

e-Books at UNL

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In the library

- We have over 35,000 electronic books now available to faculty, staff and students.
- The books are cataloged in our on-line system (IRIS), just like our print materials.
- The catalog record includes the web address. From the catalog record, you can click on the record and get the text of the e-book.
- Many of our e-books are from NetLibrary.
- These items can be "checked-out" or used for 48 hours - then the book becomes available to the next patron.

In the library

- We also have a large number of computer manuals and texts available on-line.
- These are very popular with our students as the material is up-to-date.
- We prefer on-line books for these kinds of materials so we do not have a large number of out-of-date computer manuals on our shelves.

In the library

- Over 150 indexes
- Over 15,000 full-text journals available
- Well over 75,000 images
- Many reference books available online (well over 100)
- Well suited to the on-line environment, as they are keyword searchable.

Caveat

- We have found that some eBooks are not exact copies of former print titles.
- Ex: we have an agriculture book for 1926 where the text is on-line but none of the pictures are included.
- In the original print version, the illustrations of the plants, etc. are very important to the text.

UNL e-Books

- The library creates e-Books by digitizing materials from their Special Collections that are important to our scholars, and not covered by copyright.

<http://libr.unl.edu:2000/>

- UNL has made the Journals of Lewis and Clark available on-line through a federal grant working with the Nebraska Press.

<http://lewisandclarkjournals.unl.edu/>

- On the site we are able to add audio and multi-media files to enhance the print materials.

<http://libr.unl.edu:2000/etextcenter/etcarchives.html>

Electronic Text Center
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Digital Projects

Scholarly Editions Online:

Willa Cather Archive: Images, text, manuscript, and critical materials that document and contextualize the work of author Willa Cather (b.1873-d.1947).

Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition: An online, searchable conflated edition based on editor Gary E. Moulton's work published by the University of Nebraska Press and the UNL Center for Great Plains Studies. The site includes related multimedia and scholarly works.

Walt Whitman Archive: An electronic research and teaching tool that sets out to make Whitman's vast work easily and conveniently accessible to scholars, students, and general readers.

Other Electronic Projects:

The Plains Humanities Alliance is dedicated to preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the Great Plains region. It is one of nine **NEH**-designated centers that make up the Consortium of Regional Humanities Centers.

Western Waters: The Platter River Basin in Nebraska is a collection of online



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The Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Online makes available the text of the celebrated Nebraska edition of the Lewis and Clark journals, edited by [Gary E. Moulton](#). Moulton's edition—the most accurate and inclusive edition ever published—is one of the most important scholarly achievements of the late twentieth century.

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Multimedia

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Read the Journals

[General Introduction](#)

[First entry](#) dated August 30, 1803

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[Lewis and Clark on the Great Plains: A Natural History](#)

by Paul A. Johnsgard

["The Journals of Lewis and Clark: Almost Home"](#)

by Gary E. Moulton

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Example of Lewis & Clark video extras



In Blackboard

- Many courses have purchased publisher content, and load into Blackboard environment via “course cartridge”
 - Often **large** .pdf or .ppt format, poorly suited to modem users and eats up unnecessary filesystem. Need better optimization
 - Between multiple sections or semesters, content is copied – not re-referenced, which can waste significant filesystem space, and put unnecessary load on system
 - Course Cartridge system is inconsistent and problematic – looking forward to Chalk Titles

Summary

- We purchase, as well as create, e-books as part of our digital initiatives work.
- We catalog them just like print materials so they can be found in our regular catalog.