



NUI Galway  
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Library  
An Leabharlann

## Special Collections & Archives

### Off campus resources

#### Using Library Resources Off-Campus

Details of all of the Library's Off-Campus services are available at <https://library.nuigalway.ie/usingthelibrary/off-campuservices/>

Looking at your subject's Libguide, especially relating to databases will also be of value. <http://libguides.library.nuigalway.ie/az.php>

#### E-books

Links to digitised copies of many of the books we hold in Special Collections are available through the library catalogue at <https://library.nuigalway.ie/>

The screenshot shows a search results page with the following elements:

- Search bar: "adam smith wealth of nations" with a search icon and a close button.
- Navigation bar: "Sign in to get complete results and to request items" with a "Sign in" button and a "DISMISS" button.
- Summary bar: "0 selected PAGE 1 19,988 Results" with a "Personalize" toggle switch.
- Result 1: A book titled "Inquiry into the nature and causes of the wealth of nations." by Adam Smith (1723-1790). The description includes "Edward Gibbon Wakefield; Dugald Stewart 1753-1828" and "London : Charles Knight & Co. 1843 New ed. in four volumes." It is marked as "Available at Special Collections Special Collections (Available by Request) (330.153 SMI)" and has an "Online access" link.

A digitised copy is available by clicking on the green [Online Access](#) link in the example on previous page.

### Some Book databases

The library also has access to databases of books, particularly those printed in the earlier centuries.

### Early English Books Online – for books published before 1700



Early English Books Online (EEBO) contains digital facsimile page images of virtually every work printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America and works in English printed elsewhere from 1473-1700 - from the first book printed in English by William Caxton, through the age of Spenser and Shakespeare and the tumult of the English Civil War. [More](#).

### Eighteenth Century Collections Online

A screenshot of the Eighteenth Century Collections Online website. The page has a light yellow background. At the top, it says 'Welcome to Eighteenth Century Collections Online'. Below that, it says 'This database includes:' followed by a bulleted list of features. At the bottom, it says 'Using the Database:' followed by another bulleted list of features.

Welcome to  
Eighteenth Century Collections Online

**This database includes:**

- Over 180,000 titles (200,000 volumes)
- Includes books, pamphlets, essays, broadsides and more
- Based on the English Short Title Catalogue
- Works published in the UK during the 18th century plus thousands from elsewhere
- Primarily in English - also includes other languages

**Using the Database:**

- Full-text searchable - every word on over 33 million pages
- View the digital page images
- Save, bookmark, print and download works
- Use [Research Tools](#) to learn more

The publishers claim this collection contains every significant English-language and foreign-language title printed in the United Kingdom between the years 1701 and 1800.

## Freely available digital libraries

### [Hathi Trust](#)

HathiTrust is a [partnership](#) of academic & research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.



### [Internet Archive](#)



The Internet Archive is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artefacts in digital form. Like a paper library, we provide free access to researchers, historians, scholars, the print disabled, and the general public.

### [Google Books](#)

The world's most comprehensive index of full-text books.



## Periodicals

It is likely that many of the library's periodical or journal holdings will be available online, through a variety of suppliers.

JOURNAL

[Ulster journal of archaeology.](#)

Ulster Archaeological Society.

Belfast [Ulster](#) Archaeological Society 1853

 [Available at Closed Access Offsite Store \(Available by Request\) \(930.1\)](#) >

 [Online access](#) >

For example, the Ulster Journal of Archaeology is available from JSTOR, one of the largest journal databases. It is also possible to search JSTOR directly or browse by your subject area.

You can also use the Libguide on Databases. The library's Academic Skills team have prepared guides by subject which you can access [here](#).

Consult the guide for the relevant subject and then click on Journals for more advice on accessing articles published in journals/periodicals.

NOTE: Many of the hardcopy periodicals held in the Special Collections Reading Room are only published in print, particularly those produced by voluntary historical societies.

Occasionally local library services in Ireland have made back runs of these available on their websites e.g. Déise: the journal of the Waterford Archaeological & Historical Society which is available through the Waterford public library service.

It is also worth checking the website of the relevant society for more information.

## Newspapers



Many newspaper titles are available electronically, including archives from earlier years. Visit the Library's newspaper page for details of local, national and international newspapers available online, [www.library.nuigalway.ie/collections/specialcollections/newspapers](http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/collections/specialcollections/newspapers)

## Maps

Many maps has been made available by public bodies such as the Ordnance Survey of Ireland and the Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland. See our Map Resources guide at [www.library.nuigalway.ie/media/jameshardimanlibrary/Map-Resources-in-the-Library-and-online-\(1\).pdf](http://www.library.nuigalway.ie/media/jameshardimanlibrary/Map-Resources-in-the-Library-and-online-(1).pdf) for more details.

In addition, the Map Library at UCD has prepared a very comprehensive guide to maps relating to Irish counties which can be accessed online. See [www.libguides.ucd.ie/findingmaps/mapshistoriccounties](http://www.libguides.ucd.ie/findingmaps/mapshistoriccounties)

## Official Publications

### Irish Government Publications

At least some reports of Irish government departments have been made available online through the website of the relevant

department e.g the Department of Education annual reports are available online from 1999 onwards.

The Library of the Houses of the Oireachtas has developed an extensive digital library. Visit their website <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/how-parliament-is-run/houses-of-the-oireachtas-service/library-and-research-service/> to learn more and locate digitised documents.

Government debates: The debates in both Dáil and Seanad Éireann have been digitised and are available at <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/find/>

UK Government Publications

The library has access to the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers database which includes documents published by the Westminster parliament from the 18th-21st centuries. Type “House of Commons Parliamentary Papers” into the library catalogue.

## **Local Studies**

Please see our Resource Guide to People and Places in Ireland which includes details and links to many digital resources <https://library.nuigalway.ie/media/jameshardimanlibrary/People--Places-Handbook-2018.pdf>.

## **Archives**

Some of our archival collections have been digitised and are available to view at our digital library <https://digital.library.nuigalway.ie/>