

# Information Competence for North American Studies

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# 1. Research process

# The Big 6 Skills

## 1. Task Definition

- 1.1 Define the information problem
- 1.2 Identify information needed

## 2. Information Seeking Strategies

- 2.1 Determine all possible sources
- 2.2 Select the best sources

## 3. Location and Access

- 3.1 Locate sources (intellectually and physically)
- 3.2 Find information within sources

## 4. Use of Information

- 4.1 Engage (e.g., read, hear, view, touch)
- 4.2 Extract relevant information

## 5. Synthesis

- 5.1 Organize from multiple sources
- 5.2 Present the information

## 6. Evaluation

- 6.1 Judge the product (effectiveness)
- 6.2 Judge the process (efficiency)

## **2. Information sources for North American Studies at Bonn University Library**

## 2.1. Bonn University Library

- Access by Subject (*Facheinstieg*)
  - N.B.: Information sources for „North American Studies“ can be found under the heading of „English Studies“
- Bibliographic search (*Literaturrecherche*)
  - Main catalogue (*Hauptkatalog*)
  - Databases (*Datenbanken*)
  - E-journals (*elektronische Fachzeitschriften*)
  - E-Books (*Booksammlungen*)
  - Meta search engine NRW (*DigiBib-Suchportal*)

## 2.2. Databases for Primary Sources

- Primary Sources = Original documents (e.g. autobiographies, diaries, e-mail, interviews, letters, speeches) or creative works (drama, novels, poetry etc.)
- Full text databases (*Volltextdatenbank*)
- Examples of important collections:
  - Early American Imprints
  - New York Times Archive
  - 19th Century U.S. Newspapers
  - America's Historical Newspapers
- See also other disciplines for relevant sources

## 2.3. Bibliographies for English Studies

- Secondary sources of information (*Fachbibliographie*) = Literature about the original documents or creative works
- MLA International Bibliography
  - Main focus: literature & language, 1920's onwards, 2.3 million citations (updated monthly)
- JSTOR
  - Interdisciplinary e-journal archive with full text access, over 1 000 academic journals
- Project Muse
  - E-journal archive for humanities and social sciences with full text access, over 450 journals



## **3. Research techniques and strategies**

## 3.1. Free text search

- Often the default setting
- Searches all available fields of the bibliographic record
- Search category: any word, all fields, keyword (*Alle Felder, Freie Suche, Freitextsuche*)
- Advantage: a very comprehensive search → largest possible number of results
- Disadvantage: very unspecific → possibly a lot of irrelevant/unwanted results

# Search by Title – Definition

- Searching with the meaningful words from the title of a book or an article
- Search category: Title, Search in Title, Title keyword(s)  
(*Titelwort, Titelstichwort, Titel, Titel Stichwörter, Stichwort*)

Unspecific words (e.g. Articles, prepositions, pronouns) are not indexed, therefore irrelevant for search

For example:

A companion to Victorian literature & culture

# Phrase search

- Searching for a number of words in an exact order
- Search category: Find ... this exact wording or phrase (Google Advanced Search), Phrase search (*Titelanfang, Exakter Titel, Phrasensuche ...* )
- More often done by using quotation marks, e.g. „Victorian England“

An example from the main catalogue:

Crime fiction	Title search:	38 hits
	Exact title:	3 hits

# Searching by subject (terms)

- Index term/subject term/subject heading/descriptor = Pre-defined "controlled vocabulary" words assigned to describe the content of each item in a database or catalogue
- Advantages
  - the results are really about your topic and once you know the subject term, everything about your specific topic should be listed under the same subject term
- Disadvantages:
  - The words used as subjects are often not what you would expect and you have to learn the "individual language" of a database
  - general in nature and cannot address the contents of individual sections of a work, such as collected essays in a book

# Thesaurus

- Thesaurus = controlled vocabulary in which concepts are represented by preferred terms, formally organized so that relationships between the concepts are made explicit (e.g. Narrower Term/Broader Term), and the preferred terms are accompanied by entries for synonyms or quasi-synonyms
- In Germany *Schlagwortnormdatei (SWD)* is used for subject indexing in the university libraries as well as the German National Library (DNB)
- Good databases have their own thesauri

## 3.2. Subject terms for English and American Studies

- MLA Thesaurus structure:

Subject heading	The term or name chosen to describe the contents of the document
Used for	Alternative (nonpreferred) terms or names, which include synonyms, variant spellings, and older versions of the heading
Broader subject headings	More general terms or concepts
Related subject headings	Related terms or concepts
Narrower subject headings	More specific terms or concepts

# MLA thesaurus example

Browsing: MLA International Bibliography -- Thesaurus

Term Begins With  Term Contains  Relevancy Ranked

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Select term, then add to search using:

OR

United States

Broader Terms

Narrower Terms

Related Terms

See Also

- North America
  - Appalachia
  - Eastern United States
  - Middle Atlantic United States
  - Midwestern United States
  - Mississippi River
  - Mississippi Valley
  - Missouri River
  - Northeastern United States
  - Northern United States
  - Northwestern United States
  - Rio Grande River (North America)
  - South Central United States
  - Southeastern United States
  - Southern United States
  - Southwestern United States
  - Western United States
  - America
  - Canada-United States border
  - Mexico-United States border
  - Pacific Northwest
- See also: entries under individual states.



# Truncation (or wildcard)

**Truncation** assists in creating searches with unknown characters and multiple spellings

Sometimes the term wildcard is used for replacing a single character

The most common symbol used for truncation is \* (but this may vary from database to database)

- Truncation at the end of the word:  
**america\*** finds words america, american, americans, americana, america's ...
- Truncation in the middle of the word:  
**wom?n** finds woman, women

# Logical operators

**AND:** To retrieve records, where both of search terms are necessary

→ to narrow your search = to get fewer results

**OR:** To retrieve records, where both search terms are possible

→ to widen your search = to get more results

**(AND) NOT:** To exclude records with a certain term from your results

For example:

America **AND** 1930s

United States **OR** America

Cambridge **AND NOT** England

# How to develop search strategies

- Analyse the components of your topic and find the appropriate search terms for these
- Use synonyms to broaden the search

Class presentation in American modern film		
Component 1: America United States	Component 2: Film Movie Cinema	Component 3: Social class Caste system Class*

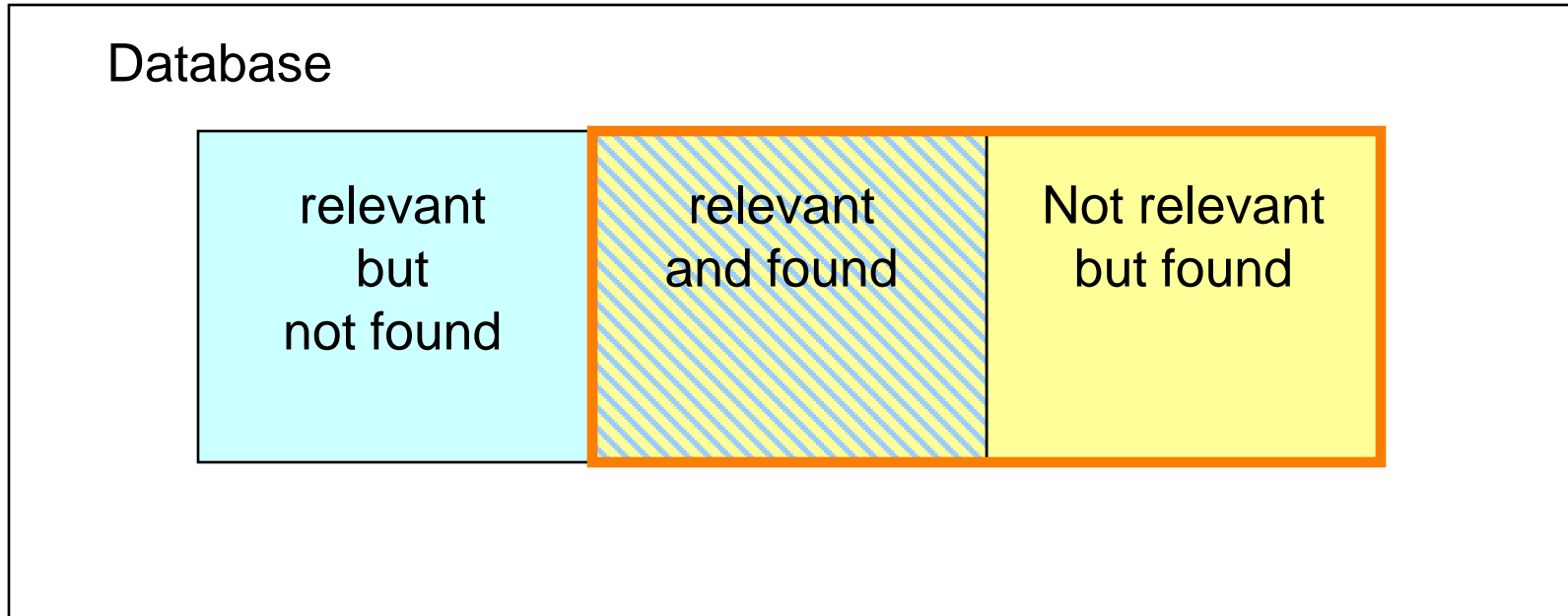
## 3.3. Evaluating your results

A search is always a balancing act between finding too much or too little.

$$\text{Relevance} = \frac{\text{Number of relevant retrieved documents}}{\text{Number of retrieved documents}}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{Number of relevant retrieved documents}}{\text{Number of relevant documents in the database}}$$

# Relevance and Recall



- If all the your results are relevant, there are probably further relevant titels in the database
- The more complete your search, the more irrelevant results are included in your result list

## 3.4. Too many or too few results

### 1) Too few results

- **Check for source of errors:**
  - Spelling mistakes
  - Too „neat“ a truncation, too many logical operators, incorrect search logic
  - Truncation not at all possible
- **To expand your search methods and search instruments:**
  - Use all the possibilities of a the topical search
  - Find broader/related terms in the keyword/subject index
  - Consult further bibliographies
- **Screen your result list for relevant items**  
Adopt applicable keywords or subject terms

# Too few results: Improve your search strategy

If you get too few results, you can further incorporate the following elements to your search:

- Synonyms, technical terms
- Multilingual terms
- Plurals or adjectives
- Different spellings
- Broader, narrower and related terms

# Too many results

- **Screen your results for relevant items :**  
Are there keyword or subject terms that describe your topic better than the search terms you used?
  - Use a subject/keyword term search instead
- **Screen your results for irrelevant items:**  
Are there terms included, that do not match your topic?  
Use NOT-operator to eliminate unwanted terms (but remember that you could be getting rid of many relevant items as well)
- Redefine your topic by narrowing it
- Add a another search term by using AND



## 3.5. Metasearch

- The possibility to search several databases simultaneously
- Digibib:  
you are able to search databases, e-books, e-journals and other contents available in NRW simultaneously
  - Standard search
  - Searching according to your field of study

# Digibib search interface

The screenshot displays the Digibib search interface. On the left, a sidebar lists search profiles, with 'Geisteswissenschaften' selected. The main area shows a search mask for 'Geisteswissenschaften' with a tree view of filters. The 'Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI)' filter is checked. Below it, the 'Anglistik' filter is also checked. To the right, there are search input fields for 'Freitext', 'Wörter aus dem Titel', 'Autor (Name, Vorname)', 'Körperschaft', 'Verlag', 'Schlagwörter', 'ISBN', 'ISSN', and 'Erscheinungsjahr'. There are also dropdown menus for 'Anzahl Treffer' (set to 10) and 'Max. Suchzeit' (set to 30 Sekunden). A 'Suche starten' button is at the bottom right. A red box highlights the 'Anglistik' filter and the search options, with a text box stating: 'Possibility of limiting your search to general and/or specific content'.

Suchprofile

- Standardsuche
- Geisteswissenschaften
- Recht, Wirtschaft u. Gesellschaft
- Medizin
- Mathematik u. Naturwissenschaften
- Profilübergreifende Suche
- eBooksammlungen
- Frühere Suchen (Historie)
- Merkliste [0]
- FAQs

Metasuche > Suchprofile > Suchmaske "Geisteswissenschaften"

### Suchmaske

[ alle | keine ]

- Fachübergreifende Aufsatzdatenbanken
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI)
- British Library Inside Serials [JADE]
- Index dt.-sprach. Zeitschriften 1750-1815 (IDZ)
- Internationale Bibliographie der Zeitschriftenliteratur - IBZ
- MLA (EBSCO)
- Periodicals Archive Online / PAO - 1802-2000
- Periodicals Contents Index - PCI 1739 - 2000
- Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)

Anglistik

- MLA (EBSCO)
- Online Contents Anglistik

Germanistik

Kunst und Archäologie

Medienwissenschaften und Film

Musikwissenschaft

Orient- und Asienwissenschaft

[Suchbegriffe entfernen]

Freitext:

Wörter aus dem Titel:

Autor (Name, Vorname):

Körperschaft:

Verlag:

Schlagwörter:

ISBN:

ISSN:

Erscheinungsjahr:

Anzahl Treffer: 10 je Datenbank und Seite

Max. Suchzeit: 30 Sekunden

[Weniger Optionen](#)

Suche starten

Possibility of limiting your search to general and/or specific content

# KVK – Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog

- The possibility to search simultaneously several library catalogues in Germany and/or abroad

The screenshot displays the KVK (Karlsruher Virtueller Katalog) website. The header includes the KIT logo (Karlsruher Institut für Technologie) and the text 'KIT-Bibliothek', 'Karlsruher Virtueller Katalog', 'Karlsruhe Virtual Catalog', and 'KVK'. The main content area is titled 'KVK - Karlsruher Virtueller Katalog' and describes it as a meta-catalog for over 500 million media items. It features a search interface with fields for 'Freitext', 'Titel', 'Autor', 'Körperschaft', and 'Schlagwort', along with 'Jahr', 'ISBN', 'ISSN', and 'Verlag' filters. A 'Suchen' button is present, along with options to 'Löschen' and 'Katalogauswahl löschen'. A checkbox for 'Nur digitale Medien suchen' is also visible. Below the search area, there are several columns of library selection options, each with a checkbox and a flag icon. The columns are: 'Deutschland' (with checked options for SWB, BVB, HBZ, HEBIS, HEBIS-Retro, KOBV, GBV, DNB, StaBi Berlin, TIB Hannover, öVK, VD 16, VD 17, ZDB), 'Österreich' (with options for Österr. BV, Österr. Landesbibl., Österr. NB 1501-1929, Österr. NB 1930-1991, Österr. NB 1992-), 'Schweiz' (with options for Helveticat NB Bern, IDS Basel/Bern, IDS Zürich Univ., NEBIS / ZB Zürich, Westschweizer BV RERO), 'Weltweit' (with options for Australische NB, Dänische NB, EROMM, Finnische NB, Finnischer VK, Französische NB, Französischer VK, Britischer VK, British Library, Israelischer VK, Italien EDIT 16, Italienischer VK, Italienischer ZS-VK, Kanada CISTI Kat., Kanadischer VK), another 'Weltweit' column (with options for VK Luxemburg, Niederländische NB, Norwegischer VKW, Polnische NB, Portugiesischer VK, Russische SB, Schwedischer VK, Spanische NB, Spanischer VK, Tschechische NB, Ungarische NB, Library of Congress, Nat. Libr. of Medicine, WorldCat), and 'Buchhandel' (with options for abebooks.de, Amazon.de Dt. Bücher, Amazon.de Engl. Bücher, Booklooker.de, KNV, Libri.de, ZVAB). A sidebar on the left contains navigation links: 'Aktuelles', 'Suchen und Finden', 'Kataloge', 'Karlsruher Virtueller Katalog', 'KVK', 'KVK Fernleihe', 'KVK Hilfe & Infos', 'KVK Kataloge', 'KVK', 'Bestellen und Ausleihen', 'Über uns', 'Lernen und Forschen', 'Archive und Sammlungen', and 'Publizieren'. A 'Meine Kataloge' section on the right shows a 'neu' button and a 'Weitere Optionen ...' link.

## 4. Availability

# Availability

- 4.1. The main catalogue (Hauptkatalog)
  - Books, E-Books
- 4.2. ZDB & EZB
  - Articles
- 4.3. Link resolver
- 4.4. Interlibrary loan

# 4.1. The main catalogue

Suche | Merkliste | Ihr Konto | Magazin-Bestellung

Standardsuche | Systematiksuche (ULB) | Suchhistorie | **Suchergebnis** | Neuerwerbungslisten

Ihre Suchanfrage Titelwort(e) = oxford companion american literature Meinten Sie [\\_Titelwort\(e\) = oxford kompanien american literature](#)

**Treffer eingrenzen**

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**Thema**  
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[USA / Literatur...](#) (1)  
[Mehr anzeigen...](#)

**Erscheinungsjahr**  
[<= 1965](#) (3)  
[1966 - 1988](#) (2)  
[1989 - 1998](#) (3)  
[>= 1999](#) (2)






**Publikationsart**  
[Monographie](#) (10)  
[Online-Zugriff](#) (3)  
[Nachschlagewerk](#) (2)

**Standort**  
[Hauptbibliothek](#) (6)  
[Campusweit](#) (3)  
[Germanistik](#) (2)  
[Anglistik](#) (2)  
[Hauptbibliothek/ Lesesaal](#) (2)

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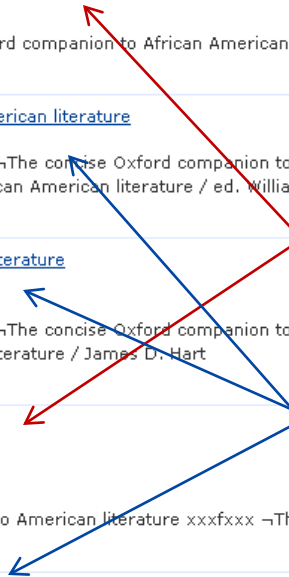
**Autor**  
[Hart, James D.](#) (8)  
[Andrews, Willia...](#) (1)

**Treffer Hauptkatalog der ULB Bonn (10)**

-  [→The Oxford companion to African American literature](#)  
1997  
H 5676  
African American literature xxxfxxx →The Oxford companion to African American literature  
[in die Merkliste](#)
-  [→The concise Oxford companion to African American literature](#)  
2002  
In: Oxford reference online premium xxxfxxx →The concise Oxford companion to African American literature xxxfxxx Druckausg. u.d.T.: →The concise Oxford companion to African American literature / ed. William L. Andrews ...  
[in die Merkliste](#)
-  [→The concise Oxford companion to American literature](#)  
Hart, James D.  
2002  
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[in die Merkliste](#)

Books

E-Books



# Availability of library holdings

Suche **Merkliste** Ihr Konto Magazin-Bestellung

Standardsuche Systematiksuche (ULB) Suchhistorie Suchergebnis **Detailanzeige**

Ihre Suchanfrage Schlagwort (dt.) = literatur AND Schlagwort (dt.) = amerika Meinten Sie [Schlagwort \(dt.\) = literature AND Schlagwort \(dt.\) = america](#)

Hauptkatalog der ULB Bonn (3/1562)

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## Between the urge to know and the need to deny

trauma and ethics in contemporary British and American literature'

Verlagsort, Verlag, Erscheinungsjahr: Heidelberg, Winter, 2011

Umfang: 268 S. : Ill.

Schlagwort 1: [USA](#), [Literatur](#), [Psychisches Trauma <Motiv>](#), [Ethik <Motiv>](#), [Geschichte 1950-2010](#), [Aufsatzsammlung](#)

Schlagwort 2: [Englisch](#), [Literatur](#), [Psychisches Trauma <Motiv>](#), [Ethik <Motiv>](#), [Geschichte 1950-2010](#), [Aufsatzsammlung](#)

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Volltext/Inhaltsverz. u.a.: [Link zum Dokument](#) [ Between the urge to know and the need to deny; Zusätzliche Angaben]

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Exemplare

Verfügbarkeit

mehr zum Titel

Signatur	Status	Hinweis	Zweigstelle
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# 4.2 ZDB result list

suchen [und] Titel (Stichwort) [TIT] sortiert nach Titel

"american literature" suchen

**Kurzliste** | Besitznachweise | Titeldaten | Suchgeschichte

■ Ihre Aktion suchen [und] (Titel (Stichwort) [TIT]) "american literature"

1. [Accumulative veterinary index : a selected list of publications from the American literature.](#) - Arvada, Colo. : Index Inc. 1.1960/63 -
2. [African-American literature and culture : expanding and exploding the boundaries.](#) - New York, NY [u.a.] : Lang 1.2004; 2.2002 -
3. [African American review / Division of Black American Literature and Culture of the Modern Language Association.](#) - St. Louis, Mo. ; Saint Louis Univ. 26.1992
4. [Alabama Symposium on English and American Literature.](#) - Alabama, Ala. : Univ. Pr. Nachgewiesen 4.1977(1981)
5. [The American caravan : a yearbook of American literature.](#) - New York, NY : Macaulay 1.1927 - 2.1928; 4.1931[?]
6. [American Indian literature and critical studies series.](#) - Norman, Okla. [u.a.] : Univ. of Oklahoma Press 1.1992 -
7. [American literature \[Elektronische Ressource\]](#) - Durham, NC : Duke Univ. Press 1.1929 -
8. [American literature / Abstracts.](#) - Durham, NC Nachgewiesen 4.1970/71 -
9. [American literature : a journal of literary history, criticism, and bibliography / American Literature Section, Modern Language Association of America.](#) - Durham, : Duke Univ. Press 1.1929/30 -
10. [American literature abstracts : a review of current scholarship in the field of American literature / Department of English, San José State College.](#) - San José, Calif. 3.1970 nachgewiesen

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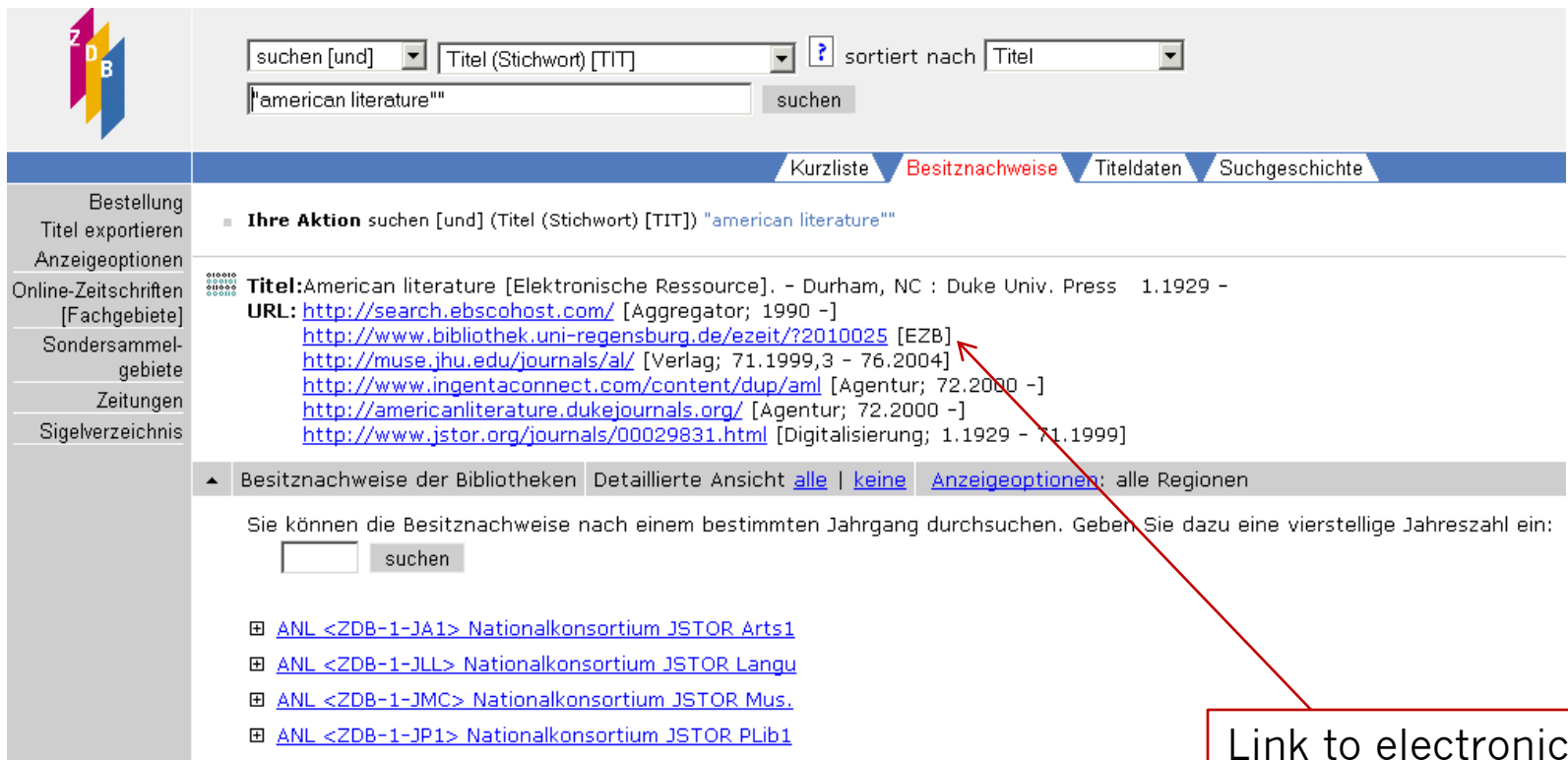
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Electronic version

Print version



# ZDB links directly into EZB



The screenshot shows the ZDB search interface. At the top left is the ZDB logo. The search bar contains the text "american literature" and the search button "suchen". The search results are displayed in a table with columns for "Kurzliste", "Besitznachweise", "Titeldata", and "Suchgeschichte". The first result is for "American literature [Elektronische Ressource]". The URL field contains several links, including "http://www.bibliothek.uni-regensburg.de/ezeit/?2010025 [EZB]". A red arrow points from a box labeled "Link to electronic version" to this URL.

suchen [und] Titel (Stichwort) [TIT] ? sortiert nach Titel

"american literature" suchen

Kurzliste **Besitznachweise** Titeldata Suchgeschichte

Bestellung  
Titel exportieren  
Anzeigeoptionen  
Online-Zeitschriften  
[Fachgebiete]  
Sondersammel-  
gebiete  
Zeitungen  
Sigelverzeichnis

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<http://www.bibliothek.uni-regensburg.de/ezeit/?2010025> [EZB]  
<http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/al/> [Verlag; 71.1999,3 - 76.2004]  
<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/dup/aml> [Agentur; 72.2000 -]  
<http://americanliterature.dukejournals.org/> [Agentur; 72.2000 -]  
<http://www.jstor.org/journals/00029831.html> [Digitalisierung; 1.1929 - 71.1999]

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Sie können die Besitznachweise nach einem bestimmten Jahrgang durchsuchen. Geben Sie dazu eine vierstellige Jahreszahl ein:  
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☐ [ANL <ZDB-1-JLL> Nationalkonsortium JSTOR Langu](#)  
☐ [ANL <ZDB-1-JMC> Nationalkonsortium JSTOR Mus.](#)  
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Link to electronic  
version

# EZB search interface



**DigiBib** Metasuche **Datenbanken/eZeitschriften** Fernleihe Einstellungen Info

Datenbanken/eZeitschriften > eZeitschriften > Erweiterte Suche

### eZeitschriften: Erweiterte Suche

Titelwort(e)  und

Titelanfang  und

Verlag

Treffer pro Seite:

- Alle Fachgebiete
- Allgemeine Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaft
- Allgemeines, Fachübergreifendes
- Anglistik, Amerikanistik**
- Archäologie
- Architektur, Bauingenieur- und Vermessungswesen
- Bildungsgeschichte
- Biologie
- Chemie und Pharmazie
- Elektrotechnik, Mess- und Regelungstechnik

Zurücksetzen Zeitschriften suchen

Hinweise

**Einstellungen**

Angezeigt werden Zeitschriften:

- mit frei zugänglichen Volltexten
- mit Volltexten, die nur im Netz meiner Einrichtung zugänglich sind
- ohne Zugriff auf Volltexte (Inhaltsverz. / Abstracts häufig zugänglich)

Only the titles of journals are searchable, NOT single articles

# EZB result list

universität**bonn**  
Rheinische  
Friedrich-Wilhelms-  
Universität Bonn

Universitäts- und  
Landesbibliothek Bonn

Kontakt Benutzernummer Passwort anmelden

Digitale Bibliothek

DigiBib Metasuche **Datenbanken/eZeitschriften** Fernleihe Einstellungen Info

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eZeitschriften: Suchergebnis: Treffer 1 - 25 von 25

Suchanfrage war: *Titelwort(e):* american literature - [Anfrage verändern](#)

001. [American Literature \(ältere Jahrgänge via JSTOR\)](#) [+](#) [merken](#) [drucken](#) [exportieren](#)

002. [American Literature \(aktuelle Jahrgänge\)](#) [+](#) [merken](#) [drucken](#) [exportieren](#)

003. [American Magazine: Devoted to Literature, Science, History, Biography, and the Arts, Including Also State Papers and Public Documents, The \(via EBSCO Host\)](#) [+](#) [merken](#) [drucken](#) [exportieren](#)

004. [American Magazine, & Repository of Useful Literature \(via EBSCO Host\)](#) [+](#) [merken](#) [drucken](#) [exportieren](#)

005. [American Museum of Literature & the Arts \(via EBSCO Host\)](#) [+](#) [merken](#) [drucken](#) [exportieren](#)

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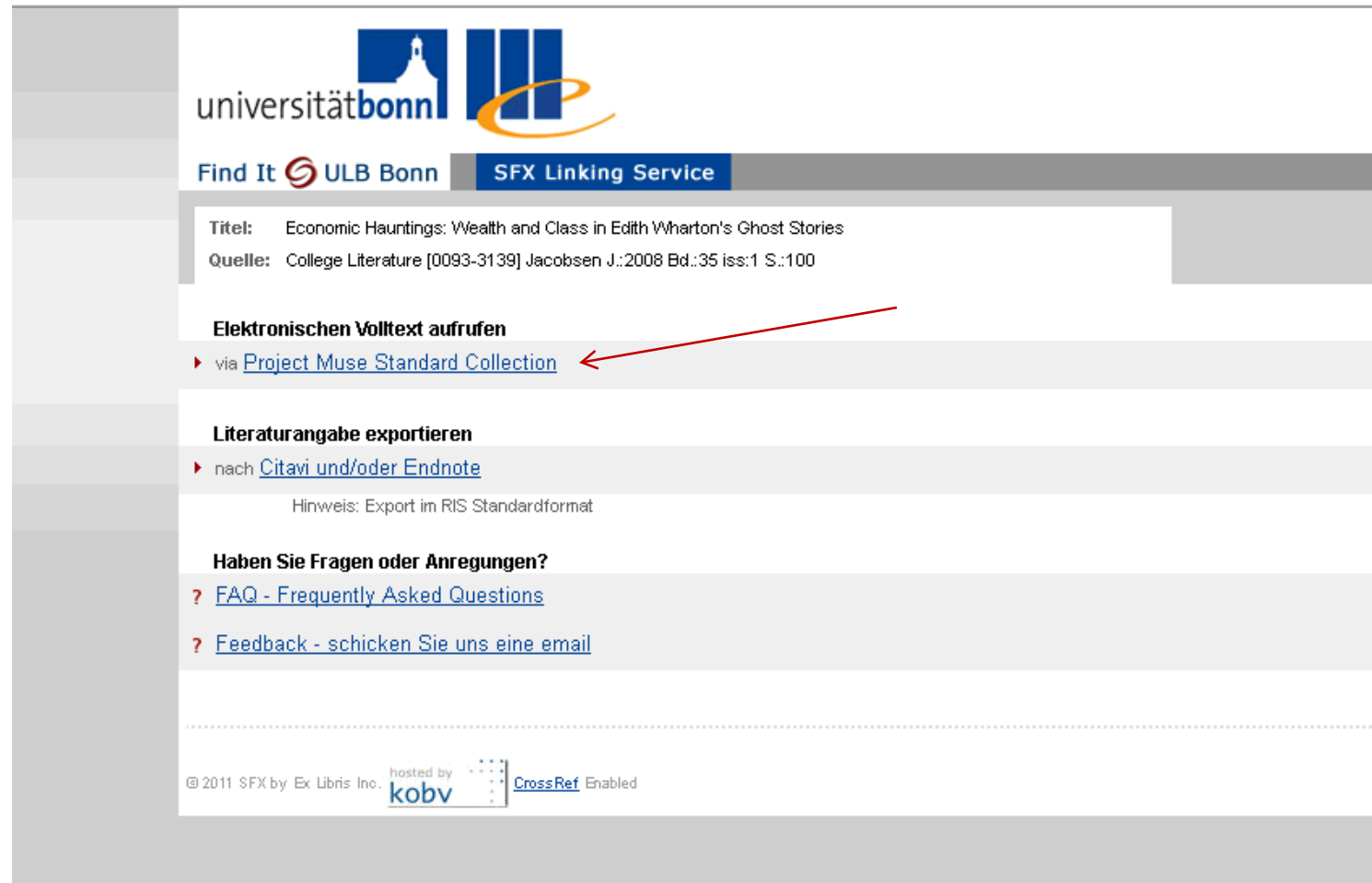
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- Academic quality of printed publications:
  - Target group of the publication
  - Academic apparatus (e.g. footnotes, bibliography) present?
  - Is the information up-to-date?
  - Renowned author, institution or journal

# Academic quality of websites

- Author or anonymous? What information is available in website credits (mostly under the heading „About“)
- Website operator: Commercial or academic institution? (It might be possible to draw conclusions from the IP address)
- Academic level of information, up-dating?
- Where do the links lead?
- Adequate style of writing
- Clear layout? Are multimedial-elements functionally appropriate?

# Deep Web

- Definition: The amount of information, that cannot be found by using search engines
  - Invisible net is several times bigger than the visible web
  - Database contents (e.g. Library catalogues and databases) as well as other licensed contents that are not freely available on the Internet
- Search engines for academic search purposes have only a very limited use

## 5.2. The „Google Problem“

- **Advantages** for academic search purposes:

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- **Disadvantage** for searching literature:

- The results contain a lot of non-literature information
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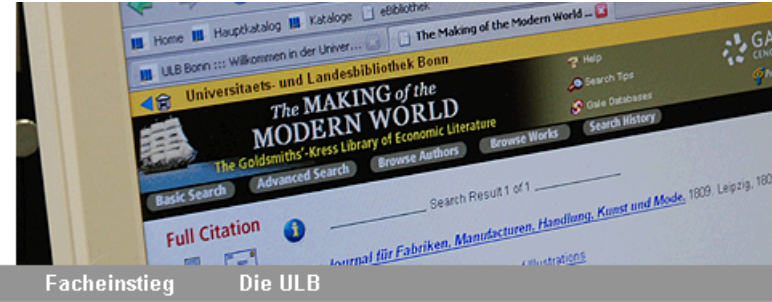
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