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“Access to Early English Books Online (EEBO) provides a classic example of how new technology can rejuvenate traditional research. Extending access to the resource has fundamentally changed the way all of us can manage and maintain first-class scholarly research.”

— Justin Champion, Professor of the History of Ideas, Royal Holloway, University of London

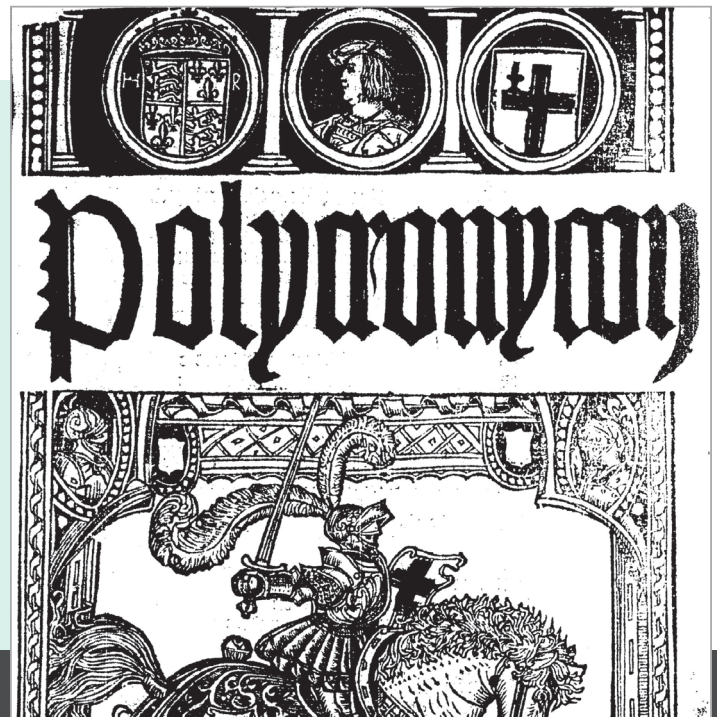
## EARLY ENGLISH BOOKS ONLINE™

More than a decade ago, Early English Books Online (EEBO) debuted with 125,000 works, microfilmed over 70 years from more than 250 libraries worldwide. Today, with over 146,600 titles and associated bibliographic records, EEBO is one of the most successful digitized research collections ProQuest has ever produced, trusted by students and scholars in thousands of universities and research organizations worldwide.

No other resource for early modern scholarship is as comprehensive as EEBO. Users can explore complete, digitized images of all the works listed in the key bibliographic records of English literature: The Short-Title Catalogue (Pollard & Redgrave, 1475-1640); The Short-Title Catalogue II (Wing, 1641-1700); The Thomason Tracts; and the Early English Books Tract Supplements, as well as original almanacs, pamphlets, musical scores, prayer books and other intriguing primary sources.

ProQuest is pleased to inform you that Early English Books Online (EEBO) is now live on the ProQuest platform. With its clean interface and responsive design, the ProQuest platform delivers a modern research experience that guides users' discovery, access and management of rich, diverse content sources. As a result, Early English Books Online will be more discoverable as users will be able to cross-search its content along with scholarly journals, news, historical documents and other relevant sources.

The 2020 annual update is comprised of 594 titles, over 22,000 pages, gathered from over 30 libraries. Topics covered range from religion to history chronicles to travel literature to jurisprudence. Of particular interest is the almost 20 works written or printed by women.

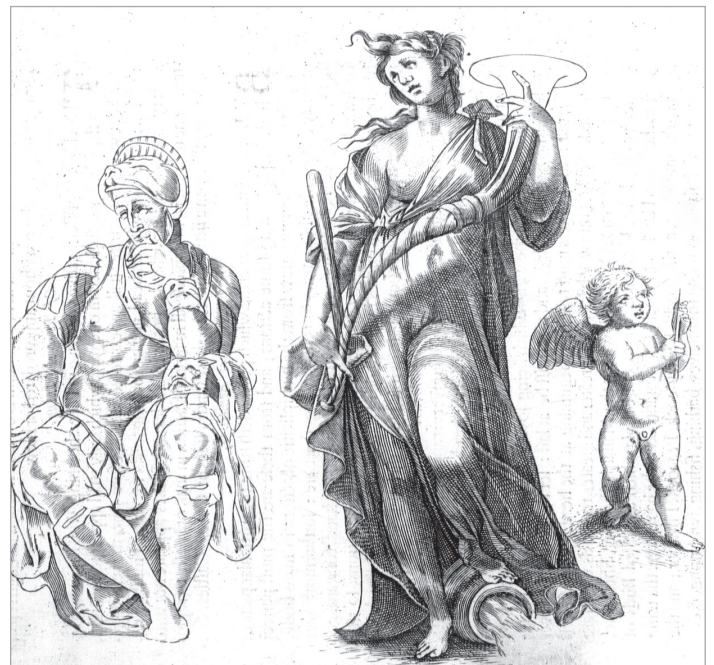
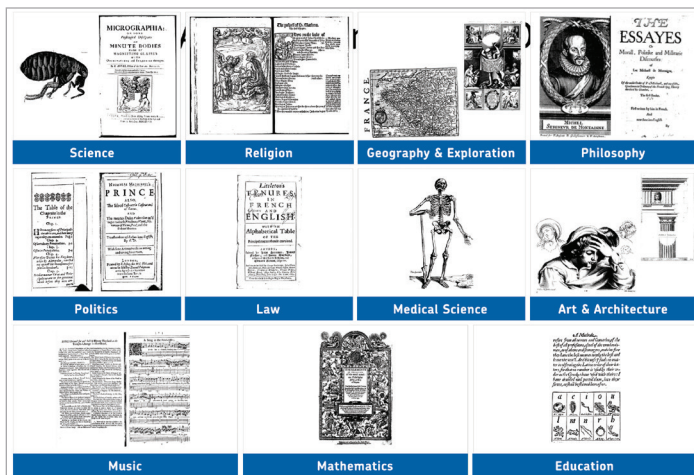


**Modern research experience, guiding discovery, access and management of content sources.** In addition to an overall modern research experience, users will benefit from the following search enhancements:

- Ability to search using USTC subject classification
- Ability to filter your results post-search using multiple facets such as author, USTC subject classification, place of publication or language
- Ability to see your results over time with the results page histogram
- Ability to see your search terms highlighted in the list of results or the document pages
- Ability to see your search terms in context within the full text directly on the list of results using the **Keywords in Context** feature
- Ability to email, print, cite or export records directly from the list of results
- Ability to view up to 100 results per page

**Text Creation Partnership transcriptions included in the EEBO interface!** Over 60,000 EEBO texts, transcribed as part of the Text Creation Partnership project, have been included in the new instance of EEBO! Scholars can consult thumbnail images of each page interleaved with the searchable full text of all transcribed works! Approximately 41% of the entire collection has been transcribed through the Text Creation Partnership project, which completed in 2015.

EEBO with TCP is easy and intuitive enough to help everyone from undergraduates writing papers on witchcraft or tobacco to faculty tracing the uses of a word or concept across three centuries of the English printed records.



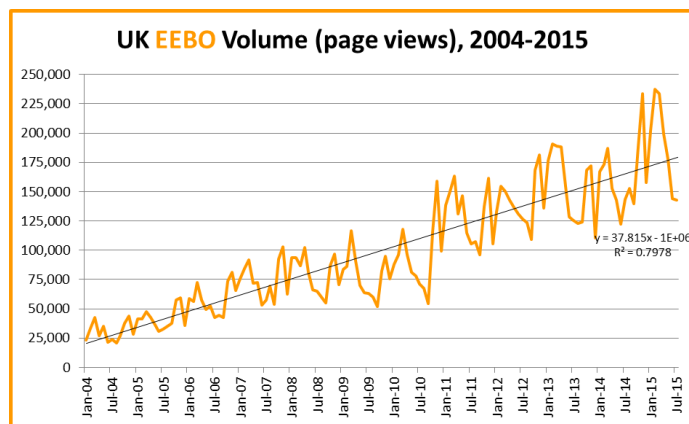


## DIGITAL COLLECTIONS ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO MODERN SCHOLARSHIP

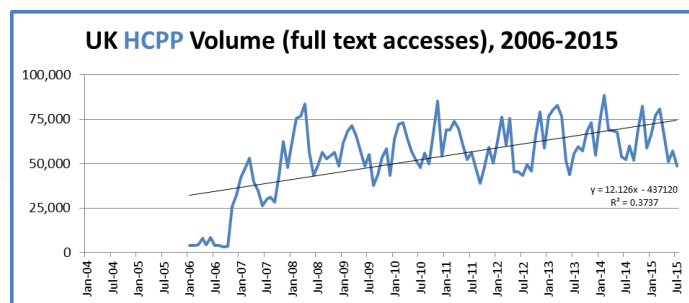
A 2015 study conducted by Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, and commissioned by Jisc and ProQuest focused on the impacts to research and teaching of two collections – Early English Books Online (EEBO) and House of Commons Parliamentary Papers (HCPP).

The study showed that both the use and citations of EEBO in research papers have increased steadily since EEBO was launched in digital form over 16 years ago. It also showed that citations include a diverse range of disciplines, showing EEBO to be valuable to students and scholars across the curriculum.

- EEBO houses over 140,000 digital versions of some of the earliest printed material in English, including public and legal documents.
- The House of Commons Parliamentary Papers is a digital resource which holds the sessional papers covering the 18th, 19th and 20th century, as well as documents dating from the mid to late 17th century.



EEBO usage has been increasing at a relatively linear pace. Whereas usage doubled from 50k page views per month to 100k per month from 2005-2008, it stayed there until 2011. The next doubling to 200k page views per month took a further 4 years, underscoring the fact that digital collections take time to become embedded in research.



HCPP usage also increases in a linear, but less marked fashion. Monthly full-text accesses increased rapidly to 50k by 2007, but have fluctuated between approximately 50-75k full-text accesses per month ever since.

“The existence of Early English Books Online has completely transformed my teaching as well as my own scholarly life—both entirely for the better.”

— Regius Professor Quentin Skinner, University of Cambridge

## TAKE HISTORICAL RESEARCH EVEN FURTHER WITH EARLY MODERN BOOKS

Early Modern Books (EMB) provides an integrated search and browse experience across both Early European Books (EEB) and EEBO. Materials can be searched and/or browsed by the following, amongst other options:

- Date
- Author
- Country of publication
- Language
- USTC classification
- Page features

Searching both English printed titles alongside European titles could provide new discoveries of works that have travelled geographically and linguistically across Europe.

## THE BOOK EXPERIENCE ... ONLINE

Early European Books (EEB) embraces the two-and-a-half centuries following Gutenberg's invention of movable type, which witnessed an unprecedented proliferation and dissemination of literature throughout Europe. In keeping with the tenor of the time, religious works dominate, but there is no shortage of secular material concerning every field of human thought and activity.

EEB offers an experience as close as possible to being with the physical book, with every page and feature rendered onscreen in fine, crisp color images.

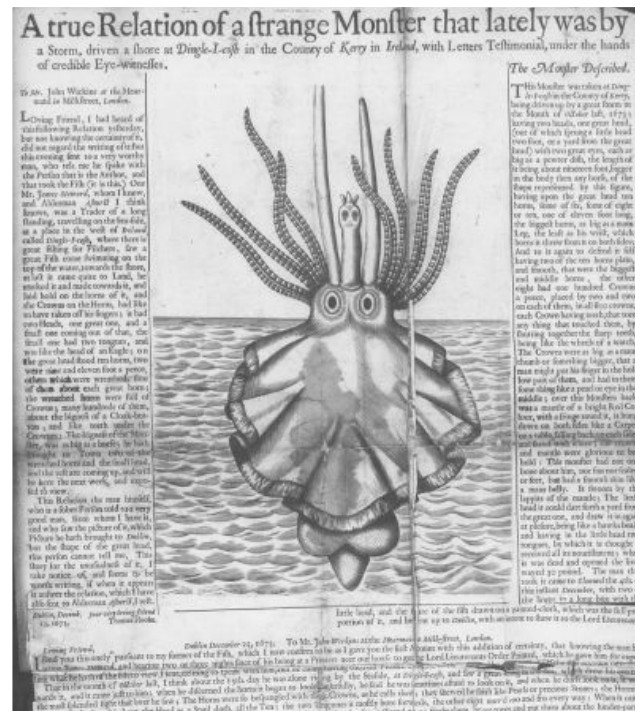
- Each item is captured in its entirety, complete with binding, edges, endpapers, blank pages and any loose inserts.
- Meticulous indexing and specialist search fields ensure relevant results are returned each time.



## PREMIER PARTNERS

As an ever-growing collection, EEB is produced by ProQuest in partnership with major European libraries including Det Kongelige Bibliotek (KBDK)/The Royal Library, Copenhagen; Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (BCNF)/National Central Library (Florence); Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KBNL)/The Royal Library of the Netherlands in The Hague; Wellcome Library, London; Bibliothèque National de France (BnF)/National Library of France, Paris.

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# Our partner libraries

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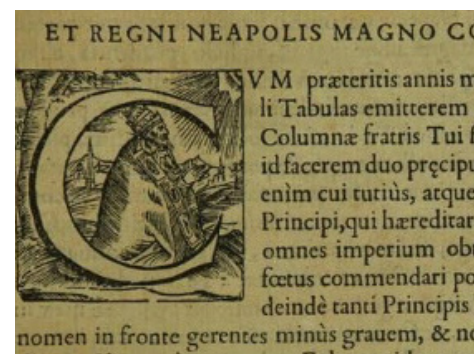
## BUILD COLLECTIONS THAT INSPIRE BETTER RESEARCH

Comprehensive interdisciplinary research requires content diversity. Primary sources, combined with secondary sources such as ebooks from ProQuest, enable researchers to develop critical thinking skills by examining evidence, identifying questions, and drawing conclusions. Supported with user-centered technology that makes it easy to discover, access, mine and manage, content from ProQuest allows libraries to align their collections with the evolving needs of their researchers.

## RELATED RESOURCES FROM PROQUEST

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- Philosopher's Index

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