

OPEN ACCESS WEB-BASED RESOURCES

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*Note: Most of the open access web-based resources listed here are Canadian.
However, it does not necessarily imply that they relate only to Canada or to Canadian Studies.*

Books

Most websites holding books are not available free of charge.

1) Érudit – www.Erudit.org

Non profit organization (multi-university consortium) ; mostly French publications, for now; Érudit is part of larger pan-Canadian initiative to offer web-based resources in the social sciences and humanities as widely and as economically as possible. The anglophone counterpart called Synergies is scheduled to be launched in April 2009. It is project to watch, as it will give access to many publications, free of charge.

Books and proceedings

Érudit has developed expertise in the production and dissemination of digitalized books. The publishing process adheres to the most consistent standards applicable to digital book processing with respect to both eBook and Web texts. Apart from the digital processing of books, this area serves as an experimental zone for publishers and academics studying uses and new services for readerships. For more information, contact erudit@umontreal.ca or erudit@bibl.ulaval.ca.

2) Gibson Electronic Library -- <http://www.gibsonlibraryconnections.ca/index.htm>.

- Books collection
- Public policy collection
- Collection

Contains Canadian books, many Canadian libraries subscribe to this electronic library. It is not free, one has to subscribe to this eLibrary. When you are in Canada, you can familiarize yourself with this library, many university libraries are subscribers.

3) The Igloo Library -- <http://www.igloo.org/library>

The Open Access Content of the Igloo Library gives access to many useful publications. The collection is divided in 10 subjects, including the Environment, Health, Economics, Peace and Security, and Social and Political Development. Note: At times this site directs readers to catalogues, where you need to purchase an item.

4) Individual initiatives

Contact authors, it is sometimes a useful source (if not complete book, certain chapters, can be accessible from the web). Individuals may know where to find useful references and resources related to their areas of studies. For example, the complete book *Self-Portraits: The Cinemas of Canada* (2006), by Professor André Loiselle (professor of Film Studies and Director of the School of Canadian Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa), is available on the web at <http://www.carleton.ca/ssac/filmstudies/SelfPortraitsOnline.pdf>.

Bibliographies

1) Library and Archives Canada -- <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>

Library and Archives Canada lists bibliographical entries for all of the books on Canada. It also contains many documents (treaties, photographs, various databases, virtual exhibitions, etc.). It is definitely a place to visit.

AMICUS – <http://amicus.collectionscanada.gc.ca/aaweb/aalogine.htm>

Note: you must register first, but this registration is free.

This section brings together direct links to some of Library and Archives Canada's more popular online resources.

- [Aboriginal Resources and Services](#)
- [Canadian Genealogy Centre](#)
- [Canadian Information By Subject](#)
- [Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online](#)
- [LAC Forum on Canadian Democracy](#)
- [Learning Centre](#)
- [Military Personnel Records](#)
- [Multicultural Resources and Services](#)
- [Publications](#)
- [Theses Canada Portal](#)

2) Atlantic Canada Portal -- <http://atlanticportal.hil.unb.ca/>

The Atlantic Canada Portal, a collaborative effort of the University of New Brunswick's [Electronic Text Centre](#) and Canada Research Chair in Atlantic Canada Studies, promotes the study of Canada's Atlantic Provinces. The Portal hosts:

- a comprehensive [bibliography](#) of works published on the Atlantic Region;
- a [virtual archives](#) of primary source material;
- a repository of electronic [publications](#);
- [teaching resources](#) on Atlantic Canada topics;
- a [listserv](#) highlighting portal news and events;
- a [research forum](#) for scholarly collaboration; and
- a searchable [web directory](#) of links to websites on the region.

All material on the portal is available in English and [French](#).

3) ICCS bibliographies

Foreign Canadiana (http://iccs-ciec.ca/asppages/search_fpt.asp) compiles Canadian Studies titles published outside of Canada, as well as theses and dissertations on Canadian topics produced at universities abroad.

Core Canadiana (http://iccs-ciec.ca/asppages/CARG/search_carg.asp) provides scholars with guidance in the development of Canadian Studies collections covering a variety of disciplines.

Journals

1) Synergies -- http://www.synergiescanada.org/index_en.html

See the section Services to Journals, which describes the services available or that will be available. The only portals available are the Electronic Text Centre at UNB Libraries and Érudit. Note that the Synergies project does not give free access to recent issues (usually the two most recent years), back issues are available for free, but not always.

a) Electronic Text Centre -- <http://www.lib.unb.ca/Texts/index.php?id=57>

Gives limited access to 17 journals. Note: some of these journals do specifically deal with Canada.

- [Acadiensis](#)
- [Algorithmic Operations Research](#)
- [Atlantic Geology](#)
- [Canadian Forest Service / Service canadien des forêts](#)
- [Canadian Journal of Regional Science](#)
- [The Canadian Journal of Transportation](#)
- [The Fiddlehead](#)
- [International Fiction Review](#)
- [International Journal of Forest Engineering](#)
- [The Journal of Comparative International Management](#)
- [Journal of Conflict Studies](#)
- [Newfoundland and Labrador Studies](#)
- [QWERTY](#)
- [The Journal of Student Writing](#)
- [Studies in Canadian Literature \(SCL/ÉLC\)](#)
- [Teaching Voices](#)
- [Theatre Research in Canada / Recherches théâtrales au Canada](#)

b) Érudit -- <http://www.erudit.org/revue/>

Gives access to over 70 journals (mostly French or bilingual). Note: some of these journals do specifically deal with Canada. The list is too long, but here are some of the bilingual titles.

[Cinémas : revue d'études cinématographiques / Cinémas: Journal of Film Studies](#)

[Historical Papers / Communications historiques](#)

[Études/Inuit/Studies](#)

[Relations industrielles / Industrial Relations](#)

[Journal of the Canadian Historical Association / Revue de la Société historique du Canada](#)

[Revue des sciences de l'eau / Journal of Water Science](#)

[Loisir et Société / Society and Leisure](#)

[Meta : journal des traducteurs / Meta: Translators' Journal](#)

[Port Acadie : revue interdisciplinaire en études acadiennes / Port Acadie: An](#)

[Interdisciplinary Review in Acadian Studies](#)

[Report of the Annual Meeting / Rapports annuels de la Société historique du Canada](#)

[Romanticism and Victorianism on the Net](#)

[Romanticism on the Net](#)

2) Canadian Association of Learned Journals -- <http://www.calj-acrs.ca/>

Note: some journals do give access to their issues. A partial list of scholarly journals is available on the site of the Canadian Association of Learned Journals (CALJ) at http://www.calj-acrs.ca/calj_list.php?lang=en&listtype=viewall.

Below is a list of journals that offers full or partial open access to its back issues:

[Archivaria](#)

[Atlantis: A Women's Studies Journal / Revue d'études sur les femmes](#)

[Cahiers québécois de démographie](#)

[Canadian Bulletin of Medical History / Bulletin canadien d'histoire de la médecine](#)

[Canadian Journal of Communication](#)

[Canadian Journal of Education / Revue canadienne de l'éducation](#)

[Canadian Journal of Philosophy](#)

[Canadian Public Administration](#)

[Criminologie](#)

[Encounters on Education/Ecuentros sobre Educación](#)

[First Peoples Child and Family Review](#)

[History of Intellectual Culture](#)

[International Electronic Journal for Leadership in Learning](#)

[International Journal of Qualitative Methods](#)

[International Journal of Technologies in Higher Education](#)

[International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning](#)

[The Journal of Aboriginal Health](#)

[Journal of Comparative Family Studies](#)

[Journal of Religion and Popular Culture](#)

[Journal of the Association for Research on Mothering](#)

[Journal of the Canadian Historical Association / Revue de la Société historique du Canada](#)

[Labour / Le Travail](#)

[Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies / Logos: Revue des études de l'Orient chrétien](#)

[Paideusis: International Journal in Philosophy of Education](#)

[Partnership: the Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research](#)

[Romanticism and Victorianism on the Net](#)

[Studies in Social Justice](#)

Note: CALJ is also a good place to identify journals to which you can send your submission for possible publication.

3) Directory of Open Access Journals -- <http://www.doaj.org/>

This site offers free, full text, quality controlled scientific and scholarly journals. It aims to cover all subjects and languages. There are 3694 journals in the directory. Currently **1268** journals are searchable at article level. Again, only some of these journals specifically deal with Canada.

Examples :

Canadian Political Science Review (<http://ojs.unbc.ca/index.php/cpsr>)

Island Studies (<http://www.islandstudies.ca/journal>)

Just Labour: A Canadian Journal of Work and Society
(<http://www.justlabour.yorku.ca/index.php?page=toc&volume=12>)

4) Fédération de revues en sciences humaines et sociales (France) -- <http://www.revues.org/>

A portal of journals from France, but with little Canadian content.

5) Individual journals

Some journals will publish their current or back issues on the web. It is worth visiting a journal's website to see if they publish in its archive or back issues section the full text of some issues.

For example:

International Journal of Canadian Studies – www.iccs-ciec.ca

The full text of Issues 1 to 34 are available online at <http://iec-csi.csj.ualberta.ca/Revueinternationaledeétudescanadiennes/tabid/437/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

Canadian Public Policy – <http://utpjournals.metapress.com/content/120328/>

Kanata – <http://www.eafit.edu.co/kanata/>

Spanish electronic publication of the Colombo Canadian Studies Centre of EAFIT University (Medellín). In its first publication, a number of articles written by students' members of the Investigation Group of Canada, managed by the Colombo Canadian Studies Centre of EAFIT University (Medellin), were chosen among the best to present their views on important topics concerning Canada and Colombia.

Papers (working papers, policy papers, research papers, etc.)

1) Research organisations

Most research organisations make publish their papers on their website. It is worthwhile to visit their website to see if their publications are available online.

Examples:

School of Policy Studies – <http://www.queensu.ca/sps/publications/>

Note: For a list of Canadian Research Institutes, the Institute for Research on Public Policy's website lists policy research organizations at <http://www.irpp.org/links/index.htm>.

Canadian Policy Research Network – <http://www.cprn.org/doc.cfm?l=en>

Canadian Historical Association – <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cha-shc/index-e.html>

The Canadian Historical Association (CHA) publishes a series of booklets on aspects of Canadian history.

Raoul-Dandurand Chair -- <http://www.er.uqam.ca/nobel/ieim/>

Chair in international strategic and diplomatic studies. Its website offers Canadian content web resources material of interest to Canadianists, such as reports, studies and papers, as well as descriptions of their monograph publications and radio interviews.

FOCAL -- <http://www.focal.ca/>

An independent, non-partisan think tank dedicated to strengthening Canadian relations with Latin America and the Caribbean through policy dialogue and analysis. Its publications sections contains, reports, policy papers, etc.

2) Érudit – <https://depot.erudit.org/>

Compiles papers and various documents of 30 Quebec university research units

Theses

- 1) Theses Canada Portal – <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/thesescanada/>
 - Search AMICUS, Canada's national online catalogue, for bibliographic records of all theses in Library and Archives Canada's theses collection, which was established in 1965
 - Access and search the full text electronic versions of numerous Canadian theses and dissertations

Click on Find a thesis at <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/thesescanada/s4-230-e.html>.

- 2) Érudit – <http://www.erudit.org/these/>
Presently only digital theses of the Université de Montréal, which are published and disseminated as part of a pilot project, are available at <http://www.theses.umontreal.ca/>.

- 3) University of Ottawa PhD Students and their Theses in Canadian Studies –
http://www.canada.uottawa.ca/en/gr_list.htm.
List of current and past PhD students and their theses in Canadian Studies, please go to

Reference Works

- 1) The Canadian Encyclopedia – <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/>
An free online encyclopedia on Canada

The site contains:

- The Canadian Encyclopedia
- Youth Encyclopedia
- The Encyclopedia of Music in Canada
- Featured Articles (provide general introductions to historical topics)
- Maclean's Magazine (A selection of articles since 1995 covering politics and the arts)

- 2) The Atlas of Canada – <http://atlas.nrcan.gc.ca/>
Gives access to all sorts of maps of Canada. Note the sections Free data and Web services.
- 3) Web-based research guide -- <http://www.mta.ca/library/govt&politics/main/home.html>
The R.P. Bell Library and the Centre for Canadian Studies at Mount Allison University launched this guide to introduce students, researchers and others interested to the major sources of information for research in government and politics.
- 4) Canadian Studies: A Guide to Sources -- <http://www.stfx.ca/people/jblackwe/canada3.html>
- 5) Historica -- <http://www.historica.ca/>
Website dedicated to the teaching of Canada.
- 6) Historical Canadian Women Artist Bio-Bibliographic Database –
<http://www.cwahi.concordia.ca/>
- 7) About Canada Annotated Bibliographies –
http://www.mta.ca/faculty/arts/canadian_studies/english/about/multimedia/index.html
Annotated bibliographies on four Canadian topics: Citizenship Education; Louis Riel and the North-West Rebellion; Great Canadian Explorers; and Great Canadian Projects.
- 8) Bibliography of works in Québec Studies published in Spanish –
<http://www.aieq.qc.ca/publications/bibliographie.espagnol.2006.pdf>.
It contains close to 230 titles. The scholarly section lists works written in Spanish in the fields of arts and literature, history, political science, social sciences, etc.
- 9) The Canadian Theatre Encyclopedia -- <http://www.canadiantheatre.com/>.
- 10) Contemporary Canadian Government & Politics: A Practical Research Guide
-- <http://www.mta.ca/library/govt&politics/main/home.html>.
This online guide was created for researchers interested in contemporary Canadian government and politics. It provides annotated links to some of the most useful printed and online sources in the field, with research tips and strategies for finding more information.

Databases

- 1) Statistics Canada's E-stat – <http://estat.statcan.ca/>

E-stat is an interactive learning tool combining Canadian socio-economic data with graphing and mapping features. It also includes the data of the 2001 census, historical censuses, and selected articles from various Statistics Canada publications (Canadian Social Trends, Health Reports, Human Activity and the Environment, etc.). The ICCS wishes to thank Statistics Canada for access to this useful resource.

User name: ICCS

Password: estat

Note that this registration is case sensitive.

- 2) Institut de la Statistique (Québec) – http://www.stat.gouv.qc.ca/default_an.htm

Note: both of these government organizations offer numerous online publications.

- 3) Trade Data Online – <http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/tdo-dcd.nsf/en/Home>.

Provides the ability to generate customized reports on Canada's and U.S. trade in goods with over 200 countries.

- 4) The Canadian Century Research Infrastructure -- <http://www.canada.uottawa.ca/ccri/>
Interrelated databases centered on census records for the 1911-1951 period.

Teaching Resources

- 1) Introduction to Canada -- <http://www.canadianstudies.ca/NewJapan/introtocanada.html>
This Introduction to Canada site takes an interdisciplinary approach to teaching Canada, its history, governments, institutions, peoples, etc. It has four sections: Institutions; People; Regions; and The Arts. It has a useful Learning Centre in view of teaching about Canada.
- 2) Virtual Geography Texts – <http://www.v-g-t.de/english/main/main.htm>
The Association for Canadian Studies in German-speaking Countries (GKS) offers a virtual resources site on their main website. The VGT focuses on Canada and Germany, but the Canadian component may be used to teach Canadian geography.
- 3) North American Portal – <http://www.portalfornorthamerica.org/>
The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) through its North American Portal offers teaching resources North American Studies.
- 4) Online Learning Project -- <http://www.historicalatlas.ca/website/hacolp/index.htm>
The *Historical Atlas of Canada* project published three volumes which explored major themes and episodes in the history of Canada using maps, text and graphics.
- 5) Canadian Studies Course Syllabus Database –
<http://www.acsus.org/display.cfm?id=358&Sub=381>
ACSUS maintains a database of course syllabi in different disciplines to help strengthen and expand existing courses and to build new courses currently in development.
- 6) Social Studies resources for Canadian Teachers -- <http://access.ca/>
- 7) Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History -- www.canadianmysteries.ca
Series of 12 mysteries to learn about Canadian history. Teachers Guides are also available from the site.
- 8) Québec literature research tool – <http://www.aieq.qc.ca/publications/litterature/IRLQ.pdf>
This tool is aimed at teachers and researchers from and outside Québec (in French only).
- 9) Education Resources and Links for Canadian Students and Teachers –
<http://www.nodice.ca/resources/index.php>

Newsletters

Numerous newsletters will direct researchers to online resources. Check newsletters in your discipline to obtain some leads. Many Canadian Studies Associations publish newsletters, which may be of pedagogical value.

1) ICCS Contact CIEC –

http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/pages/newweb/sample2/newslet_en.asp?shownav=3

ICCS' newsletter tries to give readers access to web resources. To subscribe contact guy.leclair@iccs-ciec.ca.

2) Center for Canadian Studies at Mount Allison University -- http://www.mta.ca/faculty/arts-letters/canadian_studies/publications.html.

3) Citizenship, Democracy And Ethnocultural Diversity -- <http://www.queensu.ca/cded/news.html>

It provides information on conferences, publications, journals, internet resources and related research programs.

4) Population Studies Centre -- <http://sociology.uwo.ca/popstudies/>

Websites

- 1) Northern Research Network -- <http://northernresearchnetwork.electrified.ca>
This network features online forums, book reviews, research links, syndicated content, course syllabi, and detailed member profiles. Note: you must register first, but this registration is free.
- 2) Directory of Online Resources on Canada -- <http://www.academicinfo.net/can.html>
- 3) Canada's Digital Collection – <http://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/205/301/ic/cdc/E/Alphabet.asp>
- 4) John A. Macdonald Portal –
[http://www.canadachannel.ca/pm/index.php/Welcome to the John A. Macdonald Portal](http://www.canadachannel.ca/pm/index.php/Welcome_to_the_John_A._Macdonald_Portal)
- 5) Scots and Aboriginal Peoples in the Canadian Fur Trade –
<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/materialhistories/>
A website on the history of Scots, their work and involvement with the lives of Aboriginal People mediated by the fur trade.
- 6) Black History -- <http://blackhistorycanada.ca/>
Black history refers to the stories, experiences, and accomplishments of people of African origin in Canada.
- 7) Canlinks -- <http://www.lucking.net/canlinks/>
- 8) Samuel De Champlain Portal –
[http://www.canadachannel.ca/champlain/index.php/Welcome to the Samuel de Champlain Portal](http://www.canadachannel.ca/champlain/index.php/Welcome_to_the_Samuel_de_Champplain_Portal)

Book Reviews and Descriptions

- 1) H-Canada -- http://www.h-net.org/~canada/index_en.html
Offers hundreds of reviews of recent Canadian books.
- 2) Book Catalogues of the AECB -- <http://www.aecb.org/>
Online catalogues of the Association for the Export of Canadian Books
- 3) Quill & Quire – <http://www.quillandquire.com/reviews/>
Magazine that specializes in reviewing new Canadian books.

Note: Canadian university presses post their catalogues on the web, and constitute a good source for recent releases.