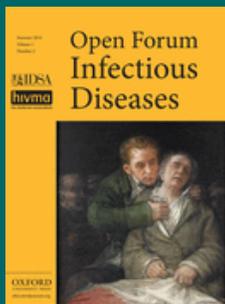


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Open access resources are worth considering as supplements to your customary sources of information and research. Here is a sampling:



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## OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS

### What Are They and How Can They Help Me?

The world of publishing has evolved rapidly in the past ten years. More specifically, the world of academic publishing is coping with growing pains related to funding models and quality control. This transformation has brought new challenges to libraries with changes in format, bibliographic control and increased costs.

Libraries have met these challenges by continuing to bring added value to their constituents in the form of premium resources, which are generally defined as journals, books and other resources that have a cost associated with them. However, librarians recognize the growth and value of another area of publishing: open access, which is generally defined as those journals, books and other resources that are freely available to anyone with Internet access.

The State Library of Ohio offers many options to help state employees stay up-to-date in their career fields, including a suite of premium resources provided by OhioLINK. But in addition to these premium research tools, there are a number of alternative options available to all Ohio residents.

The first alternative option to investigate is the [Ohio Web Library](#), with over 80 subscription based collections of library resources. Many familiar OhioLINK offerings, such as Academic Search Premier, the EBSCO eBook Collection, the EBSCO mobile interface, and World Book, are also included in the Ohio Web Library. Second, don't forget the unique subscriptions purchased by your local public library just for your community.

Beyond what Ohio libraries purchase, the expanding world of open access publishers and initiatives allows you to view and download a variety of authoritative, peer-reviewed materials. Open access models may include books, single chapters, journals, individual articles, video & audio files, and other presentations of research. These authors either publish directly with an open access journal, often sponsored by a scholarly society, or negotiate with commercial publishers to remove viewing restrictions. Researchers must credit the authors and re-use privileges may vary.

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#### Current Events



Special Collection of Ebola Research and News is free to the public at Science, a publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). [www.sciencemag.org/site/extra/ebola/](http://www.sciencemag.org/site/extra/ebola/)



Get news and updates about the Ebola virus and other outbreaks at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). The CDC is one of the major operating components of the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

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## OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS

The following list will help you locate open access resources. Tip: Watch for helpful features such as green "OA" or checkmark symbols, advanced search links, blogs, and new arrivals feeds to navigate to open content.

### Directories & Search Engines

Bielefeld Academic Search Engine—  
Refine your list of search results to include only open access

Directory of Open Access Books—Over 2,100 peer-reviewed academic titles; emphasis on humanities, social sciences, university presses

Directory of Open Access Journals—  
Approaching 10,000 journals; content covers 2005 to the present

Directory of Open Access Repositories—  
Listings for over 2,600 mainly academic collections

OAster—Includes 30 million records of research papers, digital image & audio files, and technical reports from 1,500 contributors including library catalogs

### Multi-Subject Publishers

HighWire—Specializes in the sciences; includes free trial periods for some journals

JSTOR—Early content is open, and there is also a free Register & Read program

## Ask a Librarian

### What is an algal bloom and why is it dangerous?

**Answer:** A harmful algal bloom (HAB) is a large growth of bacteria that can produce toxins. These toxins may affect the liver, nervous system and/or skin. You can find more information on the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency website at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/habalgae.aspx>



Oxford University Press—All disciplines are covered; add the phrase "open access" to your search

PQDT Open—Freely available dissertations and theses from Proquest's collection

Project MUSE—Specializes in social science & humanities publications of university presses

Sage—Mainly the sciences, but some social sciences & humanities are included

SpringerOpen—Offers journals & books with a science emphasis, although business, humanities, and social sciences are also included

Taylor & Francis—All subjects; many publications of learned societies and research organizations

Wiley Open Access—Science and medicine journals

### OhioLINK-Sponsored Open Access

Electronic Theses and Dissertations Center  
Research of Ohio graduate students with coverage from 2000 to the present

Health information related to algal blooms is available on the Ohio Department of Health website at:

[www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/HABs/HABDocumentsResources.aspx](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/HABs/HABDocumentsResources.aspx)

### Where can I find a brochure describing what the State Library does?

**Answer:** The State Library has posted a revised Overview of the State Library of Ohio which can be read online or printed out in PDF format. The link is at the top of the list of flyers on our Media Center page at: [library.ohio.gov/Marketing/MediaCenter](http://library.ohio.gov/Marketing/MediaCenter)

### More Open Access Publications

