

Resources for History

Contact details can be found at the end of this guide.

The resources in this guide will help you learn more about your subject. The best place to start your search is **Discover**, which provides you with easy access to thousands of books, eBooks, journal articles and much more. You can access Discover and other key resources via the Library website, LJM U student homepage and MyLJM U portal.

Remember, your modules also have reading lists in Canvas with links to recommended books, eBooks, journal articles and other subject resources.

Books and eBooks

The library provides an extensive collection of books and eBooks on all aspects of **History**. You can browse what is available in your subject area or look for specific titles by searching **Discover**.

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJM U username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Type a book title or keywords and select the search icon
- From the results screen, you can filter your results by selecting **Books**
- Select a book title to see more details and availability
- eBooks will have links to view online
- Print books will show number of copies and location

Print books have a class number and are organised numerically by that number on the shelves. Some common class numbers are shown below:

General History	900-909
European History	940-949
History of Asia	950 -959
History of Africa	960- 969
History of South America	980 -989
British History	941-942
Russian History	947
History of U.S.A.	970-979
Politics and government	320
International relations	327

DVD collection

An extensive collection of feature films, documentaries and TV series on DVDs is available in the Aldham Robarts Library. You can browse the collection or use Discover to find what you want. Many of the films are not available online.

Special Collections and Archives

The LJMU Special Collections and Archives contains unique primary resources including the archive of the Everyman Theatre and the extensive personal archive of celebrated Liverpool playwright Willy Russell. You can consult the collections by contacting the LJMU Archivist.

Other archives include

- Liddell-Hart Collection – fashion archive collection
- Keith Medley archive - e.g., 1950s photos of New Brighton that capture fashions, weddings, portraits and news (1930s - 1987)
- England's Dreaming Punk Archive - photos, fanzines etc.
- Eric's club - a range of materials from the influential punk/new wave music venue
- Everyman theatre – about designers and photos
- Femorabilia including magazines for young girls, for example Jackie

For more information see the Special Collections and Archives webpages:

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/special-collections-and-archives>

Journals

Journals are published on a regular basis and contain up-to-date information. Journals contain articles focussing on specific topics written by subject specialists.

To find individual journal titles on your subject area:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Journals** option
- Type a journal title you wish to access and select the search icon
- Select a journal title to see more details and availability
- eJournals will have links to view online
- Print journals will show number of issues and location

A small range of popular journal titles are shown below:

20th century British history

Diplomatic history

First World War Studies

Gender & history

History today

History workshop journal

International relations

Irish Historical Studies

Journal of American history

Journal of cold war studies

Past & present

Victorian periodicals review

Databases

You can search for journal articles using **Discover** or via individual databases. There are different types of databases. For example:

Full-text databases provide access to full-text information such as journal articles, book chapters, reports, standards, statistics and legislation.

Abstracting and Indexing Databases are searchable indexes, you can view the abstract or summary for each resource. If full-text is available follow the link, if not you can request an Inter-library loan.

To access a database:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Databases** option
- Select **History** to see suggested databases or type the name of the database in the search box and select the **search icon**
- Select the database title to see more details and note any log-in requirements
- Select the database link

A range of relevant databases are shown below:

American Consumer Culture: Market Research & American Business, 1935-1965

Provides a unique insight into the American consumer boom of the mid-20th century through access to the complete market research reports of Ernest Dichter, the era's foremost consumer analyst, market research pioneer and widely-recognised 'father' of Motivational Research.

Bibliography of British and Irish History

Contains over 600,000 records of historical writing about the British Isles, British Empire and the Commonwealth, covering all periods from 55BC to the present. Links to full text articles are provided where available.

Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers

Chronicling America is a project sponsored jointly by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress as part of the National Digital Newspaper Program. The NDNP aims to have every state and U.S. territory represented.

Digital National Security Archive (DNSA)

This resource consists of expertly curated, and indexed, declassified government documents covering U.S. policy toward critical world events – including their military, intelligence, diplomatic and human rights dimensions – from 1945 to the present.

The Economist Historical Archive.

The Economist historical archive features searchable issues of The Economist from 1843 to 2015. It features multiple search indexes, exportable financial tables and a gallery of front covers highlighting a key topic of each week.

First World War: visual perspectives & narratives

Provides a variety of primary source documents on the personal experiences of men and women, recruitment, the development and dissemination of various forms of propaganda, women's war work, the Home Front and a broad array of international perspectives.

JSTOR

Provides access to more than 12 million academic journal articles, books and primary sources in 75 disciplines. Includes access to ARTSTOR, which features millions of archive images and media.

Leisure, Travel and Mass Culture: The History of Tourism

Global research on all aspects of Tourism, Leisure, Hospitality, Recreation and Travel, plus selected aspects of Sport, Culture, Art and Entertainment. With access to over 12,500 full text document, 4500 news and reviews articles and over 2850 eBooks.

Mass Observation online

Provides access to one of the most important archives for the study of Social History in the modern era. An archive of original manuscripts, papers, diaries, photographs, film and interactive materials of social history from 1937-mid 1950s including tourism and travel, entertainment, working practices and much more.

Migration to New Worlds: The Century of Immigration

Charts the emigration experience of millions across 200 years of turbulent history. Explore the rise and fall of the New Zealand Company, discover British, European and Asian migration and investigate unique primary source personal accounts, shipping logs, printed literature and organisational papers.

Popular culture in Britain & America, 1950-1975: Rock and Roll, Counterculture, Peace and Protest

Explores the dynamic period of social, political and cultural change between 1950 and 1975. The resource offers thousands of colour images of manuscript and rare printed material as well as photographs, ephemera and memorabilia from this exciting period in our recent history

Race Relations in America

This resource showcases the speeches, reports, surveys and analyses produced by the American Missionary Association's Race Relations Department's staff and Institute participants, including Charles S. Johnson, Dr Martin Luther King, Jr., and Thurgood Marshall.

Slavery, abolition and social justice

Offers in-depth case studies in America, the Caribbean, Brazil and Cuba along with important material examining European, Islamic and African involvement in the slave trade.

Southern Life and African American History, 1775-1915

Southern Plantation Records document the far-reaching impact of plantations on both the American South and the nation. Plantation records are both business records and personal papers because the plantation was both the business and the home for plantation owners.

Travel writing, spectacle & world history

This resource brings together hundreds of accounts by women of their travels across the globe from the early 19th century to the late 20th century. Students and researchers will find sources covering a variety of topics including architecture; art; the British Empire; climate; customs; exploration; family life; housing; industry; language; monuments; mountains; natural history; politics and diplomacy; race; religion; science; shopping; war.

Women's Wear Daily Archive

Archive of Women's Wear Daily from first issue in 1910. Includes key moments in the history of the industry, as well as major designers, brands, retailers and advertisers

News and media

Academic Video Online

A range of video materials with academic relevance: documentaries, interviews, performances, news programs and newsreels, and more. Including Academy, Emmy and Peabody award winning films, plus content from National Geographic, HISTORY, BroadwayHD and much more.

Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

Provides access to an archive of over one million programmes radio and TV & Radio programmes from 2007 onwards, including all the main free-to-air TV channels. You can link, make clips and playlists of content.

Early American newspapers, 1801-1900

The most extensive resource of its kind for exploring the American past. Includes thousands of titles from all 50 states chronicling the evolution of American culture and society through eyewitness reporting, editorials, letters, advertisements, obituaries, and much more.

Gale NewsVault

Users can search or browse across the Times Digital Archive, the 17th and 18th Century Burney Collection, The Financial Times Historical Archive, 19th Century U.S. Newspapers, and many more. Providing access to millions of digitized facsimile pages, Gale NewsVault provides a fascinating window to the past.

Kanopy

Kanopy provides access to one of the most unique collections of films in the world. Films include award-winning documentaries, indie films, must-see classics and theatrical releases.

Lexis

The Newspapers option enables access to an archive of UK national and regional newspapers, with coverage from the 1990s up to the present day.

PressReader

Connects you to the world's newspapers and magazines. This includes over 7,000 newspapers and magazines from over 90 countries in over 50 languages in full colour, full-page format. App and webpage

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Guardian and The Observer 1791 - 2003

This historical newspaper provides genealogists, researchers and scholars with online, easily searchable first-hand accounts and unparalleled coverage of the politics, society and events of the time.

Punch Historical Archive, 1841-1992

From its early years as a campaigner for social justice to its transformation into national icon, Punch played a central role in the formation of British identity—and how the rest of the world saw the British nation.

TRILT

Television and Radio Index for Learning and Teaching (TRILT) is one of the best sources of UK television and radio broadcast data available on the web, including listings for more than 560 TV and radio channels with data from 1923 onwards. More than a million records are added to TRILT every year.

UKPressOnline

A digital archive of a selection of British newspapers from 1835 to the present day, all searchable by name, word, phrase and date. Includes Daily Mirror, Daily Express, Daily Star, Sunday Express, and Star Sunday.

Websites

The content of websites is unregulated, so it is important that you check the quality and accuracy of information on the internet to ensure that it is reliable, accurate and of an academic standard. There are selected websites or search engines that you can use to help find appropriate information online, for example Google Scholar. If you find details for a relevant resource on the internet, you can check if LJMU has full-text access.

Further Help

The Librarian who supports **History** is:

Michael Stores m.stores@ljmu.ac.uk

Please contact him if you have questions, or to arrange a one-to-one appointment.

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