Searching the Campus Digital Archives

Like our University Archives and Special Collections, the Campus Digital Archives preserves the cultural and academic heritage of the University of Regina. The Digital Archives contains newsletters, research reports, presentations, and more. In addition, the Digital Archives site provides a gateway to OAIster, a union catalogue of digital resources from other Universities. Over 1000 libraries currently contribute digitized documents to OAIster. These documents include full-text theses and dissertations, interviews, newsletters, journal articles.

The documents contained in the Campus Digital Archives are accessible through any search engine such as Google or Yahoo as well as through the Archer Library Web site. This Guide is intended to introduce you to searching both the Campus Digital Archives and OAIster using our web site as the access point. We'll look at two approaches to searching the Campus Digital Archives and one example of searching OAIster. You may want to do each step in this pathfinder on a computer. You'll learn a lot more that way than you will by just reading it! We think you'll find it time well spent and we hope you'll visit the digital archives often since more documents are being added daily!

To begin, you need to access the Archive. Go to the Library Home page and click on the Campus Digital Archive link.
Here's what the introductory page to the **Campus Digital Archive** looks like:

Use search options on the left hand side to search the University of Regina Campus Digital Archives. The **Help** button provides links to searching techniques.

Search option on the right hand side allows you to search the digital repositories of other academic libraries.

### BROWSE:

Browsing is a great way to get an idea of the strength and breadth of the Campus Digital Collection. Let's look at one of the **Browse** options. Click on **Communities & Collections**.

**Note:** You can **Browse by Subjects**. Be aware, however, that not all records in the Digital Archives have subject headings assigned to them. Therefore, if you use Browse by Subject, you may wish to use another search option in addition.
As you browse in **Communities and Collections**, you’ll get an idea of which departments and faculties have documents posted in the Digital Archives. For our example, let’s go down to the **Department of Economics**. Click on the **Discussion Papers link** under that department in order to see those documents.
You are now in the **Department of Economics Discussion papers** section. You could search for something specific within that area by using keywords or you can continue browsing. Let’s continue browsing by clicking on **Titles**. Doing so brings up all the titles in the Discussion papers series of the Department of Economics.

**Note: Browsing by Subjects.** Browsing by **Subject** retrieves items only if they have assigned subject headings. Not all records in the Archives have these headings.

**Browse by Titles** produces a list of all documents in the Discussion papers series. Click on any Title to view the record.

Click on hyperlink to view bibliographic record.
Once you are in a specific record, you will find a link to the full-text document. Click on that link to view the document.

SEARCH DSpace: Enter a keyword(s) in the “Search DSpace” box to find any documents in the Digital Archives that relate to a particular topic. For this example, let’s search for documents on pain issues with elderly people. Type the terms **pain elderly** into the text box and click **Go**.
Click on the Title hyperlink to go to the complete record.

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**Note:** Searching for more materials. In addition to the full-text files in the Digital Archives, you will also find that many records provide links that allow you to repeat your search in our Library catalogue [Voyager] and in a union catalogue called WorldCat. Click on the link to either one to search for materials on similar topics.

Click here to search WorldCat.

Click here to search for similar materials in the U. of R. Library catalogue.

Full text file.
**SEARCH OAIster:** Use the initial search box on the main page of the Campus Digital Archives for simple searches consisting of one or a couple of terms. To access a more advanced search template, click on the OAIster picture.

Enter simple search terms here and click SEARCH.

In the example below, we have accessed the advanced search template. We’re looking for information on Aboriginal health in Canada. First, click on the Search function. Get more help with searching by checking the Help screen.
Enter search terms in text boxes and click **Search**.

This search produced 32 hits. Click the URL link in any record to view the full-text document. Below is the first of the thirty-two records retrieved. Click on the URL to view the full-text of that record.
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