

Finding journals and journal articles for History

Journals are extremely important sources of scholarly writing; they contain the latest research, scholarship and thinking within a subject area. Articles in journals tend to focus on specific aspects of a subject in much more detail and often cover topics that will not be written about elsewhere. The Library provides a large range of History journals online (and a few available only in print). You will have references to journals in your reading lists and you will also need to find journal articles on a topic.

When you find a reference to a journal article, it will look something like this :

Roberts P., 'Royal Authority and Justice during the French Religious Wars', *Past and Present*, 184 (2004), 3-32

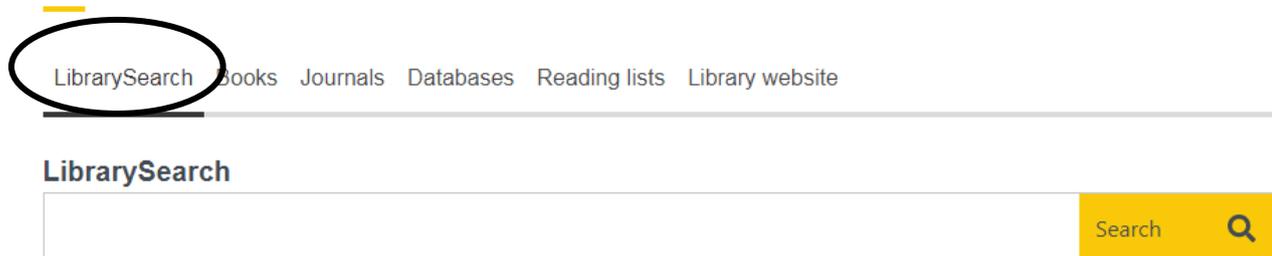
This is what each element of the reference means :

Roberts P	the author of the journal article
'Royal Authority and Justice during the French Religious Wars'	the title of the journal article
<i>Past and Present</i>	the title of the journal in which the article appears
184	the volume number
2004	the date of the journal issue in which the article appears
3-32	the page numbers

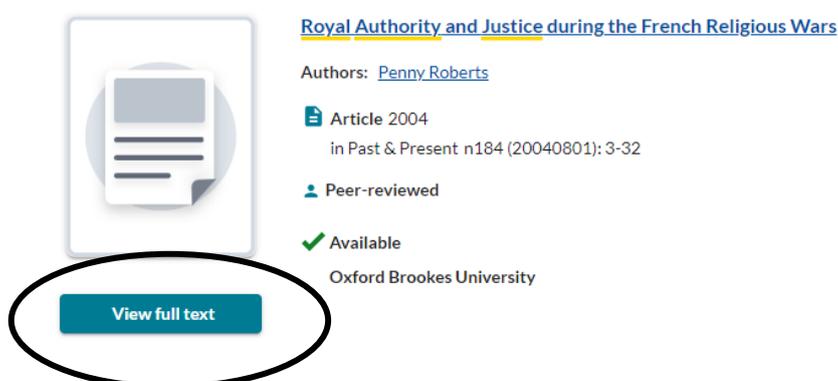
Finding journal articles - following up references to specific articles

From the [Library web pages](#) select the **Librarysearch** tab.

Search the library



In the search box type in the details of the article (the title, plus the author's surname).



Click on **view full text** to see an electronic version of the article. The print holdings of the journal are shown below the green button (if available) should you prefer to photocopy the article.

Accessing e-journals

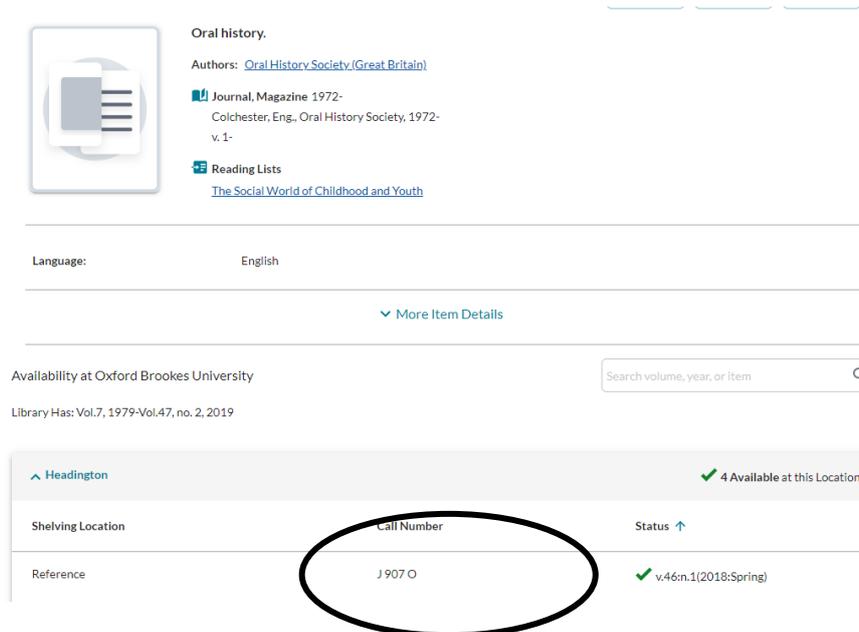
Please try to use links from the Library's web pages to access our e-resources, as these links may contain additional information which makes accessing that content a much simpler process. Most of the Library's databases and e-journals will simply prompt you to log in with your Brookes ID and password and once you have logged in you will be able to move to other databases or e-journals without the requirement to log in again during your session.

Which print journals are available from the Library?

From the [Library web pages](#) select **journal titles** and type the name of the journal into the search box. Click **go**.

Note down the **call number** as this tells you where the journal is on the shelves. Also check the year you want to consult is held.

The print journals are in the Journals area of the Basement of the Headington Library, arranged by call number.



The screenshot shows a library catalog entry for 'Oral history'. It includes a thumbnail image of a book, the title 'Oral history', authors 'Oral History Society (Great Britain)', and publication details 'Journal, Magazine 1972- Colchester, Eng., Oral History Society, 1972- v. 1-'. There is a 'Reading Lists' link for 'The Social World of Childhood and Youth'. Below this, it shows 'Language: English' and a 'More Item Details' link. At the bottom, it indicates 'Availability at Oxford Brookes University' with a search box and 'Library Has: Vol.7, 1979-Vol.47, no. 2, 2019'. A table below shows the availability at 'Headington' with 4 items available. The table has columns for 'Shelving Location', 'Call Number', and 'Status'. The 'Call Number' 'J 907 O' is circled in black.

Shelving Location	Call Number	Status
Reference	J 907 O	✓ v.46n.1(2018:Spring)

How do I find out what journal articles have been written on my subject?

To find articles on a particular topic or within a certain journal, you can use **LibrarySearch** or one of the Library's wide range of online databases. You can get access to these databases from the [library's History web pages](#).

You can search by keywords or subject headings to find references to publications on your topic. Some databases give you direct access to e-journal articles. Other databases will provide you with a list of references to then follow up separately.

Which database should I use?

Historical Abstracts – covers the history of the world from 1450 to the present (excluding the United States and Canada), indexing articles, books and other publications from 1950 onwards; contains quite extensive abstracts for most entries; and links to some e-journal articles.

JSTOR - provides an archive of full text articles from a range of academic journals. Most journals covered do not give access to issues which are less than 3-5 years old.

BBIH - Bibliography of British and Irish History – highly recommended, comprehensive database providing bibliographic details of historical writing dealing with the British Isles, and with the British Empire and Commonwealth, from 55BC to the present. It lists books, articles in books and articles in journals.

How do I obtain articles from journals not available from the Library?

Copies of journal articles not available in print or online from the Library can be requested via the [Interlibrary loan service](#).

More information

There is lots of guidance available on the [History course resource help webpage](#) or you can contact your History Librarian, Ashley Cushman, at acushman@brookes.ac.uk .

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