

# The New York Society Library

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## Electronic Resources

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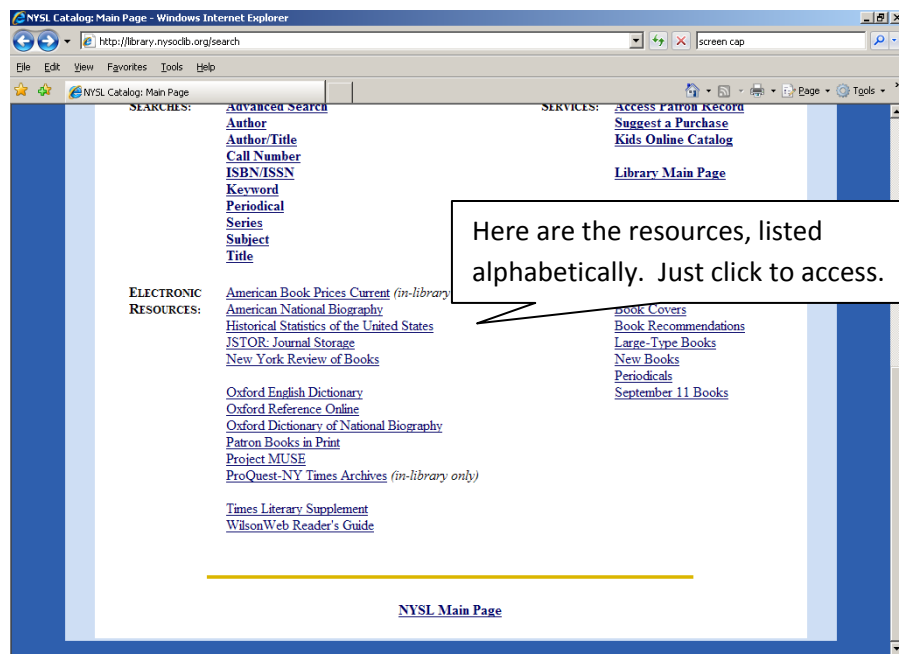
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## What is an electronic resource?

An electronic resource is any resource or collection available via the internet. These might include databases, archives, online encyclopedias, etc. Some of these are available for free and some are subscription services. As a member of the Library, you are entitled to use an ever-growing number of these resources. Their functions vary: some index periodicals provide links to full-text reproductions of articles, and some supplement or replace reference books.

## Where to begin?

Below is a picture of the Library catalog. To access the list of electronic resources simply scroll to the bottom of the page. They are collected on the left side, following the search options.



Our resources break down into 4 basic categories: newspaper/periodical archives, online reference, scholarly journal archives, and specialist reference material.

## Newspaper/Periodical Archives

- **ProQuest – NY Times Archives**
  - Available for use only in the Library
  - Divided into 2 sections – non-historical and historical databases
    - The Non-historical database provides full-text articles from 1980 – present.
    - The Historical Database provides article images (pdf's) from Sept 18, 1851-Dec 31, 2005
  
- **New York Review of Books**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Searchable archive of the NYRB from its inception in 1963
  
- **Times Literary Supplement**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Searchable archive of the TLS from 1902-1990

## Online Reference

- **Oxford English Dictionary**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Definitions for English words with clickable links for pronunciations, spelling, etymology, quotations and date charts

- **Oxford Reference Online**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Searchable collection of dictionaries and encyclopedias published by the Oxford University Press
  
- **American National Biography**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Accounts for the more than 17,000 biographical portraits in the printed *American National Biography*, published in 1999. Updated constantly with cross-referenced links
  
- **Oxford Dictionary of National Biography**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - More than 56,000 biographical portraits of people who shaped the history of the Great Britain
  
- **WilsonWeb Reader's Guide**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Readers' Guide Full Text indexes citations and full-text articles from over 420 popular periodicals dating from 1982. Indexing coverage generally begins in 1982, abstracting in 1984, and full text in 1994
  - A listing of journal titles may be obtained through the WilsonWeb main search page.
  - In case you missed our class detailing the use of WilsonWeb Reader's Guide, find a helpful worksheet at <http://www.nysoclib.org/tech/reference5.html>

## Scholarly Journal Archives

- **JSTOR: Journal Storage**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - JSTOR offers access to high-resolution, scanned images (pdf's) of academic journal issues and pages as they were originally designed, printed, and illustrated
  - In case you missed our class detailing the use of JSTOR, find a helpful worksheet at <http://www.nysoclib.org/tech/reference6.html>
- **Project MUSE**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Project MUSE is a searchable database providing full-text online access to over 380 high quality humanities and social sciences journals from over 60 scholarly publishers
  - The Library will offer its first class on Project MUSE on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Once the class is offered, the corresponding worksheet will be found here:  
<http://www.nysoclib.org/tech/reference10.html>

## Specialist Reference Material

- **Patron Books in Print**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Provides details of all current versions of in-print and out-of-print materials – i.e. audio, large print, etc.

- **American Book Prices Current**
  - Available for use only in the Library
  - Details the sale price for valuable first editions sold at auction
  
- **Historical Statistics of the United States**
  - Available for use in the Library or remotely with a valid Library barcode
  - Compendium of population statistics originally compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau