Overview of Archaeology Information Resources at York

The University Library holds and provides access to a vast array of information resources of interest to those undertaking academic studies in Archaeology.

University of York Library Website:

The University of York Library website (http://www.york.ac.uk/library) contains a wealth of information about the resources available at York. The Library collection includes:

- Books – electronic & print
- Journals – electronic & print
- Reference collections – electronic & print
- Newspapers – electronic & print
- Government Publications – electronic & print
- Microfiche
- DVDs
- Special Collections

The JB Morrell Library houses the main collection. The majority of books referenced on your reading lists will be available in either the ordinary loan collection or the Key Text Collection.

The Library Catalogue, YorSearch (http://yorsearch.york.ac.uk), enables you to search the JB Morrell, Raymond Burton, King’s Manor & York Minster Library collections. Detailed instructions on locating material using YorSearch are provided on the Archaeology Subject Guide (see below).

Subject Guides

Librarians at the University of York have created subject guides for the various subject disciplines. The guides provide much detailed information about the resources available at York as well as guidance for improving your information skills.

You may find it useful to take a look at the Archaeology Subject Guide:

http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/archaeology.

This provides detailed information about the resources available for Archaeology students both at the University and more widely on the web. There is also a section that covers information skills that may be useful to you throughout the course of your study.

The online subject guides are constantly updated so we recommend you continue to check these for useful information throughout your time at York.

Depending on your research interests you may also find it useful to take a look at some of the other Subject Guides, for example History, History of Art and Biology.

E-resources Guide

The E-resources Guide (http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/e-resources) is the gateway to the Library’s full catalogue of electronic resources. You can either use the A–Z list to access specific resources or browse resources by subject or category.
The E-resources Guide includes links to:

- **Full text resources:**
  - E-Book Packages and E-Journal Collections – full-text collections of e-books and journals. You can access individual titles via YorSearch or access a collection to search across via the E-resources Guide.

- **Bibliographic databases including:**
  - BIAB and AnthroSource: Subject specialist resources indexing publications in the fields of archaeology and anthropology. The British & Irish Archaeological Bibliography lists scholarly works in the field of archaeology from 1695 to the present day.
  - British Humanities Index: Indexes over 350 international humanities journals including over 10,000 articles on the subject of archaeology.
  - Web of Science: A large multi-disciplinary database with coverage of over 10,000 journals in the sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities, as well as international proceedings coverage for over 120,000 conferences

- **Media resources including:**
  - Nexis UK – a full text archive of national & international newspaper publications dating back to the mid-1980s.

Linking to the full text:
Clicking on the Find it @York link from the record in a database will enable you to check whether the University of York library has a subscription to that item. A pop-up window will appear, offering a range of options to retrieve the item:

- If an article is available online, the publication details will be displayed with a link to the Full Text version of the article.
- The Holding information link will connect you to the library catalogue and will automatically search for a print copy.

Many of the bibliographic resources include links to the full text of journal articles. However, this is not always the case and there are a few points that you should bear in mind:

- The link from a reference to the full text article will only work if the University Library subscribes to that particular journal.
- If you are asked to pay in order to look at a journal or article, or are asked to supply a password and your IT Services username and password does not work, then the Library will either not have a subscription to that journal at all, or else not subscribe to the year that you require.

If you find a reference for a useful article or book which is unavailable at the University Library, you can use the Interlending and Document Supply Service to request a copy from another Library for a charge of £2.00 (details provided at [http://www.york.ac.uk/library/borrowing/interlending/](http://www.york.ac.uk/library/borrowing/interlending/)).

**Archaeology Subject Guide:** [http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/archaeology](http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/archaeology)

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