English studies
Overview

The most important instruments for searching literature on a given subject are catalogues, bibliographies and databases. Here will be presented a choice of research instruments available at Freiburg University Library (UB) and their accessibility.
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1. Accesses to research

Information and access to important instruments of bibliographical research in English studies are available via the Internet

- [Freiburg University Library homepage](#)
- [Freiburger Fachportal Anglistik](#)

at Freiburg University Library (UB 1) at [LS Angl](#).
Via the homepage of Freiburg University Library you can reach the most important tools for bibliographical search. Important access points on the homepage are:

- **Online catalogue**
- **Information arranged by subjects**
- **Subject gateways (Freiburger Fachportale)**
  - Fachportal Anglistik
- **Database Information System (DBIS Freiburg)**
Herzlich willkommen in der 24-Stunden-Bibliothek

Das alte Bibliotheksgebäude am Platz der Universität wird für mehrere Jahre umfassend saniert. Während dieser Zeit ist die Bibliothek in zwei Ausweichgebäuden untergebracht:

UB 1 (Stadthalle am Alten Messplatz) | Öffnungs- und Servicezeiten UB 1
UB 2 (Remparstraße 10-16) | Öffnungs- und Servicezeiten UB 2

Katalog plus

Im Fokus: Führungen durch die UB

Neu hier? Wie Sie Ihre UniCard als Bibliotheksausweis freischalten, wo und wie Sie Literatur finden und ausleihen oder welche Lern- und Arbeitsmöglichkeiten Sie in der UB haben, zeigen wir Ihnen gerne im Rahmen einer Führung durch die Universitätsbibliothek.

Katalog plus

Homepage UB Freiburg
1.2 Fachportal Anglistik

Via the Freiburger Fachportal Anglistik a choice of research tools for bibliographical search relevant for English studies is offered.

Under the column Was suche ich wo? you can reach e. g.:

- online catalogues
- databases and Internet resources
- hints on printed information material and older subject catalogues of Freiburg University Library.
Bibliographical research in English studies
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### Bücher und elektronische Volltexte zur Anglistik / Americanistik können ermittelt werden

- **in Online-Bibliotheksdatenbanken**
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  - [Hinweise zur Theoretischen Recherche: Hilfe zum Online-Katalog](#)
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- **in Neuenwerten Freiburger Bibliotheken**
  - [Elektronische Volltexte in Freiburg](#)
  - [Freiberger Bibliotheken](#)
- **in bibliographischen Datenbanken**
  - [in Vernetzten Datenbanken der UL Freiburg](#)
  - [in gedruckten Bibliographien und Referenzzwischenstufen](#)
  - [über systematisch aufgestellte Fachbestände in Bibliotheken](#)
  - [Fachbestand Anglistik, Americanistik der UL Freiburg](#)
  - [beständige weiterer Freiberger Fachinhaltslisten](#)

### Aufsatzliteratur zur Anglistik und Americanistik kann ermittelt werden

- **in bibliographischen Datenbanken**
  - [Über Zeitschriftenverzeichnisse](#)
  - [Daranangebotene elektronischen Fachzeitschriften (E-Journals)](#)
  - [Nachrichten- und Suchinstrumente für elektronische Fachzeitschriften](#)
  - [Zeitschriftenbestand im Lesesaal der UL Freiburg](#)
  - [gedruckten Bibliographien und Referenzzwischenstufen](#)
The Library of Anglo-American Culture & History (Lib AAC) serves as a portal for the Special Subject Collection Anglo-American Cultural Area maintained by Göttingen State and University Library. Its metasearch engine includes the library’s catalogue, bibliographic databases, subject catalogues of scholarly websites and full-text databases.
Alle Kataloge

Das Sondersammelgebiet Angloamerikanischer Kunstraums sammelt und erschließt umfassend Bücher, Zeitschriften und digitale Medien zur Literatur und Geschichte des angloamerikanischen Kunstraums und stellt diese für die Forschung in Deutschland zur Verfügung.

Alles neu!
Diese Website ist komplett neu gestaltet. Bei Fragen, Kritik oder Ideen schicken Sie uns eine E-Mail!

Zugang über: UB Freiburg & UB


Über Neuerwerbungen können Sie sich regelmäßig über neu erworben Bücher informieren. Unter Datenbanken werden die wichtigsten einschlägigen Fachdatenbanken mit direktem Zugriff aufgeführt.


Weitere Kooperationspartner der Library of Anglo-American Culture & History sind Clio-Online und der Fachinformationsverbund Internationale Beziehungen und Länderkunde (für die Datenbank World Affairs Online).
E. Matthias Reifegerste

Bibliographical research in English studies
Catalogues list the holdings of a library or a library system. Relevant for the searching of literature are the following:

**Search instruments from A-Z**

Overview with comments on the following catalogues:

- [Freiburg Catalog plus](#)
- [Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog (KVK)](#)
- [BibScout](#)

**Older subject catalogues of Freiburg University Library**
Freiburg Catalog plus consists of two parts:

- **Books & more** is the local index of holdings of Freiburg University Library acquired resp. published since 1945; also an always increasing amount of the older holdings and such in electronic form
  - For the holdings before 1945 please also confer to card catalogues and catalogues of special collections.

- In this area you will find journal titles, but hardly any journal articles. For the retrieval of single critical essays and/or journal articles cf.: bibliographies, databases.
Articles & more stands for a "global index". The search is carried out in the EDS-Index of the EBSCO company, containing information on several billions (!) of articles in journals, magazines, books (including bibliographic data of most of the National Licensing Program) as well as all databases licensed under EBSCOhost.
• **Hints on searching Freiburg online catalogue (in German)**
• **Additional advice on thematical search**
The Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog (KVK) is a metacatalog and it allows simultaneous searches in the online-catalogues of various German and international scientific library systems and in listings of the booktrade.

You can find monographic literature from all scientific disciplines.
The Internet catalogue of media in the Südwestdeutschen Bibliotheksverbund (SWB), arranged systematically according to Regensburger Verbundklassifikation (RVK), facilitates access to literature by way of an elaborated systematics of subjects which can be navigated at the left margin.
Since not all holdings older than 1945 are listed in the Freiburg online catalogue and titles before 1994 are not generally searchable by subject headings, it may be useful to consult the older card subject catalogue and the one bound in volumes in the library while searching the older library holdings thematically.

**Hints for the older subject catalogues**
3. Bibliographies

Bibliographies are lists of literature which may be published independently (books) or in dependent form as articles/essays in journals resp. article collections.

In contrast to catalogues bibliographies do not indicate local holdings automatically.

Bibliographies are available
- either in electronic form as bibliographic databases
- or in printed form.

Different types of bibliographies can be established according to their thematic or periodic range:
3.1 Bibliographic typology

Interdisciplinary lists:
- national bibliographies
- regional bibliographies
- bibliographies of certain epochs
- Booktrade catalogues, directories of academic writing

Lists for specific disciplines:
- Subject bibliographies
  - Further specialisation within a discipline is possible in regard to subdivisions, themes, regions, eras.

Personal bibliographies
3.2 Bibliographic databases

Many interdisciplinary bibliographies and subject bibliographies have been accumulated in electronic form as bibliographic databases for the most recent decades.

They are either available via the campus net via DBIS Freiburg or they can be used as CD-ROMs at workplaces in the library.
3.3 Directories of databases

Bibliographic databases available in Freiburg can be retrieved via

- Datenbank-Infosystem (DBIS)
  (Database information system)

Orientation and access to databases for English studies may be found at the Freiburg Fachportal Anglistik under

- The most important bibliographic databases.
3.3.1 Database-Infosystem

DBIS Freiburg

The electronic publications available at Freiburg University Library directly or via network services like ReDI Freiburg are listed with comments on contents, availability and so forth in DBIS (Database-Infosystem).

The search can be limited to specific disciplines in the search mask.
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Freiburg University Library makes numerous databases available online via the *Regionale Datenbankinformation (ReDI) Baden-Württemberg*. 

The use is free of charge for members of Freiburg University; a personal user identification (password) is required and may be obtained from the computer centre of Freiburg University.

Newly enrolled students will receive their passwords directly from the students‘ office per mail.
3.4 Selected databases for English studies

Here you can find some important bibliographic databases for the retrieval of literature for English studies:

- Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL)
- Bibliography of Linguistic Literature DataBase
- International Medieval Bibliography
- MLA International Bibliography
- Periodicals Index Online
3.4.1 Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL)

ABELL is - besides the MLA International Bibliography - the most important special bibliography for English and American studies. It lists monographs, articles, dissertations and reviews.

The following areas are covered:

- English language (esp. syntax, phonology, lexicology, semantics, stylistics, and dialectology),
- English literature (all genres, besides this literary theory and studies devoted to individual authors) and
- neighbouring disciplines like folklore and book science.
Scope:
The database contains the years 1920 ff.; a selection of older secondary literature is included.

Access:

**DBIS**: The database is now available as part of *Literature Online* (**LION**; cf. 4.1.5)

**Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken**
3.4.2 Bibliography of Linguistic Literature Database (BLLDB)

Contents:

Special bibliography for **general linguistics** and linguistics of **English**, **German**, and **Romance languages**, also covering neighbouring areas and analyzing about 1.000 periodicals; excellent complement to the MLA.

Over 400.000 items are listed.
Scope:

The database contains the years 1971 ff.; the older volumes may be consulted in printed form under the shelf-marks Z Spra and ZG 7436 (1.1971/75-12.1986).

Access:

DBIS

Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken
Willkommen bei BLLDB

BLLDB ist die Onlineversion der Bibliography of Linguistic Literature (BLL).

Sie ist eine der wichtigsten bibliographischen Informationsquellen für die allgemeine Linguistik und für die anglistische, germanistische und romanistische Sprachwissenschaft.

BLL wird von dem Sondersammelgebiet Allgemeine Linguistik der Universitätsbibliothek Frankfurt am Main erstellt.

Möchten Sie mehr wissen?

▷ Recherchieren in BLLDB
▷ Neue Funktionen
▷ Ihr aktueller Nutzerstatus
▷ Über BLLDB
3.4.3 International Medieval Bibliography (IMB)

Contents:

Bibliography for the European Middle ages (ca. 450 - 1500); over 300,000 articles dealing with medieval studies excerpted from over 4,500 periodicals and 5,000 essay collections are listed (no monographs!)

Access:
A licensed access to **IMB** for the years 1967 ff. is available via **ReDI** Freiburg.

**DBIS**
**Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken**
Contents:

The MLA is the most important bibliography for the fields literature, linguistics (including artificial and sign languages) and folklore of all modern philologies.

The following subject fields are covered:
language, literature, linguistics of English, Germanic, Oriental, Romance, Slavonic, and other languages.

Coverage: 1926 ff.
About 4,400 periodicals (cf. MLA Directory of Periodicals) are evaluated currently, besides that essay collections, series, proceedings, and other sources are analyzed representatively. On smaller scale also monographs are listed in this bibliography of secondary literature.

Not included are primary literature (except critical editions) and reviews (except substantial review articles).
Access:

A licensed access to *MLA International Bibliography* for the years 1926 ff. is available via *ReDI* Freiburg.

**DBIS**

[Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken](#)
Contents:

Articles out of more than 4,000 indexed journals covering the humanities and social sciences from their respective beginnings (in some cases late 18th cent.) up to 2000; international scope with accent on English journals

PIO is offering hyperlinks to the full texts made available by JSTOR (Journal Storage).
Coverage: 1739 - 2000

Availability:
A licensed access to **PIO** is available within the campus network via **ReDI** Freiburg.

Access:
- [DBIS](#)
- [Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken](#)
Periodicals Index Online is the new name for Periodicals Contents Index - a database of millions of article citations published in the arts, humanities and social sciences, across more than 300 years.

It enables researchers to quickly locate articles relevant to their particular field of study, and reduces what could involve years of study to a matter of minutes.
3.5 Printed bibliographies

The most important printed special bibliographies and indexes for English studies are to be found in the reading room (Lesesaal) in UB 1 in the area LS Angl. You can find for example:

- general guidance to thematic search for literature
- a selection of current and finished subject bibliographies
- comprehensive bibliographies
- bibliographies of individual eras, genres, and the like
- printed manuals for bibliographical databases
4. Dictionaries and reference works

Besides bibliographical databases and printed bibliographies you may wish to consult special dictionaries and encyclopedias of your subject in search of further information.

Such reference works may be published either
- in printed form or
- in electronic form.

They are either available within the campus network via DBIS Freiburg or they can be used as books or CD-ROMs in the Lesesaal (reading room) at UB 1.
4.1 Electronic reference works

Dictionaries and reference works for English studies are either available as CD-ROM-editions for single users at LS Angl in the reading room of UB 1 or via the campus network via ReDI Freiburg.

Important Titles online are:

Kindlers neues Literatur-Lexikon
Kindlers Literatur-Lexikon
Kritisches Lexikon der fremdsprachigen Gegenwartsliteratur
4.1 Electronic reference works

Lexikon der Weltliteratur / Gero von Wilpert

Literary Reference Center

Literature Online (LION)

Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature

Oxford Encyclopedia of British Literature
4.1.1 Kindlers neues Literatur-Lexikon (KnLL)

Contents:

More than 18,000 entries on the most important works of world literature from the beginnings up to the present with comprehensive biographical, interpretative, and thematic information

Works of about 8,000 world famous authors discussed

2,000 works of anonymous authors

Comprehensive essays of literary history and literary genres
Availability:

The CD-ROM contains the 20 volumes of the print edition published between 1988 and 1992, the updated study edition and the two supplements of 1998, which can be found on shelf-mark LS: Spra 300,E 1. A licensed access to KnLL is available in the campus network via ReDI Freiburg.

Access:

DBIS
Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken
4.1.2 Kindlers Literatur-Lexikon

- Contents:

Encyclopedic reference work about the most important literary pieces of literature of all times, regions, and cultures worldwide. Der "Kindler", in its third, completely revised edition of 2009, contains over 21,500 articles on the works of literature most influential in cultural history.

About 13,000 works of about 8,000 authors as well as 500 anonymous works are discussed. Around 8,000 authors are mentioned in short biographical notes.
Kindlers Literatur-Lexikon

- **Availability:**
  A licensed access to *KLL* is available in the campus network via *ReDI* Freiburg.

- **Access:**
  [DBIS](#)
  [Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken](#)
Kindlers Literatur-Lexikon

E. Matthias Reifegerste

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4.1.3 Lexikon der Weltliteratur / Gero von Wilpert

Contents:
The dictionary contains about 11,000 articles on the most important authors and anonymous works of all times and peoples, and it offers about 4800 brief interpretations. Not included are philosophers, historians, scientists, essayists and writers without artificial demands (according to the preface). The database is organised in an authors‘ and a works‘ part.
Availability:
The CD-ROM is based on the 3., revised edition of the printed versions (Authors and anonymous works 1988, Major works of world literature 1993). A licensed access to *Wilpert* is available in the campus network via *ReDI* Freiburg.

Access:
*DBIS*
*Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken*
Contents:

Literary Reference Center (LRC) is a comprehensive literary database offering a wide array of electronic texts as well as secondary material from antiquity up to the present.

The fulltext database combines information taken from over a thousand books, important reference works and hundreds of scientific journals.
Access:

**DBIS**

Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken
4.1.5 Literature Online (LION)

Contents:
The database contains the electronic fulltexts of more than 350,000 works of English and American literature (prosa, poetry, drama), dating from the 8th century up to the present. Furthermore, it offers access to several scientific reference works, over 200 scholarly journals in fulltext and to the important current bibliography

Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL; cf. 3.4.1).
Special feature:
The database can be cross-searched together with *Early English Books Online* (EEBO; cf. DBIS) and *Oxford Reference Online Premium* (OROP; cf. DBIS)

Access:
- [DBIS](#)
- [Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken](#)
Contents:
Hint:
Part of „Oxford Reference Online Premium“
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DBIS
Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken
The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature

Quick search

Search this book  Search whole database

Browse this book

Links for this book

2004 Choice Outstanding Academic Title
2004 Pennsylvania School Librarians Association "Best Reference Title"

Edited by Jay Parini

353 entries

This award-winning Encyclopedia surveys the vibrant terrain of American literature in 353 essays from leading scholars, encompassing the range and depth of American literary history from the 1860s to the present day. The Encyclopedia includes essays on poets, playwrights, essayists, and novelists, as well as major works and essays on literary movements, periods, and themes. No mere catalog of dates, events, and synopses, the Encyclopedia's articles offer historical perspective and social context along with a range of possibilities with regard to critical approach.

Jay Parini is Axten Professor of English at Middlebury College. He is the author of several poems and books including Robert Frost: A Life and House of Days: Poems.

Print edition publication date: 2004
Publishing history: First published 1994
Copyright: © 2004, 2005 Oxford University Press, Inc.
Contents:

Very reliable reference to British and Irish literary history; online version of the Oxford Encyclopedia of British Literature (ed. David Kastan in 5 vols. in 2006; LS: Angl 200,B 3-1 bis 5)
Hint: Part of "Oxford Reference Online Premium"

Access:
DBIS

Fachportal Anglistik: Die wichtigsten Datenbanken
4.2 Printed reference works

For hints on printed dictionaries and reference works for English studies please confer to the following recommendations

Bücherkunde für die Anglistik / Amerikanistik

Global overview over holdings at LS Angl
5. What to look up where?

While searching information on writers, works, epochs, themes and so forth it is necessary to distinguish whether one wants to retrieve primarily monographic literature (books, electronic fulltexts) or articles (printed or in electronic form).

Most of the search instruments are employing these formal criteria.

A survey can be found on the Freiburger Fachportal Anglistik under

- What to look up where?
5.1 Where to look for books?

Books for English studies can be retrieved in catalogues

- Freiburg online catalogue
- in older subject catalogues of UB Freiburg

bibliographic databases
printed bibliographies and reference works
lists of new acquisitions of Freiburg libraries
5.2 Where to look for electronic fulltexts?

Independently published electronic fulltexts (electronic books) can be retrieved for example in

- [Freiburg online catalogue](#)
- [BASE (Bielefeld Academic Search Engine)](#)
5.3 Where to look for articles?

Articles and essays for English studies can be retrieved in

- bibliographic databases
- printed bibliographies and reference works
- special directories of journals and their contents
  - electronic journals
  - Access to the corresponding eLearning module
- journals held in the reading room of UB Freiburg
Electronic journals (E-journals) and electronic articles can be retrieved by special directories and indexes:

- Directory of electronic journals (E-journals)
- Holdings of electronic journals of UB Freiburg
5.5 Where to look for reviews?

Reviews on scientific literature can be found in
- online reviews and journals
- bibliographies of reviews
- in bibliographic databases

A survey can be found on the Freiburg Fachportal Anglistik under
- Was suche ich wo? (What to look up where?)
6. Glossary of literature search

In the following glossary you can find definitions and explanations of frequently used library technical terms.
6.1 Glossary: bibliography

Directory of bibliographic data of all kinds: titles of books, journals, articles in books (essay collections, proceedings) and - primarily - of *journal articles*.

As a rule without hints to local holdings (cf. catalogues).

Structure:
- formal (e.g. national bibliographies)
- thematic (subject bibliographies)

Way of publication:
- temporarily limited (finished)
- current
6.2 Glossary: book

Single, finished publication by one or more author/s or editor/s.

May be published over again in many editions.

Published in printed or electronic form.

Cf also:
- monograph
- series
6.3 Glossary: dissertation

Academic writing in order to be promoted.

Because of its way of spreading (legally regulated), its outer appearance (often no real publication) and its relation to the respective university it is often listed in separate bibliographic directories.

Essentially same cataloguing as with books.
6.4 Glossary: catalogue

Directory of the local holdings of books and/or journals.
Finished or current, handwritten, type-written, copied, printed or electronical.
Forms: online catalogue / electronic catalogue, card catalogue, catalogue bound in volumes.
Special forms in case of card and volume catalogues in regard to function: formal / alphabetical catalogues, subject catalogues …
Catalogues of scientific universal libraries in Deutschland are containing as a rule just the titles of books, dissertations, and journals (and no articles!)
6.5 Glossary: monograph

originally: scientific single publication; usually applied in the sense of „book“ in contrast to „journal“
resp. in the sense of „independent publication“ in contrast to „dependent publication“, „journal article“
6.6 Glossary : series

A sequence of books with more or less thematic or formal context; can theoretically be continued endlessly.
6.7 Glossary: work in several volumes

A sequence of books intended for termination; very often to be found with a general or a superior title for all volumes
Periodically published (weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, ...);
smallest entity normally is the issue (special form: yearbook); issues are bound together to volumes in libraries;
consists of individual articles, normally self-contained; eventually special issues focussing on certain themes are edited;
is intended to be published over a long period with always new contributions;
either published in printed or electronic form (e-journal).
6.9 Glossary: newspaper

Periodically published in very short intervals in relation to daily events;

Form: daily or weekly newspaper;

Catalogue entry most often just under the title; the cataloguing in further detail of editions and articles affords too much effort (> documentation);

because of form of publication, format and quality of paper often special forms of storage (microfilm, CD-ROM).
7. Training

Introduction: Bibliographical databases for English studies

Place: Office of the subject librarian

Date: Wednesday (once in a fortnight) 16 s.t. - 17 s.t. o’clock

Registration
(Tel.: 203-3972; E-Mail: schulung@ub.uni-freiburg.de)
7.1 Individual mentoring

The training unit offers an introduction to the bibliographical databases for English studies

International Bibliography of the Modern Language Association of America (MLA Bibliography)

and

Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL).
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