

Major digital collections from libraries and cultural institutions

An international set of libraries and other cultural institutions that offer access to a range of source types, including books and manuscripts, art, maps, audio and video files.

(Descriptions are from information provided by the sites.)

Biblioteca Digital – Biblioteca Nacional de Portugal

Tem por objetivo oferecer o acesso, universal e gratuito, a conteúdos digitalizados de manuscritos e impressos – livros, publicações periódicas, iconografia, cartografia ou música – das coleções da BNP, da Biblioteca Pública de Évora e, pontualmente, da Biblioteca da Ajuda.

Biblioteca Digital Hispánica

Access to thousands of digitised documents, including books printed from the 15th to the 20th century, manuscripts, drawings, engravings, pamphlets, posters, photographs, maps, atlases, music scores, historic newspapers and magazines and audio recordings.

British Library Digital Collections

Among many other collections are those for Manuscripts; Early photographically illustrated books; and Rare historic works.





Gallica (BNF)

Nearly 9.5 million documents online.

See especially: Les classiques de la littérature: accès par période

Gallica met en ligne des sélections consacrées aux grandes œuvres de la littérature française, classées ici par siècle, du Moyen Âge au XXe siècle.

Digital Public Library of America

Primary source collections exploring topics in history, literature, and culture developed by educators. Includes collections by period, for example on "Three Worlds Meet (Beginnings to 1620)"; "Colonization and Settlement (1585-1763)"; "Revolution and the New Nation (1764 to 1820s)"; etc.

Digitale Bibliothek/Münchener Digitalisierungszentrum, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek

Digitized Manuscripts, Prints, Music, Maps, Photographs, Newspapers and Magazines from the Bavarian State Library.





Bodleian Library

Over a million images of rare books, manuscripts, and other treasures from the Bodleian Libraries and Oxford college libraries.

See especially: Incunabula and Blockbooks

Over 500 fully-digitized books printed in Europe before 1501. Classical and vernacular languages, covering all subjects and disciplines. The Bodleian's blockbooks (printed from wooden blocks, on to which the texts and illustrations have been cut), containing biblical and grammatical texts, have been fully digitized. All Bodleian Libraries incunables and blockbooks have also been reported to the Incunable Short Title Catalogue (ISTC) and Material Evidence in Incunabula (MEI)

Library of Congress

Over 500 curated digital collections, organised by topic, collection type, and item format.

Europeana

Art, books, films and music from thousands of cultural institutions. Includes 530,543 manuscripts from antiquity to the early print era.

