

# Accessible Archives User Manual

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## SEARCHING

*Accessible Archives* databases utilize your search terms as well as the search operators, AND, OR, and NOT. Search queries are not case sensitive. At all times either upper-case or lower-case (or combinations of either) may be used.

Single or multiple words or a complete phrase may be entered in the search box.

### **Search Terms (single words, phrases)**

Single term entered in the search box: the term will be searched as entered.

**EXAMPLE:** *genealogy*

System searches for the word, *genealogy*.

Multiple terms entered in the search box without a search operator: the system automatically inserts the 'AND' operator.

**EXAMPLE:** *civil war*

System searches for the term *civil* AND ed with the term *war*.

Multiple terms to be searched as a phrase: the entire phrase must be enclosed within double quote marks.

**EXAMPLE:** "*civil war*"

System searches for the two words together, in that order.

Any combination of single terms or phrases can be searched using the search operators.

## Search Operators

Boolean search operators, AND, OR, NOT, combine entered concepts.

AND finds where the terms occur together and helps to narrow results.

Multiple search terms may be entered using AND to tie all the concepts together:

**EXAMPLES: slavery and "underground railroad"**

System retrieves documents containing both terms

**"underground railroad" AND slavery**

System retrieves articles containing the phrase and the single term.

**AND** is the default operator in the *Accessible Archives* databases and is assumed if no operator is entered between terms or phrases. Entry of the following will yield the same results:

**"Underground Railroad" AND slavery**

**"Underground Railroad" slavery**

**OR** gathers together the terms and broadens the results. Either or both of the terms (but at least one) may be present in the publications retrieved.

**EXAMPLE: "Underground Railroad" OR slavery**

System retrieves articles containing the phrase or the single term or both.

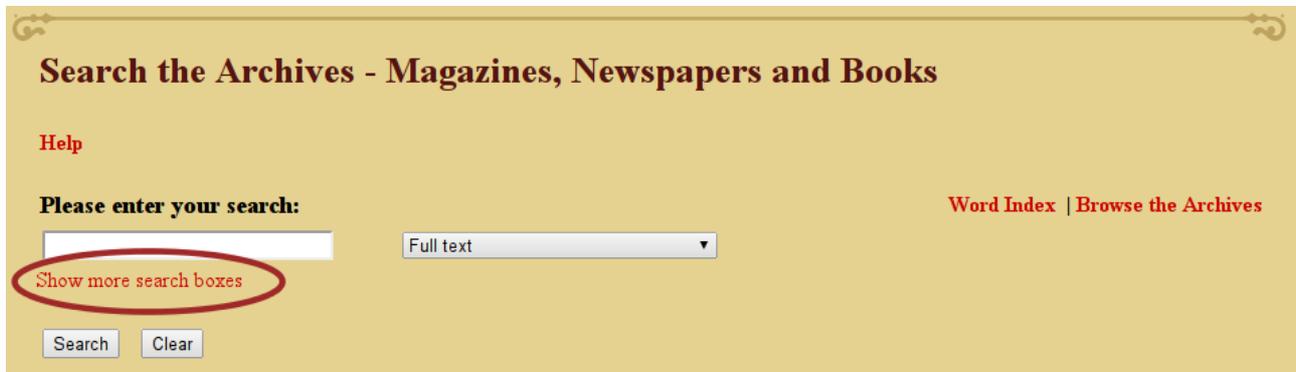
**NOT** helps to narrow the search by excluding the particular term entered after the operator from the search.

**EXAMPLE: "Lutheran Church" NOT schools**

System retrieves articles with information about the Lutheran Church but not including information about schools

## Adding Search Boxes

*Accessible Archives* allows the user to add search boxes, allowing for complex searches using multiple operators. Simply clicking on the link, [Show more search boxes](#), opens additional search boxes and displays radio buttons for the three operators.



**Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books**

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Please enter your search: [Word Index](#) | [Browse the Archives](#)

[Show more search boxes](#)

While the default for the radio buttons is the OR operator, it is easily changed by clicking on the radio button for the needed operator. The search is processed in the order of the boxes from top to bottom.

If multiple concepts are to be ORed together and then combined with an additional concept, enter the ORed concepts first and choose the AND operator in the following search box. Concepts that are to be excluded from the search using NOT should always be entered last.

EXAMPLE: Information on Benjamin Franklin, as a printer or as an ambassador, but not from *The Pennsylvania Gazette*:

The screenshot shows a search interface titled "Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books". It features a search box with the text "printer" and a dropdown menu set to "Full text". Below this is a link "Hide added search boxes". There are three more search boxes, each with a dropdown menu set to "Full text". The first has "ambassador", the second has "'Benjamin Franklin'", and the third has "pub\_title: 'The Pennsylvania Gazette'". Between the search boxes are radio buttons for logical operators: AND, OR, and NOT. The "OR" operator is selected for the first two boxes, and the "AND" operator is selected for the last two boxes. At the bottom of the search area are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. In the top right corner, there are links for "Word Index" and "Browse the Archives".

The search is processed as: **((printer OR ambassador) AND "Benjamin Franklin") NOT pub\_title: "The Pennsylvania Gazette"**

If multiple search boxes are no longer needed, they may be 'hidden' by clicking on the [Hide added search boxes](#) link.

### Retrieving Too Many Results

Up to 50,000 results per search are retrieved. If the search strategy is too broad, the system will respond with the message:

**Too many results to display: XXXXXX** (where XXXXXX is the number of results retrieved).

For example, a search of "newspaper" retrieves well over 94,000 results, too many to explore and/or review.

For searches that retrieve too many items, combine search topics using the AND operator to help narrow the results or use the various Limiters - Publication Type, Source, Dates of publication - which appear on the main search page.

## Timing Out

The system will 'time out' and terminate a session, if no activity is detected after **20** minutes. To continue searching, login again (or return to the search screen if IP authenticated).

## STOP WORDS

In other databases, stop words (or "noise words") are words that are so commonly used they are not indexed for searching (e.g. - "an", "the", "so", etc.) Because of the uniqueness of the documents in the *Accessible Archives* databases, which in many instances use language no longer in common usage, there are **no** stop words. Every word is searchable in the databases.

## SYMBOLS AS OPERATORS AND NUMBERS/SYMBOLS AS SEARCH TERMS

Although it's **not** recommended, two symbols can be used as search operators. The plus sign (+) can be used to represent the AND operator and the minus sign (-) can represent the NOT operator. There is no symbol to represent the OR operator.

*Reminder: if no operator appears in the search box (either by word or symbol), the system assumes the AND operator.*

Numbers are all directly searchable. A particular year may be entered in the search box and used in combination with other terms.

**EXAMPLE: "Abraham Lincoln" + (1861 OR 1862)**

Searching a year as the only search term is **not** recommended.

Other symbols such as the dollar sign - \$ , colon - : , and semi-colon - ; may be entered as part of a search query, but are not processed by the system.

## KEYWORD SEARCHING

Keyword searching (also known as free-text searching) automatically retrieves the words or phrases from **all** fields if no specific field(s) is indicated. (See the [FIELDS](#) section for more information)

## PHRASE SEARCHING

To search for a specific phrase, the phrase **must** be enclosed within double quote marks - " ". If single quote marks are used, the system will ignore the marks and search each term independently and apply the operator AND between each term. Phrases searched within specific search fields must also be enclosed by double quote marks.

### EXAMPLES:

- "plantation system" yields 10 documents - correct entry to search a phrase
- 'plantation system' yields 2958 documents - single quotes are ignored and the query is searched as *plantation AND system*
- plantation system yields 2958 documents - searched as *plantation AND system*
- art\_title:universal suffrage
- author\_name:herman melville

## TRUNCATION & WILDCARDS

Because of the nature of the content in *Accessible Archives*, there are variant and archaic spellings in the documents. Using truncation and wildcard symbols allows for searching of multi-variant spellings, unknown characters, and multiple word endings. At least three characters plus the symbol are required.

### Truncation

Truncation allows for searching of documents that contain the same word root. Use an asterisk - \* to indicate truncation. The asterisk may be used at the end of a word or part of a word to retrieve unlimited suffix variations:

### EXAMPLES:

- **SETTLE\*** retrieves *SETTLE, SETTLES, SETTLEMENT, SETTLEMENTS* as well as any other term that begins with 'SETTLE'
- **GEO\*** retrieves documents with the terms *GEO, GEORGE, GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA* as well as any other term that begins with 'GEO'
- **AN\*STHETIC\*** will find *ANESTHETIC, ANEASTHETIC, ANUSTHETIC, ANESTHETICS, ANAESTHETICS, ANESTHETICAL*, etc.

## Wildcard

Use a question mark - **?** as the wildcard symbol either inside or at the end of a term to substitute for a single character.

### EXAMPLES:

- **WOM?N** searches for WOMAN or WOMEN
- **WOMEN?** searches for WOMEN or WOMENS

## PROXIMITY SEARCHING

Proximity searching allows for the location of one term within a designated number of terms from a second term, in either direction. Use the tilde - ~ after the phrase, indicating a number from 1 to 5, without any spaces. This feature cannot be used with single term searches.

### EXAMPLES:

- "**railroad crossings**"~5 finds the term *railroad* and the term *crossings* within 5 words of one another in either direction
- "**free slaves**"~ 3 finds the term *free* and the term *slaves* within 3 words of one another, in either direction

In the first example, "*railroad crossings*"~5 retrieves documents that have the terms following each other (e.g. - The work on the Wilmington and Reading **railroad** at ChaddFord is progressing finely. **Crossings** were put down on Friday last...) as well as where the terms are reversed (e.g. - ...constructed at **crossings** of Illinois Southern Railroad...)

## CASE SENSITIVITY

*Accessible Archives* is **not** case-sensitive. Entry of terms or operators using upper-case, lower-case or any combination of the two will not affect search results.

## FIELDS

Documents in *Accessible Archives* are searchable by specific Fields.

There are 3 ways to search using the specific Fields:

1 - Use the field drop-down options located to the right of the search box. Choose a particular limit by scrolling down the list and clicking.



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Fields searchable via drop-down selections next to search box:

- Title
- Author
- Publisher \*
- State \*\*
- County \*\*
- Image Type\*\*\*
- Image Description\*\*\*

\* Books and American County Histories only

\*\* American County Histories only

\*\*\* *Godey's Lady's Book* only

2 – Three fields - Publication Type, Source and Dates of Publication - are also provided as Search Limiters in the lower part of the main search page (See SEARCH LIMITERS for additional information.)

*Searches are run against all documents in your subscription unless you restrict to particular sources or dates. You may choose multiple sources from the drop-down list.*

**Restrict documents by:**

**Publication Type:**  (dropdown menu: All, Newspapers and Magazines, Books, American County Histories)

**Source:**  (dropdown menu: African American Newspapers, American County Histories, The American Republican, The Charleston Mercury, Chester & Delaware Federalist)

**Dates of publication:**  to  (yyyy-mm-dd)

3 - Use the field indicator in the search box. Enter the field name followed by a colon and then the term to be searched. A space after the colon is not needed yet will not affect the results if used.

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[Show more search boxes](#)

NOTE: Not all fields are available for searching in all documents. Certain fields are unique to particular sources.

Directly searchable fields are listed below:

- Article Title (art\_title)
- Author (author\_name)
- Book Title (book\_title)\*
- Chapter Title (chapter\_title)\*
- Collection (collection)
- County (county)\*\*
- Image Type (image\_type)\*\*\*
- ISO Date (iso\_date)
- Publication Date (pub\_date)
- Publication Title (pub\_title)
- Publisher (publisher)\*
- State (state)\*\*

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\*\* American County Histories only

\*\*\* *Godey's Lady's Book* only

## Article Title

Choose Title in the drop-down box next to the search box. The system then searches for the term(s) in the article title, book title and chapter title fields.

An alternative method of searching titles is to manually enter the field name as shown below. The complete article title does not need to be entered when searching the Article Title field. The system retrieves articles that contain the exact characters, as entered, where they are a part of the title or the complete title.



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art\_title:"Underground Railroad" Full text

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**EXAMPLE:** art\_title: "underground railroad"

## Author

Choose **Author** in the drop-down box next to the search box to begin.

Or use the field name entered manually. The complete author's name or just the last name may be searched. Using the complete name will retrieve more exact results.

### EXAMPLE:

- author\_name:irving retrieves 113 documents
- author\_name:washington irving retrieves 9 documents

## Book Title

Search book titles by entering the term(s) or phrase(s) in the search box, then using the drop-down box and selecting **Title**. Searching by book title will restrict the search to those books contained in *Accessible Archives* and will automatically exclude newspaper and magazine article content.

Alternatively, enter the search using the field name **book\_title**. Searching can be done with either the complete book title or words from the book title.

### EXAMPLE:

```
book_title:"NARRATIVE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS, DIRECTED,  
DURING THE LATE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES"
```

This will retrieve the exact titled book. It is important to contain the exact title within double quotes; otherwise the system will search for each term individually and use the AND operator between each term.

If the author of the book is known but only one word of the book title, a search can be done using both fields. This can be done by entering the entire query in the single search box and using the field indications and the operator AND.

### EXAMPLE:

```
author_name:Johnston and book_title:narrative
```

The search can also be done by showing the additional search boxes, entering each field in a separate search box and clicking on the radio button for the operator AND:

When results are displayed from a book title search, the results list will contain the entire book, listing each chapter separately, allowing for the browsing of the individual chapters.

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**Please enter your search:** [Word Index](#) | [Browse the Archives](#)

author\_name:johnston Full text

Hide added search boxes

AND  OR  NOT

book\_title:narrative Full text

AND  OR  NOT

Full text

AND  OR  NOT

Full text

## Chapter Title

Each chapter of a book is considered an individual document. Searching for terms in a chapter title can be done by indicating the field qualifier, **chapter\_title**, in the search box, followed by a colon and the term (or phrase contained in double quotes) and indicating the Publication Type, **Books**.

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*Searches are run against all documents in your subscription unless you restrict to particular sources or dates. You may choose multiple sources from the drop-down list.*

*Restrict documents by:*

**Publication Type:**

- All
- Newspapers and Magazines
- Books**
- American County Histories

A broader search for terms in a chapter title, can be done by entering the search query as described above, and by selecting **Title** in the drop-down box next to the search box, which searches **art\_title**, **book\_title**, and **chapter\_title** fields.

## Collection

There are a number of unique collections within *Accessible Archives*. Your subscription will dictate the collections to which you have access.

When Collection searching is performed, you will be searching all of the publications within that collection. Therefore it is **strongly recommended** that all collection searching be set up in conjunction with other search parameters, i.e., combining the collection with another qualifier (subject-type term, author, keyword, etc.). Otherwise in most cases, you will retrieve more citations than can be displayed if you search a collection alone.

A search within a particular collection can easily be done by entering the term or phrase in the search box and choosing the collection from the **Source** drop-down box.

Alternatively, enter the field qualifier, **collection:**, the title of the collection, followed by the operator AND, with the term or phrase to be searched either in the single search box or by entering the collection and term (or phrase) in the separate search boxes and using the radio button for the operator AND.



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collection:godey's lady's book Full text

[Hide added search boxes](#)

AND  OR  NOT

"west indies" Full text

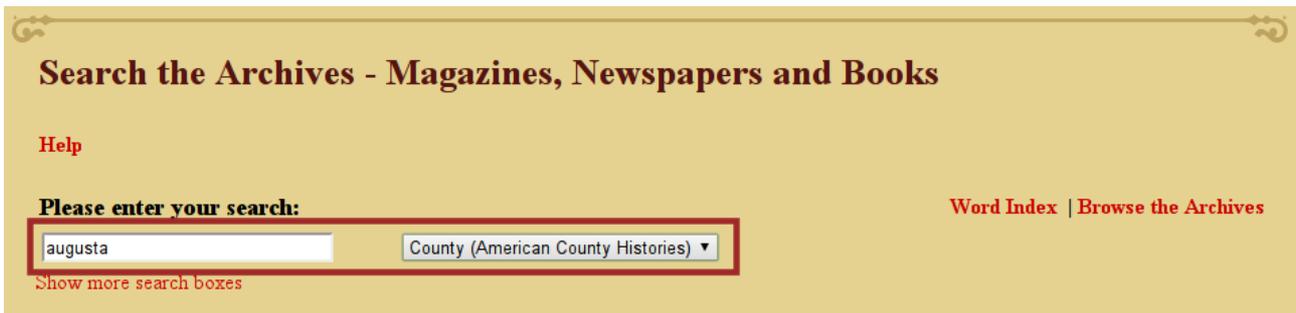
The current list of collections available is visible by clicking on the *Collections* link at the top of each screen.

## Counties

The **county** Field is only applied in the collection, *American County Histories to 1900*. The complete list of counties is available for view by clicking on the *Collections* link at the top of each screen and scrolling down to the *Complete County List by State* link.

There are 3 ways that a county search can be done:

1 - use the drop-down box to the right of the search box to select *County (American County Histories)*



The screenshot shows a search interface with a yellow background. At the top, it says "Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books". Below that is a "Help" link. The main search area has a text input field containing "augusta" and a dropdown menu set to "County (American County Histories)". To the right of the search area are links for "Word Index" and "Browse the Archives". Below the search box is a link that says "Show more search boxes".

2 - Choose **Publication Type, American County Histories**. This will open additional limiters (State and County), and then choose the county from the drop-down list.



The screenshot shows the "Restrict documents by:" section of the search interface. It includes several filter options: "Publication Type" with a dropdown menu showing "All", "Newspapers and Magazines", "Books", and "American County Histories" (selected); "Source" with a dropdown menu showing "American County Histories" (selected); "Dates of publication" with two input fields and a "to" label, followed by "(yyyy-mm-dd)"; "State" with a dropdown menu showing "CT", "DE", "FL", and "GA" (selected); and "Counties" with a dropdown menu showing "Carroll", "Clinch", "Dougherty", and "Floyd" (selected).

3 - use the field qualifier, **county:** in the search box

**EXAMPLES:**

- **county:baltimore**
- **county:augusta**

NOTE: Searches for New Castle county, Delaware, must be entered without a space between the county name as follows:

**county:newcastle**

In the instance where a county name may be the same in more than one state, enter both the **state** field qualifier and the **county** field qualifier.

**EXAMPLE:**

**state:pa and county:cumberland**

Without indicating the particular state as in the example, the search for Cumberland County would yield results for Cumberland County in Maine and New Jersey, as well as Pennsylvania.

As there are multiple cases where different states have the same county names, it is best to use *both* the county name and the state name when searching. If the state name is not known, simply browse the results. Once a result is found with the particular state of interest, re-run the search using the county and state.

## Image Type

Image Type searching is available only in *Godey's Lady's Book*.

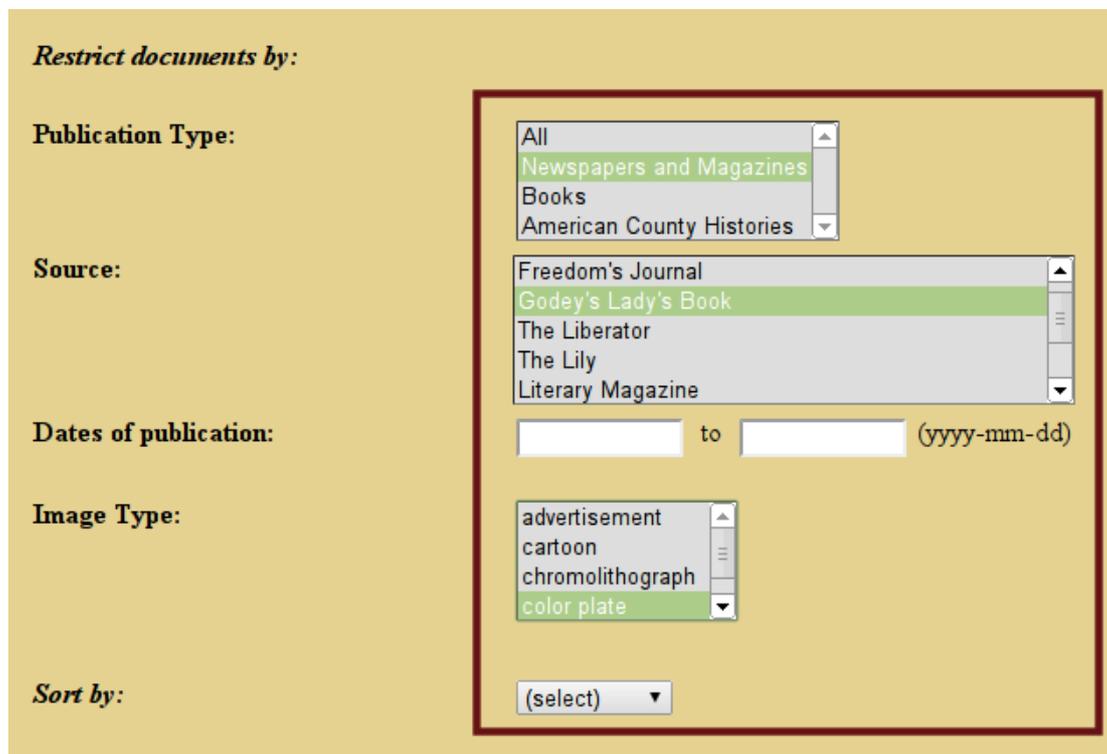
There are three ways that an Image Type search can be done:

1 - use the drop-down box to the right of the search box to select **Image Type**



The screenshot shows the search interface for the Archives. The title is "Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books". There is a "Help" link. Below the title, it says "Please enter your search:". There is a search box containing the text "engraving" and a dropdown menu set to "Image Type". Below the search box is a link "Show more search boxes". There are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. On the right side, there are links for "Word Index" and "Browse the Archives".

2- under **Source**, choose *Godey's Lady's Book*. This will open the Image Type drop-down box, and then choose the particular image type from the list.



The screenshot shows the "Restrict documents by:" section. It has several fields: "Publication Type" with a dropdown menu showing "All", "Newspapers and Magazines", "Books", and "American County Histories"; "Source" with a dropdown menu showing "Freedom's Journal", "Godey's Lady's Book", "The Liberator", "The Lily", and "Literary Magazine"; "Dates of publication" with two input boxes and a "to" label, followed by "(yyyy-mm-dd)"; "Image Type" with a dropdown menu showing "advertisement", "cartoon", "chromolithograph", and "color plate"; and "Sort by" with a dropdown menu showing "(select)".

3 - use the field qualifier, **image\_type:** in the search box

**EXAMPLES:**

- **image\_type: engraving**
- **image\_type: "color plate"**

(Note that an image type that is more than one word must be enclosed in double quotes.)

The image types used in *Godey's Lady's Book* are:

- advertisement
- cartoon
- chromolithograph
- color plate
- color plate, fashion
- drawing
- engraving
- fashion plate
- illustration
- map
- mezzotint
- sheet music
- table
- woodcut

## ISO Date

ISO (International Organization for Standardization) Date format is the standard way which expresses a numeric calendar date and thereby eliminates ambiguity. The elements are represented from the largest to the smallest, YYYY-MM-DD, where YYYY is the year in the Gregorian calendar, MM is the month of the year between 01 (January) and 12 (December) and DD is the day of the month between 01 and 31.

### EXAMPLES:

- `iso_date:18650510` = May 10, 1865
- `iso_date:18601207` = December 7, 1860

NOTE: the number does not have to be enclosed in quote marks. If used, they will not change the search results.

Use the complete date when searching with the **iso\_date:** field qualifier.

If only partial date information is known, use the **pub\_date:** field qualifier or the **Dates of Publication** search Limiter (See Search Limiters).

## Publication Date

If only partial publication date information is known, use the **pub\_date:** field qualifier. Searching this field may be done using any portion of the date - day, month, year - or any combination of these elements. The specific day of the week is not part of the **pub\_date:** field.

### EXAMPLES:

- `pub_date:1856` - all publications in the *Archives* from a specific year
- `pub_date:"january, 1856"` - all publications in the *Archives* from a specific month in a specific year
- `pub_date:"january 9, 1856"` - all publications in the *Archives* from a specific month, day and year
- `pub_date:"9, 1856"` - all publications in the *Archives* from a specific day of ANY month in a specific year

## Publication Title

All of the publications contained in *Accessible Archives* may be searched by title, using the **pub\_title:** field qualifier. The publication titles may be searched directly or may be used to restrict the retrieval when searching a topic.

Publication titles can be searched using the complete title or the partial title. Using the complete title retrieves results from that specific publication. Using a partial title retrieves a larger set of results, many times resulting in the message, **Too many results to display**. To avoid retrieving too large a set of results, combine the publication title word with additional search topics.

### EXAMPLES:

- **pub\_title:"Vincennes Weekly Gazette"** - Retrieves results only from this particular publication (multi-term title must be enclosed in quote marks)
- **pub\_title:vincennes** - Retrieves all publications with this term in the title and results in too large a result set to display
- **pub\_title:vincennes and courts** - Retrieves results from any publication with this term in the title and that also includes the term, *courts*

When searching a particular publication title, it **must** be entered with the precise punctuation and symbols, if they are a part of the exact title. If an ampersand (&) is used in the title, the symbol must be used, not the word, "and. If there are apostrophes in the title, they must also be entered as they appear in the title. Otherwise, the system returns a zero result.

### EXAMPLES:

- **pub\_title:"chester & delaware federalist"** - Retrieves 210 results
- **pub\_title:"chester and delaware federalist"** - Retrieves 0 results
- **pub\_title:"godey's lady's book"** - Retrieves 39049 results
- **pub\_title:"godeys ladys book"** - Retrieves 0 results (quote marks but no apostrophes)
- **pub\_title:"godeys lady's book"** - Retrieves 0 results (quote marks but missing one apostrophe)

## Publisher

Searching for a particular publisher can be done only when searching *Books* and *American County Histories*.



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Choose **Book publisher only** from the drop-down box to the right of the search box.

Alternatively, use the field qualifier **publisher:**, followed by the publisher name to search for a specific publisher.

If the publisher name contains more than one name, the name must be enclosed in quote marks.

### EXAMPLES:

- **publisher:ticknor**
- **publisher:"fleet, mcginley"**

## State

Searching for documents by state, is available only within *American Counties Histories*.

There are three ways that a State search can be done:

1 - use the drop-down box to the right of the search box to select **State (American Counties History)**:



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FL State (American County Histories) ▼

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2 - under **Publication Type**, select **American Counties Histories**. This opens the **State** drop-down box, and then choose the state from the list:

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**Please enter your search:**

[Show more search boxes](#)

*Searches are run against all documents in your subscription unless you restrict to particular sources or dates. You may choose multiple sources from the drop-down list.*

**Restrict documents by:**

**Publication Type:**   
Newspapers and Magazines  
Books  
American County Histories

**Source:**

**Dates of publication:**  to  (yyyy-mm-dd)

**State:**   
CT  
DE  
FL

**Counties:**   
Pinellas  
Saint Johns

**Sort by:**

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3 - use the field qualifier, **state:**, followed by the two-letter abbreviation for the particular state in the search box.

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state:FL Full text

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## COMPLEX SEARCHES

*Accessible Archives* allows for multiple ways of performing advanced or more complex searches. An advanced search can be done by:

- combining single terms and/or phrases using a single search operator(AND, OR, NOT)

### EXAMPLES:

- slavery and war
- slavery and "underground railroad"
- fugitives not canada
  
- combining single terms and/or phrases with multiple search operators

**NOTE:** the order of the search operators determines how the search is processed. These search examples retrieve all documents that have the first two term(s) or phase(s) but do not include the last term:

### EXAMPLES:

- housatonic and massachusetts not connecticut
- "housatonic river and massachusetts not connecticut"
  
- combining single term(s) or phrase(s) and Field searches with search operators; or combining multiple Field searches:

### EXAMPLES:

- state:ny and indians
- pub\_title:"the new york herald" and "national affairs"
- pub\_title:the liberator and pub\_date:1850
- pub\_title:"the new york herald" and "national affairs" and pub\_date:1860

- grouping the terms or phrases within parentheses to perform ‘nested’ searches. Nesting is an advanced search strategy that allows for the combining of multiple search terms together and the utilization of search operators. Nesting preserves the logic of the search by putting similar terms to be searched together:

**EXAMPLES:**

- (plantations or farms) and war
- ("field hands or servants or chattel or slaves) and (sales or auctions)

## BOOSTING A SEARCH TERM

*Accessible Archives* allows the user to increase the ‘importance’ of a search term, when searching with two or more terms or phrases. Using this feature does not change the number of results retrieved, yet it does give the ‘boosted’ term more weight (i.e. - the results which appear first will have the ‘boosted’ term appearing more times within the documents or in a more dominant position). To indicate a ‘boost’, use the caret (^) symbol followed by a number (only positive numbers may be used).

A boost essentially tells the system to “WEIGHT” documents with certain words more heavily than other documents when creating a result list (WHICH IS RANK BASED ON THE QUERY). Using a weight of 10 rather than 5, for example, ranks that term by twice as much as the other – while 5 versus no boost says weight that term as 5 times more important than another. To see the results of boosting, compare the results list of *lincoln seward* with that of *lincoln seward*<sup>2</sup> with that of *lincoln seward*<sup>5</sup>.

### OTHER EXAMPLES:

- `pub_title:"godey's lady's book" and song5`
- `slaves and insurrection10`



The screenshot shows the search interface for 'Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books'. A red oval highlights the search input field containing the query 'slaves and insurrection<sup>10</sup>'. To the right of the input field is a dropdown menu set to 'Full text'. Below the input field is a link that says 'Show more search boxes'. At the bottom of the search area are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. In the top right corner, there are links for 'Word Index' and 'Browse the Archives'.

## WORD INDEX

The Word Index allows for browsing through each searchable word in the databases. Click on the link, **Word Index** on the right side of the main search page. A new page, **Index Search**, displays with two search boxes.

To search for a single word, enter the word in the left search box:

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Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books

Help

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Index Search

Find words between:

shoes and Show Words

Search | View Results List | Search History | Log Out

After entering the term(s), click **Show Words**. One hundred words will be displayed at a time. Additional words can be displayed by clicking on the link, **Continue index at xxxxx** (where xxxxx = the 101st word).

Index Words "shoes" through "t" (100)

Found Words:

shoes (37192)  
shoes1 (5)  
shoes30 (1)  
shoes8 (1)  
shoese (1)  
shoeses (1)  
shoesfor (2)  
shoeshine (1)  
shoeshop (19)  
shoeshops (4)  
shoemaker (3)  
shoemith (1)  
shoemiths (1)  
shoess (1)  
shoest (4)  
shoester (15)

Copied Words:

Continue index at shoit

Select >>>

Search copied words

Select the word(s) to be searched by highlighting the word and then clicking on the **Select>>>** link. This places the words into the **Copied Words:** box.

If more than one word is selected and placed in the **Copied Words:** box, the words will be searched using the OR operator. The AND or NOT operators may be typed in between words if the OR operator is not appropriate for the particular search.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a yellow background. At the top, it says "Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books". Below that is a "Help" link. To the right are links for "Search", "View Results List", "Search History", and "Log Out". Under "Index Search", there is a section "Find words between:" with two input boxes containing "shoes" and "shoesmith", separated by the word "and". A "Show Words" button is to the right of the second box. The same navigation links are repeated at the bottom right of the interface.

To search for the range of words between two words, enter the words in each box:

# SEARCH LIMITERS

Search Limiters help to refine search results. There are 3 basic Limiters available when entering search term(s) or phrase(s):

1. Publication Type
2. Source
3. Dates of publication



When searching *American County Histories*, 2 additional Limiters are also available:

1. State
2. Counties

## Publication Type

The default for the Publication Type is **All**. Limiting a search by Publication Type is done by choosing the Publication Type from the scroll-down box after entering a term or phrase in the search box.

To choose multiple Publication Types, hold down the CTRL key (Apple - hold the Command & Shift keys).

Remember - the Sources available are dependent upon the institution's subscription.

### **Source**

A search may also be limited by choosing specific Sources. All Sources available (dependent upon the institution's subscription) will be searched if individual publication titles are not selected. To choose multiple publication titles, hold down the CTRL key (Apple - hold the Command & Shift keys).

### **Dates of Publication**

A search may also be limited to a particular date range. Enter the term or phrase to be searched in the search box and then enter the date or date range in the Dates of Publication boxes. At least one date is required for a date limited search. Entry of a second date is optional. When doing date searching, the year **must** be entered; the specific month and day may also be entered, if known.

### **EXAMPLES:**

- 1774
- 1863-11-11 to 1864-05-30
- 1774-1776

## ADDITIONAL LIMITERS FOR AMERICAN COUNTY HISTORIES

There are two additional Limiters (State and Counties) available for searching within *American County Histories*. They automatically appear on the main search page when *American County Histories* is selected as the Publication Type.

### State (American County Histories)

Click the two-letter abbreviation for the state in the scroll-down box. This then determines the list of counties that appear in the *Counties* box (see next section). Only one state at a time may be selected.

Searching for multiple states may be done either by:

1. In the search box, use the **state:** field qualifier, followed by the two-letter abbreviation for the states, separated by the OR operator.
2. In the search box, enter the two-letter abbreviation for the states, separated by the OR operator and choose *State (American County Histories)* from the drop-down box to the right of the search box.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a yellow background. At the top, it says "Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books". Below that is a "Help" link. The main instruction is "Please enter your search:". There is a search input field containing "fl or ny" and a dropdown menu labeled "State (American County Histories)". Below the input field is a link "Show more search boxes". At the bottom are "Search" and "Clear" buttons.

## Counties (American County Histories)

Once the state is selected from the State scroll-down list, the list of Counties for that particular state appear. Click on the county name to select it. To choose multiple counties, hold down the CTRL key (Apple - hold the Command & Shift keys) and click the particular county names.

**Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books**

[Help](#)

**Please enter your search:**  State (American County Histories) ▾ [Word Index](#) | [Browse the Archives](#)

[Show more search boxes](#)

*Searches are run against all documents in your subscription unless you restrict to particular sources or dates. You may choose multiple sources from the drop-down list.*

**Restrict documents by:**

**Publication Type:** All ▾  
Newspapers and Magazines ▾  
Books ▾  
American County Histories ▾

**Source:** American County Histories ▾

**Dates of publication:**  to  (yyyy-mm-dd)

**State:** CT ▾  
DE ▾  
FL ▾  
GA ▾

**Counties:** Carroll ▾  
Clinch ▾  
Dougherty ▾  
Floyd ▾

**Sort by:** (select) ▾

## IMAGE TYPE (Godey's Lady's Book)

Searching by image type is only available in *Godey's Lady's Book*. Choosing *Godey's Lady's Book* from the **Source** scroll-down box opens an additional scroll-down box, **Image Type**. Click on the image type to select it. To choose multiple image types, hold down the CTRL key (Apple - hold the Command & Shift keys) and click the particular image types.

*Restrict documents by:*

**Publication Type:**

**Source:**

**Dates of publication:**  to  (yyyy-mm-dd)

**Image Type:**

**Sort by:**

## **BROWSE THE ARCHIVES**

*Accessible Archives* collections may also be browsed by publication title.

Click the **Browse the Archives** link on the right side of the main search page. The list of publications is displayed, with links to a description of the publication and the issues of each. Clicking on the **Issues** link then displays the list of issues in chronological order (starting with the oldest issues) with a link to the articles for each issue.

## SORTING RESULTS

The default for the display of results is by relevance. The sort functionality works on a retrieval of 1000 results or less. The display of results may also be sorted by:

- date
- publication
- collection

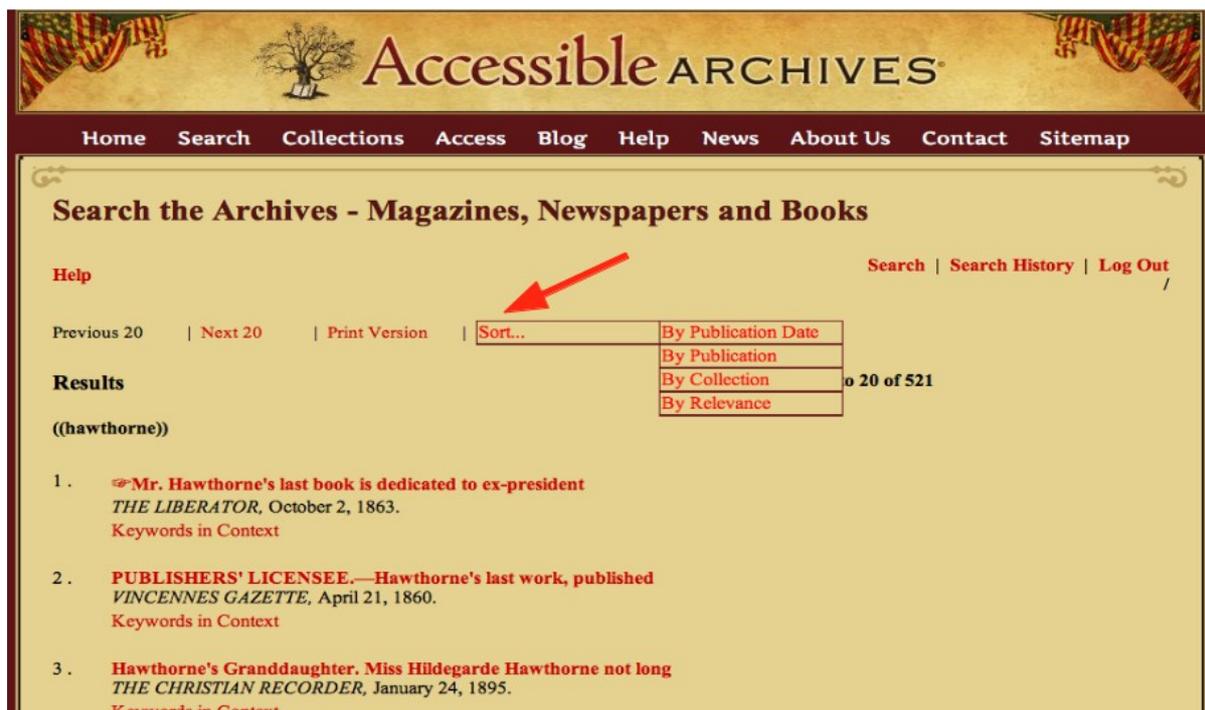
To apply a sort other than the default, as the search is entered use the drop-down box, **Sort by:** , *PRIOR to clicking the Search button.*



The screenshot shows the 'Accessible ARCHIVES' search page. The search bar contains 'hawthorne' and the search type is set to 'Full text'. Below the search bar, there are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A note states: 'Searches are run against all documents in your subscription unless you restrict to particular sources or dates. You may choose multiple sources from the drop-down list.' Under 'Restrict documents by:', there are two dropdown menus: 'Publication Type' (with options: All, Newspapers and Magazines, Books, American County Histories) and 'Source' (with options: African American Newspapers, American County Histories, The American Republican, The Charleston Mercury, Chester & Delaware Federalist). Below these is a 'Dates of publication' field with 'to' and '(yyyy-mm-dd)' format. At the bottom, the 'Sort by:' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box and shows '(select)' as the current option.

If more than 1000 documents are retrieved, the results will not display and the message, '**Results are too large to sort. Please make a smaller result set for sorting.**' will appear at the top of the main search page.

The results may also be sorted once they are displayed by clicking on the **Sort** link to the right of the **Print Version** link.



The **Sort** link will not appear on the Results display screen if more than 1000 documents are retrieved.

## VIEWING RESULTS

Once the search is executed, the results are displayed, up to 20 documents per page. A document may be viewed by clicking on either red link. The **Keywords in Context** link opens the document where the term(s) or phrase(s) entered in the search query appear.

Additional navigation links appear at the top of the page:

- Previous 20
- Next 20
- Print Version
- Sort (only if fewer than 1000 results are retrieved)

# VIEWING AND BROWSING FULL-TEXT DOCUMENTS

Clicking on the document title in the Results List opens the full text of that document.



If an image of the original document is available, the **Images** link appears on the right side of the navigation links. Clicking on that link opens the image of the original document, which can be resized for readability by clicking on the **Bigger** or **Smaller** buttons. Navigation links are available to return to the result document, view a list of all articles in the issue or select the next or previous image page.



Clicking on the **Issue Articles** link opens the list of all articles for the particular issue and allows for viewing of each article's full-text, as well as navigating to other issues of the publication, the issue's images, or returning to the original result full-text display.

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ACCESSIBLE ARCHIVES: THE NATIONAL ERA -- 18470114

[OTHER ISSUES](#)      [Issue Images](#)      [Return to Result Document](#)

LETTERS FROM THE EAST. - No. 2.	<a href="#">VIEW</a>
OREGON. THE NORTH BANK OF THE COLUMBIA	<a href="#">VIEW</a>
MATRIMONY	<a href="#">VIEW</a>
HEAT, MAGNETISM, AND ELECTRICITY	<a href="#">VIEW</a>
THE MOTHER'S FAITH	<a href="#">VIEW</a>
MARTIN F. TUPPER	<a href="#">VIEW</a>
ANECDOTE OF A FATHER AND A MINISTER.	<a href="#">VIEW</a>

Once the full text is opened, that screen allows for additional navigation to:

1. **Issue Contents** - display the list of articles for that issue
2. **Return to Result Document** - returns to display of first full-text article viewed in the publication (original result)
3. **Previous in Issue** - displays full text of the previous document
4. **Next in Issue** - displays full text of the next document
5. **Page 1 Image** - displays the first page image of the publication

**Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books**

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ACCESSIBLE ARCHIVES: THE NATIONAL ERA 1847-01-14

[Issue Contents](#) **1**      [Return to Result Document](#) **2**

[Previous in Issue](#) **3**      [Next in Issue](#) **4**      [Page 1 Image](#) **5**

# PRINTING DOCUMENTS

To print, click on the **Print Version** link that appears at the top and bottom of each Results and Display page (only 100 items from the Results display are printed). A second browser window will open, allowing for a text-only display. Use the browser's features to print the page.

**Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books**

[Help](#) [Search](#) | [Search History](#) | [Log Out](#)

[Previous 20](#) | [Next 20](#) | [Print Version](#) |

**Results** Documents 1 to 20 of 44

(("Herman Melville"))

1. **HERMAN MELVILLE, the charming adventurer, is preparing anot**  
*THE NATIONAL ERA*, August 5, 1847.  
[Keywords in Context](#)
2. **Herman Melville lectured before a charity association at La**  
*THE NATIONAL ERA*, December 10, 1857.  
[Keywords in Context](#)

## E-MAILING A DOCUMENT

Documents may be emailed one at a time.

When emailing documents from newspaper/magazines, the **Email** link appears in the navigation bar at the top and bottom of the page.

Search | Search History | Log Out

Previous Document | Next Document | Print Version | **Email** | View Results List | Issue Contents | Images

**Collection:** African American Newspapers  
**Publication:** THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER  
**Date:** July 18, 1895  
**Title:** BERKSHIRE PEOPLE. ----  
**Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

BERKSHIRE PEOPLE

---- The Spiritual Intellectual Forces Are Strong Among Them

And this region, so favored by nature, owes much of its character and interest to its history as well. Settled later than the seacoast, the western part of the state was in its beginnings made up of more varied elements than the eastern. From the valley of the Connecticut colonists pushed through the mountain gaps into that of the Honsatonic, the hills attracted settlers from the flat and sandy lands of Cape Cod, while the Dutch from New York have left in name and character their impress upon the Berkshire people of today. Spiritual and intellectual forces were largely prominent in the laying of its foundations, and such forces have contributed and continued their influences ever since.

When emailing documents from a book, the **Email** link appears on the full-text display page after hovering on **Other Options**.

Previous Document | Next Document | Other Options... | Help | View Results List | Print Version | **Email** | Table of Contents | Search | Search History | Log Out

Document 3 of 232. **The Cadet Band.**  
00085397 *HISTORY OF THE Forty-Fifth Regiment MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER REGIMENT*. ALBERT W. MANN. WALLACE SPOONER, pp. 184b-197.

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as a token of recognition. The regiment adopted the tune, as Harvard adopted "John, the Orangeman," and gave him a donkey. At regimental reunions, our thoughtful Secretary, John D. Whitcomb, never fails to have it on the programme for the band to play, just for days of "Auld Lang Syne." The adjutant is quite right. The "Cadet Waltz" certainly belongs here. Corporal Augustus S. Lovett has pleasing recollections of the "Cadet Band" and writes as follows:

Clicking on the **Email** link opens a new screen where the recipient's email address and the sender's name must be entered. Including a note is optional. The recipient's email will have the subject line of *Accessible Archives has sent you a document on behalf of <sender's name>*.

## RETURNING TO SEARCH RESULTS

When viewing documents, to return to the original list retrieved for the search, click on **View Results List**. This link appears either at the top and bottom of the full-text display or in the **Other Options** box.

## SEARCH HISTORY

All searches performed during the session are visible by clicking on the **Search History** link. The searches are listed with the first search performed at the top of the list and the most recent at the bottom of the list.



The screenshot shows a web interface with a yellow background. At the top, it says "Search the Archives - Magazines, Newspapers and Books" with a "Help" link. Below that are navigation links: "Search | View Results List | Search History | Log Out". The "History" section has a sub-header "History" and a note "(Click on a query number to re-issue that query.)". It contains a table with four columns: "Query", "Index", "Docs", and "Text". The table lists four queries with their respective index names, document counts, and search terms. At the bottom of the table is a "Purge Queries" link. At the very bottom of the page are the same navigation links: "Search | View Results List | Search History | Log Out".

Query	Index	Docs	Text
1	ARCHIVES	2	((shoes& shoesmith))
2	ARCHIVES	2418	((prayer student))
3	ARCHIVES	44	((("Herman Melville")))
4	ARCHIVES	232	((drummer))

The term(s) or phrase(s) searched are listed under 'Text' and the number of results is listed under 'Docs'.

To re-run a particular search, click on the search number.

To clear the Search History, click on **Purge Queries**. Logging out or closing the browser will also purge the history.

Within the Search History area, searches may not be edited, limited or combined and are displayed for review purposes.

## COUNTER-COMPLIANT USAGE STATISTICS

*Accessible Archives* is keenly aware of the increasing need for institutions to measure the value return of their purchased online content. We therefore have turned to Project COUNTER to provide a consistent, comparable and credible standard for counting and reporting usage of online resources.

Complete information on Project COUNTER may be found at [www.projectcounter.org](http://www.projectcounter.org).

Also, as part of our compliance with Release 3 of the COUNTER standard, we have implemented SUSHI (Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative) into our statistics system to enable you to automate your statistics gathering process. The protocol was designed to be both generalized and extensible, meaning it can be used to retrieve a variety of usage reports. An extension designed specifically to work with COUNTER reports is provided with the standard, as these are expected to be the most frequently retrieved usage reports.

For more information about implementing COUNTER/SUSHI, please contact [Accessible Archives Technical Support](#).

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

For technical assistance, please call 866-296-1488.

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