

Outside the Box : *ScienceDirect*

This database is most often mentioned as a resource for disciplines such as biology, chemistry, engineering, and computer science. The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences can benefit from using *ScienceDirect* as well, however, and in a few different ways. Before searching in this database, scroll down to the **Social Sciences and Humanities** heading, and click on one of the subheadings. You'll get a unique mix of journal titles in history, language and linguistics, and even media technology for those in the communication arts. Another perk of using *ScienceDirect* is that each of the journals are peer-reviewed, so quality and credibility are not concerns. Several titles are even open access, expanding your research options dramatically. Try searching for **technical writing skills**. You'll find studies on student writing ability, game development, techniques, and much more!



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Getting the most out of your e-resources

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Early English Books Online now contains page images of works printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America, as well as works in English printed elsewhere from 1473–1700. More than 200 libraries worldwide have contributed to *EEBO* over the years, making this a truly collaborative resource. This database combines materials ranging from the first book published in English through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare, from the tumultuous years of the English Civil War to the Restoration, and much more. The selection criteria for what is included in *EEBO* is in part based on the *New Cambridge Bibliography of English Literature (NCBEL)*. The *NCBEL* was chosen as a guideline because it includes foundational works as well as less canonical titles related to a wide variety of fields, not just literary studies.

EEBO serves as a wonderful repository of primary source materials across many topics. Gain insights into a historical perspective that saw the rise of a mercantile class and the first English settlements in North America. Take a look at documents that demonstrate the development of secular philosophies and the impact of empirical scientific discoveries that influenced British ethos and ways of life. This could be a good resource for anyone interested in women's studies as well, as you will find editions of works by individuals such as Margaret Cavendish or Anne Killigrew. Peruse articles, books, sermons, pamphlets, letters, and sheet music. Explore *EEBO* today through Salmon Library.



Quick Tip:

We use a tool called **LibGuides** at Salmon Library to create online resources that serve as a reference to popular search topics, supplements for a variety of classes, and much more. Take a look at our **Shakespeare** LibGuide, for example, at libguides.uah.edu/shakespeare. While not intended to be a comprehensive guide, you'll find a handy list of selected books from our collection, quick links to search our databases, and even tips on how to search for plays or poems by the Bard in our catalog. Check out the guide's **Resources** tab to see suggested websites and other readings. Ask a librarian if there is a guide in place for your research!



At Salmon Library, we like to expose our community to as many quality resources as we can. Some resources, such as the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, are openly accessible on the web and worth your time if conducting research in philosophy. This is a unique resource in that it is considered to be a **scholarly dynamic reference work**, meaning that the articles and entries within this massive philosophy reference work are constantly being edited by groups of verified experts in their field. The goal is to develop a reference tool that is updated fairly often to reflect contemporary writings, commentaries, and new schools of thought on a given subject. This allows one to reference archived entries and compare to updated ones, gaining a sense of what has changed over time. This project could be considered a “scholarly Wikipedia” model, although it precedes Wikipedia by many years. Give it a look!



Did you Know...?

OneSearch has served as a one-stop-shop for many of our electronic resources over the past few years. Now, in addition to finding articles and books with ease, you can locate a listing for our electronic journals at the title level in a *OneSearch* result list. Let’s say you’re doing a cursory search on “ethics” n *OneSearch*, just to see what popped up. Since we have a periodical titled *Ethics*, you will see that at the top of your list. You’ll see the title, as well as a quick-search bar for you to begin exploring within that particular journal.

UAH’s Full Text Finder



At Salmon Library, we’ve had the ability to browse our electronic periodical collection for some time. However, the process of locating and accessing that information has improved over the years, and EBSCO’s new **Full Text-Finder** enhancements over the past year or so have brought some welcome changes to that experience. On the library homepage at www.uah.edu/library, click on the **Journals** tab. You will see a page with a search box, but also a **Browse by Discipline** section taking up 3/4 of the screen. This allows you to browse for a list of periodical titles in our collection based on broad subject classification. This may not catch every title, but it will catch many under these umbrella headings such as **Music** or **Anthropology**. Additionally, you can now search within a journal itself, allowing you to extract all the articles from across the publication of a journal mentioning your search terms.



Web Searching Quick Tip:

We all use the open web at some point in our research process, but using it “effectively” and “efficiently” is often a much more challenging ordeal when it comes to academic research. Still, there are certainly going to be resources that either fall outside of Salmon Library’s subscriptions, or are just more accessible via a Google search. If basic searching is failing you, try focusing on the domain types that host certain information. If you’re trying to find some more scholarly info, you might want the “.edu” sites. For government collected/archived data, you probably want the “.gov” sites. Say you’re looking for information on **Alexander Hamilton**, and you are striking out at your usual research stops. Add the terms “**site:.org**” or “**site:.edu**” to your search string in Google, and see if your results are noticeably different. Try typing **Alexander Hamilton site:.gov** into your browser. It might not be as interesting as the Broadway show, but you might be surprised!



Sage’s **Political Science Collection** includes the full-text of 29 journals published by SAGE and participating societies. Many of the titles go back several decades in coverage, encompassing over 10,000 articles. This collection covers such subjects as General Political Science, American Government & Politics, Political Sociology, Comparative Politics, Policy Studies, Political Communication, Peace / Conflict Studies, Presidential Studies, Political Theory / Philosophy, International Relations, and Area Studies. The library’s link to this Sage collection brings you to a search interface with these journals pre-selected, so you’ll be sure that you are exploring UAH’s subscriptions by default.

AVL Spotlight: *Artemis Literary Sources* from Gale



Gale-Cengage Learning has been a major provider for literary criticism resources for many years. *Artemis* serves as Gale’s most recent iteration from the AVL. Let’s say you search for the poet **W.H. Auden**. You’ll default to a variety of **Literary Criticism** results from sources such as *American Writers* or *Journal of Modern Literature*. An easy to use menu on the left of the result page allows you to sort by multimedia, biographies, topic overviews, and more. The new **Topic Finder** in the menu offers a unique “wheel-based” tool to visualize the words and subjects found in the first 100 words from the top results in your search in a graphical wheel. So, try a **W.H. Auden** search, and click the **Topic Finder**. Click on one of the colorful topics and see what *Artemis* pulls up for you.