

1 – [Adelaide University Electronic Texts Collection](#)

This growing collection of e-texts – currently more than 700 – includes classic works of Literature, Philosophy, Science, and Medicine.

2 – [ANU E-Print Repository](#)

From the **Australian National University** in **Canberra**, ACT (**Australian Capital Territory**). Holding over 2,460 items as of May 2005. Material from 1987 on is included. User registration (there is no charge) is required for some parts of the site. Subject Categories included: Arts, Astronomy & Astrophysics, Biological Sciences, Business and Economics, Chemistry, Electronic Publishing, Engineering, Environmental Sciences, Humanities, Law, Medicine, Physical Sciences & Mathematics and Social Sciences.

3 – [Australian e-Humanities Gateway](#)

Australian e-Humanities Gateway is an initiative of the Australian e-Humanities Network, a group funded by the Australian Research Council. The network includes representatives from the Australian Academy of the Humanities, the University of Sydney and the University of Newcastle. A portal for digital resources in humanities disciplines in Australia.

4 – [Curtin University of Technology](#)

Curtin University of Technology Institutional Repository espace@Curtin provides access to research produced by Curtin University of Technology staff and postgraduate students. Around 260 items were available as at May 2005 covering material from 1980 onwards.

[Subject Listings](#)

5 – [ePrints Queensland University of Technology](#)

An institutional archive of research papers produced at **Queensland University of Technology** by QUT staff and postgraduate students. Items now deposited span from 1984 to date, and this fast-growing new collection already offers no less than 967 of them (in May 2005).

6 – [eprints University of Melbourne](#)

The **embryonic University of Melbourne** eprint collection. The oldest item dates back to 1945. In order to access some areas of the archive, you'll need a user registration (no charge).

7 – [eprints @ University of Queensland](#)

The **University of Queensland's Digital Repository**. Covers material created since 1983, although most dates from 1998 on. Includes e-books, e-chapters, online journals, various articles, working papers, conference papers and proceedings, posters, miscellaneous research output, and pre-publication (draft) material. OAI-compliant, the repository includes research output of UQ academic

staff and postgraduate students, both before and after peer-reviewed publication. Formats used are HTML, ASCII text, PDF & Postscript.

8 – [Monash University ePrint Repository](#)

The **Monash University ePrint Repository** showcases and archives quality research output of Monash University staff. As of May 2005 it held 122 e-prints covering the period 1996-2004.

9 – [Project Gutenberg of Australia](#)

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10 – [SETIS](#)

The **Scholarly Electronic Text and Image Service** at the **University of Sydney Library**. Regarded as the leading University digital collection in Australia. Includes also the University of Sydney digital theses collection (currently around two hundred theses available). NB: While you may access many texts from the Web, a large number are commercially licensed and available only to users at the University of Sydney.

11 – [UTasER](#)

The **University of Tasmania ePrint Repository**. Research materials covering as far back as 1968 have now been deposited here. By May 2005 there were 126 of them.

Best Free Digital Libraries

1 – [Alex Catalogue of Electronic Texts](#)

Alex Catalogue of Electronic Texts is a collection of public domain documents from American and English literature as well as Western philosophy. You can search for and display texts from the collection & also search their content, & even create on-the-fly PDFs for offline reading or printing.

2 – [arXiv e-Prints](#)

Includes e-Print “preprints” in **Physics, Mathematics, Nonlinear Sciences**, and **Computer sciences**. From Cornell University with assistance from the National Science Foundation (USA), the National Institute for Theoretical Physics (USA) and the University of Adelaide (Australia).

3 – [Athena](#)

Thousands of mainly French and Swiss-authored e-texts, across a broad range of especially **Literature, Science & the Arts**. In .html & .rtf versions. Also many links to famous works in German, Dutch & English too. Prepared or linked for the Web by the University of Geneva. Expand your mind & education here.

4 – [Bartleby](#)

The **Encyclopedia of World History** and **The Harvard Classics** are among many free texts offered at this award-winning site. Many classic reference works are available here.

5 – [Bibliomania](#)

Bibliomania Offers more than 2,000 free classic texts, plus research works. In HTML format, readable by your web browser.

6 – [Bibliotheca Augustana](#)

Augustana **A Latin e-library**. Includes Bibliothecae Latina, Graeca, Germanica, Anglica, Gallica, Italica, Hispanica, Polonica et Russica. “Collectio textuum electronicorum. AppleMac et Netscape his paginis optimum visum dant. Ave Gatem et Exploratorem!” (Optimised for Netscape).

7 – [CELT \(Corpus of Electronic Texts\)](#)

Irish literary, historical & cultural texts, in Irish, Latin, Anglo-Norman French, and English. Presented in HTML, with a searchable online database. An initiative of University College, Cork, Republic of Ireland.

8 – [CogPrints](#)

Cognitive Sciences Eprint* Archive – Includes a wide variety of papers in **psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, philosophy, biology, medicine, anthropology** and **computer science**. Material dates back as far as 1950, although most of it dates since 1990. Some areas of the archive require registration, to obtain a username and password.

***Eprints** here are defined as the digital texts of peer-reviewed research articles, before and after refereeing. Before refereeing and publication, the draft is called a “preprint.” The refereed, published final draft is called a “postprint.” Eprints may include both preprints and postprints, as well as any significant drafts in between, and any post publication updates.

9 – [The Digital Library of the Commons \(DLC\)](#)

An archive of international literature on “the commons” (i.e. that which is held in common or by a community). Many useful features for both readers and contributing authors. A full-text Digital Library, a Working Paper Archive of author-submitted papers, and links to relevant references are included. Thanks to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP) & the Indiana University Graduate School. As Adobe PDF files.

10 – [Digital Library for Earth System Education \(DLESE\)](#)

DLESE Over 5,000 searchable educational resources. Items are also organized into themes or collections, broadly as environmental, geographical, geological, oceanographical and other physical sciences; space science and technology; policy and educational issues and the philosophy of science. Resources are not archived on site but in a variety of collaborating collections. Funded by the National Science Foundation (USA).

11 – [Digital Library of Information Science and Technology \(dLIST\)](#)

A repository of electronic resources in Library and Information Science (LIS) and Information Technology (IT). Contains published and unpublished papers, data sets instructional and help materials, pathfinder , reports & bibliographies. So far in English only. User registration required to access some areas in HTML or PDF.

12 – [Elfwood](#)

Elfwood is a huge, non-profit home to amateur Fantasy/Sci-Fi literature and art, plus some How -To Guides. The site holds over twenty thousand works of art & literature by over fifteen hundred Science Fiction/Fantasy artists and writers.

13 – [The E Server](#)

Bit of a mind flip might be an exaggeration, but there is certainly nothing stodgy about this large & contemporary collection of online intellectual texts & resources. Based at the University of Washington.

14 – [Electronic Text Collections in Western European Literature](#)

Links site for literary texts in Western European languages other than English. Languages include Catalan, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, French, Galician, German, Greek, Irish, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Spanish & Swedish.

15 – [Electronic Texts On The Internet](#)

A useful links page with over eighty entries.

16 – [EuroDocs](#)

Primary historical documents from Western Europe. Selected Transcriptions, Facsimiles and Translations.

17 – [Great Books Index](#)

From Aeschylus to Virginia Woolf – links to online works, in English translation, by more than 130 classic authors. Please check for any copyright restrictions (which may in a few cases apply for other than reading online). A redoubtable effort from Ken Roberts of Ontario, Canada.

18 – [Great Books and Classics](#)

Provides free HTML online versions of many famous authors from before 200 BC to the 20th Century. Linked with Amazon.com for commercial print offerings of the titles.

19 – [Internet Classics Archive](#)

More than 440 mainly Greco-Roman texts, with some Chinese and Persian. By 59 different authors. In English translation. For online reading, some downloads available.

20 – [Internet Public Library](#)

Over 20,000 free books available online. The Internet Public Library's Mission Statement says: " The Internet Public Library (IPL), is a public service organization and learning/teaching environment at the University of Michigan School of Information. The IPL Online Texts Collection contains over

20,000 titles that can be browsed by author, by title, or by Dewey Decimal Classification". For questions about the online texts collection, or how to search, please see their help page.

21 – MIT OpenCourseWare

The first stage of an ambitious & generous plan to make all Massachusetts Institute of Technology course materials available on the Internet, for free download. Materials for 500 courses have been accessible since the end of September 2003. Materials are in English, but a number are also available in Spanish & Portuguese. Presented in HTML. However courses may include Adobe Acrobat PDF files, Java Applets, Shockwave, Real Player, Java, and MATLAB files (software for all of these may be downloaded from the site's Technical Requirements page). This so far unique gift is made possible by MIT with support from the William and Flora Hewlett & Andrew W. Mellon Foundations.

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22 – National Academy Press

Read over 2,500 National Academy science, engineering, and health texts free online. You can also purchase print copies if you wish. These e-books represent the cream of U.S. research & policy opinion in these fields. Texts are presented in a fully-searchable "Open Book" format, which also allows for page browsing & internal links. Open Book" is HTML, & moreover the format is prepared so that you can send people an individual page reference as an URL. PDFs are also available. The U.S. National Academy of Sciences provides this site.

23 – Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD)

Links to digital theses/dissertations available in Australia, Canada, many European nations, Hong Kong, Taiwan & the USA.

24 – New Zealand Digital Library

Collections available include historical documents, humanitarian and development information, computer science technical reports and bibliographies, literary works, and magazines. A project of the University of Waikato, variously in HTML and PDF.

25 – Online Books Page

This University of Pennsylvania site offers access to more than 16,000 books online.

26 – Online Medieval and Classical Library

From The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle to Yvain, or The Knight With the Lion, & including such works as: The Lay of the Cid, The Song of Roland, the Nibelungenlied, Orlando Furioso, the High History of the Holy Graal, many Icelandic sagas, some Chaucer & much else besides. In HTML for reading online, or download in PKZIP v.2.04g compressed format. Thanks to Douglas B. Killings, Sun Systems & the University of California at Berkeley.

27 – Oxford Text Archive

From Oxford University, this archive was founded in 1976. High-quality, well-documented electronic texts for research and teaching. More than 2,500 resources in over 25 different languages. A premium academic resource. Public domain texts are freely available from the on-line catalogue and may be downloaded in a number of different formats. Some texts require the user to obtain the written permission of the original depositor.

28 – Pennsylvania State University Electronic Classics Site

“The Labyrinth” PSU’s e-books are presented as .pdf files (Adobe’s Portable Document Format). Read them with the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Established in 1997, the site offers many classical works of literature in English, plus original works published by Penn. State Uni.

29 – [Perseus Project](#)

A great classical digital library site, with Greek & Latin texts, commentaries, an atlas, coin images, art, archaeology and more.

30 – [Project Libellus](#)

The University of Washington, Seattle, provides this library of Latin texts, readable in your web browser. In HTML & TeX (a subset of ASCII). Thirteen classical Latin authors represented. **31**

– [Project Madurai](#)

Tamil Digital Library under preparation by voluntary effort. So far 160 works in Tamil script are available, in TSCII (Tamil Script Code for Information Interchange) format. Old Tamil classic works predominate so far.

32 – [Project Runeberg](#)

Project Runeberg publishes free electronic editions of old Nordic literature on the Internet. Since 1992. More than 200 titles, mostly in Swedish

33 – [SAIL-eprints](#)

Find scientific or technical documents, published or unpublished, in Chemistry, Physics, Engineering, Materials Sciences, Nanotechnologies, Microelectronics, Computer Sciences, Astronomy, Astrophysics, Earth Sciences, Meteorology, Oceanography Agriculture and related application activities. SAIL enables searching over 70 institutional open access archives around the world. NB: Downloading of e-documents is possible only if it is permitted on the original archive.

34 – [Soil And Health Library](#)

Free public library offering books on holistic agriculture, holistic health, self-sufficient living, and personal development.

35 – [Universal Library \(under development\)](#)

“The principal benefit of the Universal Library will be to supplement the formal education system by making knowledge available to anyone who can read and has access.” A project of Carnegie Mellon University & the governments of China & India – much of the scanning will be done in the latter two countries. The million books project will have considerable content in many Indian and Chinese languages, as well as English. **36 – [University of Virginia Electronic Text Center](#)**

Has more than 10,000 publicly accessible texts in thirteen languages (& over 164,000 publicly available images). These texts are available to web browsers, but in addition there are 2,000 + e-books available (in English) for MS Reader & Palm Reader.

37 – [Virtual Library](#)

“The Virtual Library is the oldest catalog of the web, started by Tim Berners-Lee, the creator of html and the Web itself. Unlike commercial catalogs, it is run by a loose confederation of volunteers, who compile pages of key links for particular areas in which they are expert...” Fourteen primary categories to check out, or use the search engine.

38 – [William Shakespeare](#)

Complete Works of William Shakespeare but minus his poetry at present. The plays can be read either as a continuous text or by individual scenes. For reading online, in HTML.

39 – [World eBook Library](#)

Opportunities to read or download thousands of HTML books online. Provides free, unlimited public access to a comprehensive collection of public domain texts & references, and links to thousand of on-line libraries around the world via the World Wide Web and/or Telnet. For a small annual fee, also offers access to over 60,000 PDF e-books and e-documents, plus 7,000 mp3 audio books. From the World Electronic Text Library Foundation, based in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Other Free Australian Books

1 – [Australian Institute of Marine Science Reference library](#)

This collection may be read in either HTML and/or PDF.

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Desert Wave Publishing Based in the Alice (Alice Springs, Northern Territory of Australia for our overseas readers). Provides a number of free PDF e-books in areas such as job search, training, online learning, how to e-publish yourself.

1 – [Abacci eBooks](#)

Over a thousand free e-books for the Pocket PC & the PC (LIT files formatted for Microsoft Reader). Includes Amazon.com reviews. A selection of both classic & lesser-known works, thanks to site owner Peter Shanks, who personally formatted many. [Titles](#)

2 – [Baen Free Library](#)

Commercial bookstore offers free e-books in HTML Ms Reader, Palm, Rocket & RTF formats. Registration requested.

3 – [Bookrags](#)

1,500 classic titles available, for Palm or other handheld devices.

4 – [Dr Jack Cross's Electronic Archive](#)

A collection of Dr Jack Cross's writings, plus major historical works deposited with the Bodleian Library. Many are PDFs. Under "Fragments of our Lives: Primary Sources" includes many of the seminal historical source documents of the modern Western world, from Homer's The Odyssey and The Iliad, & The History of Herodotus to The Anglo Saxon Chronicle and key works by Dante, Milton, Goethe, Darwin and many more.

5 – [Elegant Solutions Software & Publishing Company](#)

Elegant Solutions Software & Publishing Company have a great free e- book site, with books downloadable to your PC: Motto: "Ebooks for people who think". Don't forget to check out Kate's page or the children's page there, for wonderful classic tales for young & old. [Titles](#)

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7 – [InTechOpen!](#)

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8 – [Literature @ SunSITE](#)

Collection of digital literary texts from famous, mostly U.S. authors. May be read online, printed, or downloaded for further study.

9 – [Litrix Reading Room](#)

Features works of **literature in English**, including **classics, mystery, horror, sci-fi, westerns, Sherlock Holmes, Americana**. In HTML. For reading online, or save each chapter to read offline in your web browser. Thanks to novelist Stan Jones of Anchorage, Alaska.

10 – [Lysator Free e-books](#)

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