resources** for Children [here](#).

## II. DATABASES (WILL RETRIEVE FREE SCHOLARLY ARTICLES, as well as THESES and DISSERTATIONS)

### \*SSRN: SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH NETWORK [www.ssrn.com](http://www.ssrn.com)

"SSRN's eLibrary provides well over 1 million research papers from researchers in over 50 Disciplines." New articles added **weekly**. Click on **CREATE ACCOUNT** to register, then create a username and password, then log in – search topics via *Search eLibrary*. This is an **incredibly useful** database; one I use daily to find hard-to-find articles. Researchers can place articles of interest in their own personalized library.

\*Please note this [latest SSRN Blog](#) indicating the variety of [research papers](#) indexed by SSRN, as well as SSRN's [Research Networks](#), including SSRN's latest network, [NURSING RN](#). Read the latest SSRN BLOG [here](#)

1. \*JURN – extensive article search <https://bit.ly/JURN11>  
(Researchers will see a blank search bar in the far-left corner.)  
Search example: "Food Security Ghana" (without the quotes)

**GRAFT**, an 'all known repositories' search-engine -an amazing resource for students <https://bit.ly/GRAFTSE>

2. **CORE** – <https://core.ac.uk/> searches over 135 million articles  
Search example: "conflict and peace" – without the quotes

4. \*A THESIS AND DISSERTATION SEARCH ENGINE: <http://goo.gl/fA1re>  
(Researchers will see a blank search bar in the far-left corner.)  
TYPE the TOPIC you are researching with the word *THESIS* to locate Theses or Dissertations

#### **EXAMPLES:**

GHANA AND RECONCILIATION AND THESIS

OR:

ANGOLA AND COLD WAR AND THESIS

OR:

arkansas.edu and thesis and agriculture

OR:(substitute the name of any particular University (rather than the University of Arkansas, as in our previous example) : e.g., *Wisconsin.edu and thesis and Geology*)

5. **OTHER ESSENTIAL DISSERTATION and THESIS SEARCH ENGINES:** <https://bit.ly/3Att8WB>

6. \*GOOGLE ADVANCED SEARCH [www.google.com/advanced\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_search)  
SEARCH EXAMPLE OF "DEFORESTATION and CLIMATE CHANGE" – without quotes  
Type .edu in Site or Domain/ under Region – select **United States** --and Language = **English**

7. **DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS (DOAJ)** [www.doaj.org](http://www.doaj.org)  
"DOAJ is a community-curated online directory that indexes and provides access to high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals." Indexes cover *17,000 journals*; New Journals / Articles added monthly. Be sure to click **Articles** (not Journals) **before starting** your search for the best results.

8. **OPEN J-STOR:** <https://about.jstor.org/oa-and-free/>  
"Our partnerships with libraries and publishers help us make content discoverable and freely accessible worldwide."  
**INSTRUCTIONS:** Click on Advanced Search, <https://www.jstor.org/action/showAdvancedSearch>, and in the first Search Bar, type (as an example) *Environment\** (\* searches for all variations of the word Environment, such as Environmental) and then to your right, click on the down arrow and select the Title Field. In the Second Search Bar, type *Ghana* and then click on the down arrow and select All Fields. Under **Select an Access Type**, be sure to click on the down arrow and select "**Content I can access**" to ensure you retrieve free, Open Access articles and documents.

9. The **Internet Archive Scholar** (<https://scholar-qa.archive.org/>) is a new search engine from the **Internet Archive** providing access to academic articles and journals from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century **to the present**. [Read More](#) [A Review of the Internet Archive Scholar as published in COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES NEWS \(6/21\)](#)

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**AFRICA RELATED RESEARCH:** <https://bit.ly/AFRICA101>

### III. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

1. **NEW SEARCH ENGINES:** <https://bit.ly/SENEW1> **AND. ADDITIONAL OPEN ACCESS DATABASES:** <http://bit.ly/OAD112>
2. **PREPRINT SEARCH ENGINES TO LOCATE THE LATEST ARTICLES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN A VARIETY OF ACADEMIC FIELDS, MOST ESPECIALLY IN LAW, HEALTH, MEDICINE, the SOCIAL SCIENCES AND STEM FIELDS:** <http://bit.ly/PREPRINTS111>
3. **MERLOT's ACADEMIC COMMUNITY PORTALS:** <https://www.merlot.org/merlot/communities.htm?type=0>
4. **EXAMPLES OF UNIVERSITY CLASSES TAUGHT IN THE U.S. – for Professors to view how a course is taught and the resources deployed, and for International students to better prepare for a U.S. Education.** <http://ocw.mit.edu>  
**MIT's OCW SCHOLAR COURSES OFTEN HAVE VIDEO LECTURES and EXAMS AND SOLUTIONS TO EXAMS, plus STUDENT PAPERS and ONLINE TEXTBOOKS:** <https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/ocw-scholar/>  
**MITX allows students to receive a certificate for many courses:** <https://www.edx.org/school/mitx>  
**OPEN YALE UNIVERSITY COURSES:** <http://oyc.yale.edu/courses>  
[www.coursera.org/yale](http://www.coursera.org/yale) this link allows enrollment in the full range of Yale online courses.
5. **RESEARCH- ORIENTED DIGITIZATION PROJECTS and INITIATIVES:** [bit.ly/TAMALEDIGITIZATION](http://bit.ly/TAMALEDIGITIZATION)
7. **THE OER STARTER KIT WORKBOOK:** explains the history and background of OERs [OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES] including how to discover and use OERS, both in personal research, and in a classroom setting – especially for instructors. This workbook will answer most questions on what are OERs, and their utility for research. “We welcome instructors, librarians ... and anyone else interested in OER to explore the **OER Starter Kit Workbook.**”  
<https://cuny.manifoldapp.org/projects/the-oer-starter-kit-workbook> -- from the CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
8. **GENERAL RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:** <https://bit.ly/GRL19>
9. **RESOURCES FOR FULBRIGHTERS AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS** <https://bit.ly/SILCQK1>
10. **ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE) AND ONLINE WRITING/GRAMMAR RESOURCES** <https://bit.ly/ESLSILC>
11. **OER FREE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES by ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE, a 5 STAR RESOURCE (U of Ottawa, published June 2021)** <https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/uottawaoerdiscipline/>
12. **OER TOOLKITS AND RESOURCES:** <http://bit.ly/OERTK>
13. **FREE ENGINEERING RESOURCES: ENGINEERING JOURNALS, DATABASES, TEXTBOOKS, TABLES OF CONTENTS:** <https://bit.ly/ENGROAD112>
14. **OPEN ACCESS RESOURCES IN ARCHITECTURE, URBAN PLANNING, and SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE**
15. **EVERGREEN RESOURCES:** <https://bit.ly/EVERGRN> (**Practical** resources in many areas)
16. **To locate *additional* Open Access Resources, OR resources for other fields, please navigate to **LIBGUIDES** and use keywords such as *Open Textbooks, OA Textbooks, Open Databases, Open Access, or OER.* Also consult the *featured guides* by scrolling down the page.**  
<https://community.libguides.com/>