Bodleian iSkills: Information Sources for African Studies

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Structure of today’s session

- Finding relevant African Studies resources in Oxford
- Identifying and searching key databases for African Studies via OxLIP+
- Other useful web resources
- Finding key sites for Archives and primary sources
African collections in Oxford: Reference

- Main reference research collections are in the David Reading Room, Weston Library, or housed off-site and can be ordered to reading rooms.
- Specialisms are the history and current affairs (political, economic and social) of sub-Saharan Africa including off-shore islands.
- Includes books, journals, theses, government publications, newspapers.
- Circa 2,500 manuscript and archive collections at the Weston Library.
- [www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston](http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/weston)
African collections in Oxford: Teaching

- **Core teaching** collections are held at Social Science Library and History Faculty Library (Radcliffe Camera) – these can be borrowed by University members.

- Other collections of interest include the Law Library, English Faculty Library and Radcliffe Science Library.

- Bodleian libraries information is available via the homepage:

  http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/subjects-and-libraries/libraries
African Studies LibGuide

http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/african-studies
SOLO: Search Oxford Libraries Online

- [http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/](http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/)
- Searches the Oxford collections and the Research Archive (ORA)
- Use it to find books (both print and electronic), theses, journal titles and articles and database titles (eg Historical Abstracts)
- Sign on and save your results to your e-shelf or reference manager (eg Refworks)
OxLIP+  http://oxlip-plus.bodleian.ox.ac.uk
Aluka – Struggles for Freedom

Experience the phenomenal independence movements of southern African nations through a digitized collection of thousands of documents and other primary sources.
The Africa Bibliography is an authoritative guide to works in African studies published under the auspices of the International African Institute annually since 1984. This the online consolidated version brings together every record collected since the bibliography’s foundation, producing a rich and interactive resource for all scholars interested in the study of Africa.
Achebe, Chinua

Evan Mwangi

Subject: African Studies

Date Added: 2014-01-13

Chinua Achebe's Introduction Chinua Achebe (b. 1930–d. 2013) is the best-known African novelist. Although several African writers preceded him,...

Aid and Economic Development

Alice N. Sinzangane

Subject: African Studies

Date Added: 2012-10-25

Aid and Economic Development Introduction The analysis of the relationships between foreign aid—also called “official development assistance”...

Algeria

Phillip Naylor

Subject: African Studies

Date Added: 2012-10-25

Algeria Introduction Algeria, Africa's largest country, remains understudied except for its modern history, which features an oppressive colon...

Angola

W. Martin James

Subject: African Studies

Date Added: 2012-10-25

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African Writers Series

For over 40 years, Heinemann's African Writers Series published the key texts of modern African literature. It has a unique importance in the history of postcolonial writing.

This online edition includes over 250 volumes of fiction, poetry, drama and non-fictional prose, including works by Chinua Achebe, Ama Ata Aidoo, Steve Biko, Buchi Emechota, Nadine Gordimer, Bessie Head, Doris Lessing, Nelson Mandela, Dambudzo Marechera, Christopher Okigbo, Okot p'Bitek and Tayeb Salih.

Cover Gallery - browse a gallery of the original Heinemann cover designs.

Also known as: Achebe, Albert Chinua; Achebe, Chinua; Aidoo, Ama Ata; Biko, Steve; Emechota, Buchi; Gordimer, Nadine; Head, Bessie; Lessing, Doris; Mandela, Nelson; Marechera, Dambudzo; Okigbo, Christopher; Okot p'Bitek, Okot; Salih, Tayeb.

Biography - an introduction to the author's life and works.
Oxford e-journals

http://ejournals.bodleian.ox.ac.uk
Finding full-text articles
Other useful Africa Web resources

- Use the **African LibGuide** to access key web resources:  
  [http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/african-studies](http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/african-studies)

- **Or** try the gateways below which facilitate access to African Web information by collating and organising resources by regions, topic, or format.
  - **Nordic Afrika Institut:**  
    [http://www.nai.uu.se/library/resources/guidetoafrica](http://www.nai.uu.se/library/resources/guidetoafrica)
  - **African Studies Centre, Leiden:**  
    [http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/find-other-africa-related-resources](http://www.ascleiden.nl/content/find-other-africa-related-resources)
  - **Columbia University Libraries:**  
  - **SOAS:**  
    [http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/subjects/africa/indices/](http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/subjects/africa/indices/)
  - **Africa at LSE:**  
    [http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/africaatlse/](http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/africaatlse/)
British Library: Africa Internet links

- Internet links via the British Library *Asian and African Studies: world wide web links*


- This covers:
  - Portals
  - Bibliographies
  - Current Affairs
  - Official publications
  - Archives
  - Visual material
  - African languages
  - African studies and library networks
Accessing archive materials

The main tools for accessing primary source materials and archives for Africa in and outside Oxford include:

- Online catalogues of Archives and Manuscripts
- Confidential Print: Africa
- Dictionary of National Biography (DNB)
- Discovery
- Archives Hub
- Mundus Gateway
- British Anti-Apartheid Movement Archive
- Anti-Slavery International
- Archives de l’Afrique Équatoriale Française
- CAMP
Online catalogues of Archives and Manuscripts

Ranges from medieval manuscripts to modern collections and includes Africa

Some full catalogues and some collection level descriptions

‘Search Electronic Catalogues’ is a facility to search across the catalogues

http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/dept/scwmss/wmss/online/online.htm
Confidential Print: Africa, 1834-1966
The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography is the national record of men and women who have shaped British history and culture.
Discovery

http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk

- Holds more than 32 million descriptions of records held by The National Archives and more than 2,500 archives across the country. It is an essential tool for locating manuscripts and archives in the UK.

- Incorporates the former National Register of Archives and Access to Archives (a2a)
http://archiveshub.ac.uk/

- Provides descriptions of archives in 280 UK universities and colleges
- Circa 450 Bodleian collections relating to Africa are listed
The Mundus Gateway is a web-based guide to more than four hundred collections of overseas missionary materials held in the United Kingdom. These materials, comprising the archives of British missionary societies, collections of personal papers, printed matter, photographs, other visual materials and artefacts, are held in a large number of libraries, record offices and other institutions in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

http://www.aamarchives.org/
Anti-Slavery International

http://www.recoveredhistories.org/

- Houses a library of contemporary and historical material relating to slavery worldwide and its related subjects
Archives de l’Afrique Équatorial Française

https://archivescolonialesbrazzaville.wordpress.com/

- Colonial government archives located in Brazzaville
- The website outlines the history and organisation of the archives, explains access conditions and gives contact details
Co-operative Africana Microform Project: CAMP

https://www.crl.edu/programs/camp

- CAMP is based at the Center for Research Libraries, University of Chicago
- CAMP promotes the preservation through microfilming of publications and archives on and from Africa.
- It then makes these available on request to students and researchers at member libraries, of which the Bodleian is one.
- Material includes historic newspapers and journals; government publications; personal and corporate archives; personal papers of scholars, government leaders and journalists; writings in European and African languages.
- Contact Lucy McCann or Sarah Rhodes to borrow CAMP material.
Contact details:

- Contact e-resources helpdesk
  eresources@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

- Ask in your Library
  http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/libraries

- Contact the African Studies Subject Librarian
  sarah.rhodes@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

- Contact the African Studies Archivist
  lucy.mccann@bodleian.ox.ac.uk
We value your feedback

- We will be sending an email feedback survey
- Any Questions?