

Program in Urban Studies
Fall 2015 Research Methods Workshop

Literature and Culture: 5 Useful Links (primarily for North American materials)

1. LION: Literature Online (<http://library.princeton.edu/resource/3924>)

Full text of more than 350,000 works of English and American literature and poetry, fiction, drama, from the seventeenth century to the present, as well as works of literary theory from Plato to the present.

- organized by "authors," "texts," "criticism," "reference"
- can search by keyword across subsections or drill down into one

2. MLA International Bibliography (<http://library.princeton.edu/resource/3957>)

Provides citations to articles, books, book chapters, and dissertations on all aspects of modern literature, language, and linguistics. 1926+.

- browse by keyword or use "urban" subject fields
- e.g. urban space, urban life, urban renewal, etc.

3. America: History and Life (<http://library.princeton.edu/resource/3577>)

The definitive index of literature covering the history and culture of the United States and Canada, from prehistory to the present. With indexing for 1,700 journals from as far back as 1910, this database is without question the most important bibliographic reference tool for students and scholars of U.S. and Canadian history.

- one of the core urban studies databases in the library's URB Research Basecamp
- browse by keyword or combine "urban" or "city" with particular cultural forms

4. American Memory/Library of Congress (<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>)

Provides free and open access to written and spoken words, sound recordings, still and moving images, prints, maps, and sheet music that document the American experience. It is a digital record of American history and creativity.

- multiple browsable collections, including Advertising, Culture/Folklife, Literature, Performing Arts/Music, etc.

5. Digital Sanborn Maps (<http://library.princeton.edu/resource/3720>)

Sanborn fire insurance maps contain detailed information on urban structures, property boundaries, and streets. Provides historical information on the history, growth, and development of American cities, towns, and neighborhoods. 1867-1970

- Princeton has access to US maps
- additional maps available at LOC, including Canadian and Mexican cities