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Open Access vs Subscription Journals

Subscription Resources

Many of the journals and journal databases you will find on the library website are subscription-based. The University of Guelph has contracts with a variety of vendors and publishers to provide users with thousands of electronic resources ([databases](#), [e-journals](#), [e-books](#), etc.) costing millions of dollars per year. In addition to paying for these resources, libraries typically negotiate license agreements that stipulate how and by whom a given resource may be used.

Due to licensing agreements, the use of the subscription-based e-journals and databases is limited to registered students, faculty and staff of the University of Guelph only.

Therefore, Distance Education & Open Learning students must first log in using the [Off-Campus Log In](#) option on the library website, before trying to access these resources.

Open Access Journals

Open access (OA) refers to material that is available in a digital, online format, free of charge to the user, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions.

Open access journals are journals that are freely available on the web. You do not need a University of Guelph Library account or a subscription to read the full-text articles published in open access journals. You can continue to use open access journals after you finish your course or graduate from the University of Guelph.

Directory of Open Access Journals

A great place to find open access journals is at the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#). The Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) is an online directory with 3895 open access journals from various countries and in different languages. DOAJ includes over 26,000 free full-text scientific and scholarly articles on its website.



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DE/OOL Learners have access to:

- Dedicated [email](#) account for assistance
- Digital Collections
- E-books
- E-journals
- E-articles
- E-renewals
- E-reserves

Save Time with RSS Alerts

For those that do know what RSS is and how to use it, it is hard to imagine that most people don't. It is a particularly useful tool for researchers.

[Current awareness services](#) are available within many of the journal databases provided to the University of Guelph user community. These alerts save time and assist students and researchers in keeping up-to-date with current literature in particular subject areas.

Current awareness services are provided electronically and take various forms, such as:

- [Table of Contents or TOC-based](#) alerting services: when a new issue of a particular journal is published, its table of contents is emailed to the subscriber; links to full-text articles may be provided if an electronic subscription exists
- [Saved Searches](#) alerting services: receive timely notification about research topics you care about

- [Web Feed or RSS-based](#) services: avoid spam and email clutter by having journal alerts, table of contents and other new content sent to a separate reader which you can then browse at your leisure



A Hidden Gem: The Internet Archive & Digital Collections

Internet Archive

The [Internet Archive](#) was founded to build an international-based internet library, with the purpose of offering permanent access for researchers, historians, and scholars to historical texts that exist in digital format. The "archive" includes texts, audio, moving images, software, archived Web pages, and archival material. Digital books are available through a number of the Internet Archive's service partners: American Libraries, Canadian Libraries, Project Gutenberg, and Open Source Books.

The goal of the Open-Access Text component of the Internet Archive by digitizing texts and putting them online is to provide easy access to a comprehensive collection of texts. The University of Guelph Library began contributing books to the Internet Archive in September 2006 as part of a larger contingent of Canadian libraries.

U of G Digital Collections

Many of the latest trends in virtual libraries place new emphasis on access and dissemination of information, not the traditional preservation of materials.

The University of Guelph library is now participating with other Canadian research libraries in the Internet Archive project that is digitizing books printed before 1923 (i.e. books which are no longer in copyright). Many of these books are older, scarce, or rare items. Guelph is contributing many Scottish titles and our resources can be searched – freely – at the [Canadian Internet Archive](#).

The library has also produced displays of its holdings that can be accessed from the display links on this page. Of particular note are the original drawings by W.H. Bartlett and the works of John Galt which are more extensive sites. The Jaco-

bite site highlights our Scottish holdings of rare books in a thematic way that normally would only be available in a physical exhibit. From our theatre collections, the set models selected for viewing provide a fascinating way to see how productions are designed and staged.

Selection of Digital Resources at Guelph and at Our Partners' Sites.

- [Jacobite Collection](#)
- [John Galt's Works](#)
- [Macdonald Institute Centenary](#)
- [Set Models in Theatre Archives](#)
- [Original Drawings by W.H. Bartlett](#)
- [LM Montgomery: Picturing a Canadian Life](#)
- [Reuben R. Sallows Digital Library Rural History at Guelph](#)

Please visit [Archival & Special Collections](#) to find more free digital resources in our collection.

Subject and Course Guides Get You Started

Get a head-start by checking to see whether librarians at University of Guelph have prepared a guide for your subject area or specific course.

The guide will direct you to key information sources in the subject

and may also provide tips for developing a research strategy and evaluating research information.

Each guide helps library users find materials and assists those unfamiliar with a discipline understand and

locate the key sources from the thousands in our collection.

Just start at the library homepage and click on the link to [Subject and Course Guides](#) to see if there is a guide there for you!

Loan Periods, Renewal, and Fines

Our goal is to provide assistance and resources to Open Learners & Distance Education students to enable completion of assignments when studying away from campus.

The library is available 24 hours a day from your location via the web. Library materials can be charged out to your account for the normal

loan period of two weeks and will be couriered to your address of choice. Materials can be renewed online provided they have not been recalled by another student.

Open Learners & Distance Education students are subject to all of the [Library policies regarding fines & overdue materials](#).



Requesting Library Material?

Distance Education & Open Learners are eligible to use our courier service if they reside outside of a reasonable commuting distance from Guelph.

- A home or work address and phone number are required for delivery.
- Deliveries are made Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.
- Our courier service requires a signature upon delivery.
- Our courier service will not deliver to a post office box. Please provide an emergency number and road name instead.

How to Get a Book Delivered to you Via Courier

- Request a [hold or recall](#) through the TRELIS catalogue. When you select a pick-up location you must select GuelphDistEd Circ.

- In the Comments box add: "Attention: **Paul Stack**, UG Library Learning Commons". Email libde@uoguelph.ca immediately with the requested book information. Books will be charged out and sent to you via Purolator.

How to Obtain a Printed Journal Article

- Email libde@uoguelph.ca and the article will be copied and sent to you via courier. [Copyright restrictions](#) apply.
- When ordering a journal article by email include the full citation: author, article title, journal title, volume, issue and page numbers are all required. Include the call

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number for the journal.

Delivery is generally within 2-3 business days.

Note: Do **NOT** choose TUGdoc to have a UG article delivered to you.

How to Obtain a Printed Journal Article from WLU, UW, the Annex or Other TRELIS Locations

- Once you find the journal title in TRELIS, select Request item from TRELIS and then Request TUGdoc. When you select a pick-up location under "Tell us where to send the article" choose Off campus, for Guelph distance education students.
- Under Special instructions add: "Attention: **Paul Stack**, UG Library Learning Commons". Allow 5 business days for delivery.

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Keep in touch:

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Distance Services for Faculty

Research & Instructional Support Services

The University of Guelph Library plays an integral part in the education of on-campus learners. It provides valuable services to faculty and their classes, enhancing the learning experience. The library provides reference and instruction so that students can become efficient at accessing our vast collection.

The Library wishes to provide the same level of support to off-campus learners. By working closely with faculty and the Office of Open Learning, we hope to overcome many of the barriers that still prevent effective access to information for distant learners. Contact us if you wish to discuss your course and student needs. We may be able to pro-

vide your students with supplemental documentation (i.e. course guides) as well as personal support services for you and your students about course research components.

How can a Librarian help?

- Assist in the addition of library links to Blackboard, D2L, or your course Web site.
- Give input to the timing of library instruction during the semester.
- Assist in the selection of web sites that support assignments and curriculum.



- Review research learning outcomes, assignments and provide feedback.
- Create course research guides, and instruct sessions which support research learning outcomes.

Course Reserves & e-Learning Services

1. Do you have course readings on paper that you want to provide to students online?
2. Are there articles in the Library's electronic journals that you want to provide direct links to from Blackboard, D2L, or your course Web site?
3. Have you thought about scanning a book chapter or article to make it available electronically, but are not sure about the copyright implications?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, contact [E-Learning Operations & Reserve Services](#).
