

# **ELECTRONIC TEXT RESOURCES**

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*Following is a list of websites which provide access to a variety of electronic text materials. These materials range from classic literature to current newsletters, journals and magazines. Many of these materials can be downloaded for free. At the end of this list is a tutorial on how to download a text file.*

## **Alex: A Catalog of Electronic Texts on the Internet**

<http://www.infomotions.com/alex/>

This site contains provides a directory of electronic text materials.

## **Books on the Internet**

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/Libs/PCL/Etext.html>

A good directory of over 17,500 books available on the Internet. Links to books are provided.

## **Bookshare.org**

<http://bookshare.org>

This website offers both free access to public domain materials and membership access to copyrighted materials

## **Children's Literature Web Guide (University of Calgary)**

<http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/>

This site features Internet resources related to books for children and young adults.

## **The Electronic Text Center**

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/english.html>

This site provides an extensive listing of prose and poetry e-text available for downloading.

## **The English Server**

<http://eserver.org>

This site lists over 30,000 texts in the humanities with links to associated sites.

## **EpistemeLinks: Philosophy Resources on the Internet**

<http://www.epistemelinks.com>

This site provides thousands of links to resources devoted to philosophy including the Oxford Companion to Philosophy.

## **Folklore and Mythology**

<http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/folktexts.html>

This site offers a collection of folk tales organized by country, culture or category of story.

## **Fritchi's Assistive Technology Resources**

<http://fritschi.home.mindspring.com/etexts.html>

This web page provides a directory of electronic books.

## **HighBeam Research**

<http://www.highbeam.com/library/index.asp?>

This research site taps a large number of on-line resources including magazines, encyclopedias, journals, images, and sounds. A subscription is required.

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## **Historical Text Archive**

<http://historicaltextarchive.com>

This is a directory of historical resources organized by geography, nations and topics.

## **Institute for Learning Technologies: Digital Text Projects**

<http://www.ilt.columbia.edu/publications/digitext.html>

E-text source for academic text

## **IPL Online Texts collection**

<Http://www.ipl.org/reading/books>

This site includes over 16,000 ebooks that can be browsed by author, title or Dewey Classification. It also includes links to other collections.

## **KidPub WWW Publishing**

<http://www.kidpub.org/kidpub/>

The KidPub Web site hosts thousands of stories written by children all around the world.

## **Knowledge Rush.com**

[www.knowledgerush.com](http://www.knowledgerush.com)

A great source for public domain texts.

## **Literature Online**

<http://lion.chadwyck.com/marketing/index.jsp>

This fully searchable library includes over 250,000 works of English and American literature.

## **Net Library.com**

[www.netlibrary.com](http://www.netlibrary.com)

This is a network of participating local libraries which provide access to many types of electronic text

## **On-Line Books Page**

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>

The On-Line Books Page is a directory of books that can be read right on the Internet. It includes: an index of thousands of on-line books on the Internet, and pointers to significant directories and archives of on-line texts and special programs.

## **Perseus Digital Library**

<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu>

This site offers a digital library of resources for studying the ancient world. It includes hundreds of texts by the major ancient authors.

## **Project Gutenberg**

<http://www.gutenberg.org/catalog>

This site includes most public domain literature and references in downloadable formats. See the instructions on the next page that describe the procedure for downloading files from this site.

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## Tutorial: How to Download a text file from Project Gutenberg

*Following is an example of how to download a text file from one of the above website resources. For the purpose of this example we will use Project Gutenberg. Other sites may have different procedures but the basic principle is the same.*

1. Open your web browser, type the URL for Project Gutenberg < <http://www.gutenberg.org/catalog/>> and press return (enter).
2. Under **Browse by Author or Title or Language** use the alphabetical index or language index to browse the library by author, title or language.
3. Scroll through the list until you see the name of the author or title you are seeking. If browsing by author, click the name of the author to view books by that author.
4. Click to select the title of a book or article. A library catalog entry for that book will appear.
5. Under Download, click one of the download links to download the book. Select the text (.txt) version of the file unless you know that you have the software needed to expand the zipped file (.zip). It takes a few moments to download.
6. To copy the entire text file choose **Select All** under the Edit menu. (Or, click and drag with your mouse to select a portion of the text.

Note: To locate the text of the book itself you must scroll down a few pages beyond the introductory information.

7. Select **Copy** under the edit menu.
8. Open a word processor and paste the text.