Orkney Library & Archive – Online Resources

with focus on Oxford Reference

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Orkney Library and Archive has some great online resources
**E-Books & Audiobooks**

- **Borrowbox** (PIN / Password provided by library)*1
- Theory Test
- Oxford English Dictionary
- Very Short Introductions
- Scran (Historic Environment Scotland) *2
- Who else Writes Like...? *2
- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography *3
- Which? (library premises only)
- Scottish Local History Directory
- Oxford Reference *3
- Oxford Dictionaries (English and Spanish) *3
- Oxford Research Encyclopedias *3
- Oxford Bibliographies *3
- Access to Research (library premises only)

*1 Library ID / Barcode to log in & PIN / Password
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*3 Barcode number prefixed with ‘orkn’
*4 Email and password login (Orkney Library to set up account)
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All Oxford Online resources require you to login by typing ORKIN followed by your library card number.

Please note - certain resources are only available from within Library premises.

Enjoy the benefits of library membership from the comfort of home. Library Online provides 24/7 access to a wide range of free resources. Answer queries, search our catalogue, download audio and eBooks, and much more.
Quick Reference & Reference Library

25 subject areas; 2 million digitized entries from OUP’s dictionaries, companions & encyclopedias

Create a personal profile
(Login through Orkney library before logging in to your profile)

Keyword searching

Easy to browse by subject
Printing, Saving, CITATIONS, emailing and adding content to your profile
Searching

Refine your search by:

- Adding search terms
- Availability
- Reference type
  - Dictionaries
  - Subject reference
  - Overviews
- By subject
- By content set
  - Quick reference
  - Reference library

Click on the keyword headings to be taken to the article
or
Click on the book image or title to go to the full book
Timelines

Can refine by subject area

Drama: 484 BCE - 1998
Reference type: Timeline
Current Version: 2012
Aeschylus wins the prize for tragedy at the City Dionysia in Athens

English Literature: 751 - 2000
Reference type: Timeline
Current Version: 2012
The Venerable Bede. In his monastery at Jarrow, completes his history of the English church and people

Fiction: 1001 - 2000
Reference type: Timeline
Current Version: 2012
Japanese author Karasawa Shizuhachi produces, in The Tale of Genji, a book which can be considered the world's first novel.

French Literature: c. 1100 - 1994
Reference type: Timeline
Current Version: 2012

Timeline: Fiction
Years: 1001 - 2000
Subject: Literature
Publisher: HistoryWorld
Online Publication Date: 2012

Year
Event
560 BC
Japanese author Shintani Shizuhachi produces, in The Tale of Genji, a book which can be considered the world's first novel.

1465
Spanish author Miguel de Cervantes publishes the first part of the satirically comic novel Don Quixote.

1668
Apache Geba novel Cegnacala makes an early protest against the inhumane treatment of the African slave trade.

1709
David Copperfield's Robinson Crusoe, with its detailed realism, can be seen as the first English novel.

1747
Samuel Richardson's Clarissa begins the correspondence that proves into the longest novel in the English language.

1749
Henry Fielding introduces a character of_sentiment_in the novel but good-hearted Tom Jones.

1759
Voltaire publishes Candide, a satire on optimism prompted by the Lisbon earthquake of 1755.

2000
Jonathan Swift publishes the first two volumes of Gulliver's Travels, beginning with the visit to the giants' republic.
A small selection of the 549 of titles available via Oxford Reference
It is worth spending the time to explore the Orkney Library Online sources as they are a valuable resource for staff and pupils to tap into.

To have FREE access to the likes of Oxford Reference, Oxford English Dictionary Online, Oxford Dictionary of National Bibliography is, to be honest, amazing

Warning!
Watch out as you may get lost in browsing and playing around with everything. A presentation can’t show you everything.

Whilst you are browsing the reference resources, don’t forget to sign up for BorrowBox (eBooks and audiobooks) and Freegal (music) as well.

Explore, read, learn, and enjoy!

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