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Explora Public Libraries



Explora Public Libraries provides easy-to-use features and reliable content from the world's leading magazines and reference books, grouped into easy-to-browse categories. Explora provides research collections on thousands of topics to help them find the information they need quickly and easily. You can search hundreds of professional journals, popular magazines, reference books, images, primary sources, and more by keyword or by topic.



1. To begin, go to OhioWebLibrary.org.
2. Click on the arrow beside the phrase "Articles from magazines and journals":

> Articles from magazines and journals

3. Click on the words. "Explora Public Libraries."

OR Type <http://ohioweblibrary.org/db/ebsco-explora> into your browser's address bar.

The screenshot shows the Explora Public Libraries website. At the top is a navigation bar with links: New Search, Curriculum Standards, Search Other Databases, For Educators, Sign In, Folder, Language, and Help. Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter any words to find books, journals and more" and a Search button. To the right of the search bar is a banner for "FOR ALL OHIO RESIDENTS COURTESY OF OHIO LIBRARIES".

Annotations on the screenshot include:

- A box pointing to the search bar with the text: "Enter a search term or select Advanced Search for more options."
- A box pointing to the "Sign In" link with the text: "Create a personal account and make a folder to save your results"

The main content area is divided into several categories, each with a representative image and a list of items:

- Arts and Literature**: "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens, Homographs, Jazz, More
- Biography**: Toni Morrison, Chaim Potok, Virginia Appar, More
- Business and Careers**: Urban planning, Jail diversion programs, Outdoor Recreation Industry, More
- Current Events**: U.S. Congress, Treaty System, Homegrown terrorism, More
- Geography and Culture**: Paris, France, Ecclesiastical State, Saudi Arabia, More
- Health**: Sleep Apnea, Dementias, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), More
- History and Social Science**: Firearms and Cannon, 442nd Infantry Regiment (United States), Failed State, More
- Science and Math**: Big Bang Theory, Fantasy Sports Leagues and Mathematics, Weather and Weather Patterns, More

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Here are sample search results. To read more about an article, including an abstract or summary, click on the title.

The screenshot shows the Explora search results page for the query 'Toni Morrison'. The search results are displayed in a list format, with the first result being a 'Topic Overview' for Toni Morrison. A callout box points to this result, stating: 'The Topic Overview provides general background about the subject.' Another callout box points to the 'Limit To' section on the left, stating: 'You can limit your search to certain types of publications, time periods, and to full text by using these options.' The 'Limit To' section includes options for 'Full Text', 'Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals', and 'Publication Date' (1954 to 2017). The 'Source Types' section includes options for 'All Results', 'Academic Journals (768)', 'Trade Publications (142)', 'Magazines (871)', 'News (294)', 'Books (141)', 'Biographies (41)', 'Reviews (812)', 'Reports (23)', and 'Encyclopedias (14)'.

Sample article

The screenshot shows the Explora article page for the article 'Riffing on 'Jazz'' by Nambi E. Kelley. The article is displayed in a large, multi-column format. A callout box points to the article title, stating: 'You can download this article and print by clicking on these icons. Make sure your computer has a software that allows for the reading of PDF documents.' Another callout box points to the 'Full Text Contents' section on the left, stating: 'You can browse for other articles in the same journal.' A third callout box points to the article text, stating: 'You can flip to different pages in the article by using the scroll bar to the right or the page icons in the top left.' The article text discusses Toni Morrison's novel 'Jazz' and its connection to jazz music.

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