

# Using the Internet Archive

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The Internet Archive is a non-profit online library with millions of free books, film and music recordings, and software. It also runs the Wayback Machine, letting you view older versions of websites.

Its main website is <https://archive.org/>



# For books, start at

## <https://archive.org/details/books>

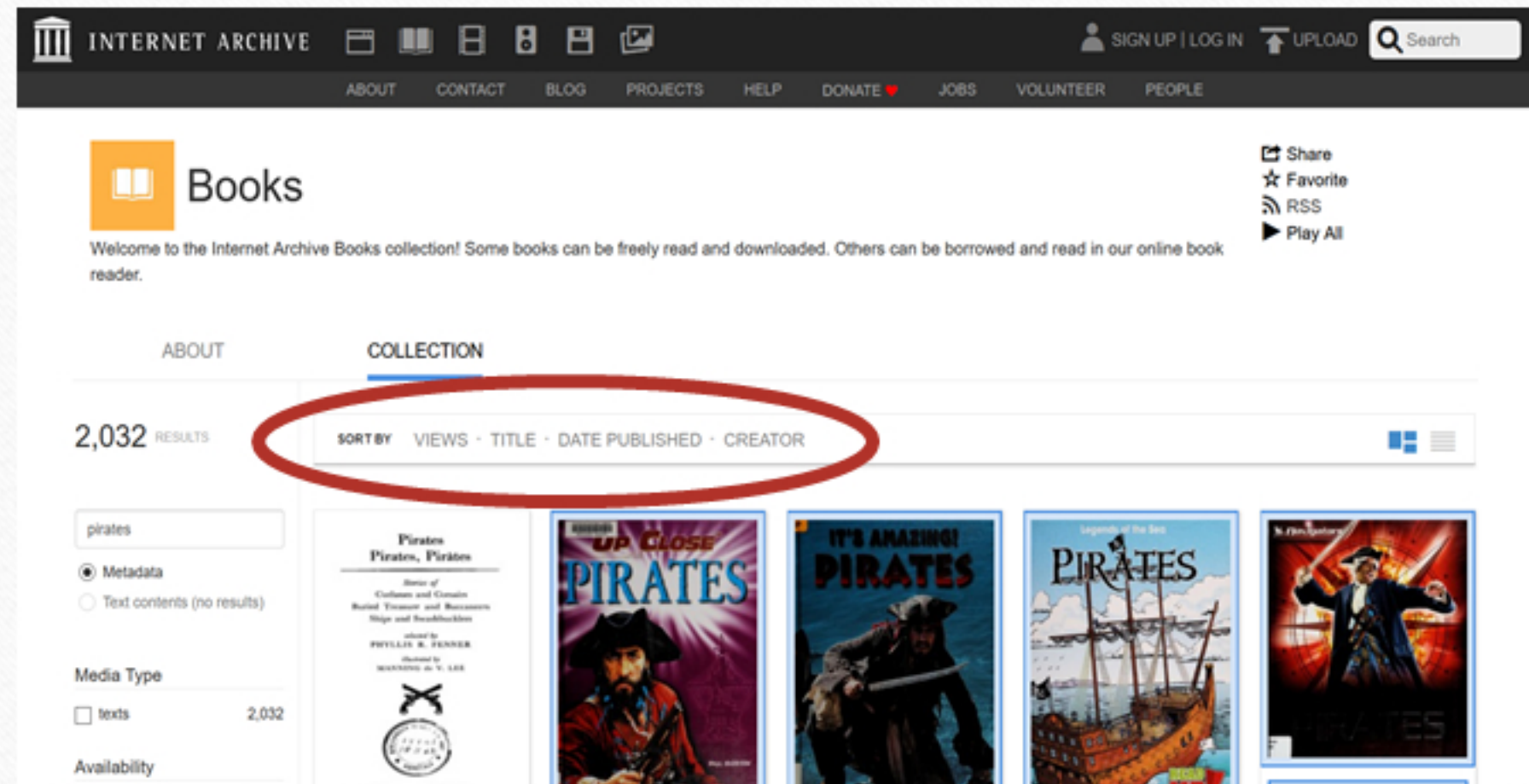
- Everything in the Internet Archive is free; this means that you will see lots of older and academic works in the public domain
- Finding something that you want can be tricky without knowing how to search
- Use the search bar to look for a title, author, or a subject

The screenshot shows the Internet Archive Books collection page. At the top is a dark navigation bar with the Internet Archive logo, links for ABOUT, CONTACT, BLOG, PROJECTS, HELP, DONATE, JOBS, VOLUNTEER, and PEOPLE, and a search bar. Below this is a white header for the 'Books' collection, featuring an orange book icon and a welcome message. To the right of the header are links for Share, Favorite, RSS, and Play All. The main content area has two tabs: 'ABOUT' and 'COLLECTION'. The 'COLLECTION' tab is active, showing 4,370,436 results. A search bar labeled 'Search this Collection' is circled in red. Below the search bar are filters for 'Metadata' (selected) and 'Texts' (no results). Further down are filters for 'Media Type' (texts, 4,370,436) and 'Availability'. The main display shows a grid of book covers, including 'GOODY TWO SHOES', 'The Art of CARICATURE', a blank aged page, 'ABROAD', and 'A DICTIONARY OF HINDI AND ENGLISH'.



# You can sort searches by relevance, popularity, title, date created, or author

- For example, a search for “pirates” returns over 2,000 results; the default sorting is by relevance
- This means that the Internet Archive tries to find the closest match to your actual search
- You can also sort by different criteria by clicking the various “**SORT BY**” buttons
- Click the same button again to go back to the default results order





# The top results change when you sort by “**VIEWS**”

- Notice how *Treasure Island* appears near the top even though it doesn't have “pirates” in the title
- This is because we are sorting by the most popular books relating to “pirates”
- The “**VIEWS**” sort is valuable for avoiding obscure books

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INTERNET ARCHIVE

ABOUT CONTACT BLOG PROJECTS HELP DONATE JOBS VOLUNTEER PEOPLE

Books

Welcome to the Internet Archive Books collection! Some books can be freely read and downloaded. Others can be borrowed and read in our online book reader.

ABOUT COLLECTION

2,032 RESULTS

SORT BY **VIEWS** TITLE DATE PUBLISHED CREATOR

pirates

☒ Metadata  
☐ Text contents (no results)

Media Type

☐ texts 2,032

Availability

PIRATES OF PENZANCE  
OR  
THE SLAVE OF DUTY.  
BY  
W. S. GILBERT  
AND  
ARTHUR SULLIVAN.  
CRISPPELL & CO., LTD.  
25, NEW BOND STREET, LONDON, W.1.  
NEW YORK. — 1900.

A GENERAL HISTORY OF THE PYRATES.  
FROM  
THE FIRST RISE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE West of  
Fascination, to the present time.  
WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE LIVES AND DEATHS OF THE  
MOST FAMOUS AND NOTED PIRATES.  
BY  
CAPTAIN CHARLES JOHNSON.  
LONDON.  
Printed by W. B. G. & Co. 17, St. Paul's Church-Yard.  
1727.

TREASURE ISLAND  
BY  
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON  
Illustrated  
by  
NEWBYETH  
LOUIS BREAD  
NEW YORK

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# You can also add search facets to further control your results

- As you scroll further down the results page, you will see additional options to filter them on the left sidebar
- One facet to keep in mind is “Availability”
- Books that are still under copyright can only be borrowed if the Internet Archive has an available copy
- Books in the public domain are always available

The screenshot shows the Internet Archive search results for the query 'pirates'. The page displays 2,032 results. On the left sidebar, the 'Availability' facet is highlighted with a red circle. The main content area shows a grid of book covers with their titles and authors. The top row includes 'The pirates of Penzance; or the slave of duty' by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, 'A general history of the pyrates' by Daniel Defoe, 'Treasure Island' by Robert Louis Stevenson, 'Treasure Island' by Robert Louis Stevenson and N. C. Wyeth, and 'The pirates of Penzance; or, The slave of duty. An' by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. The bottom row includes 'The book of buried treasure' by Ralph D. Faine, 'Pirates' by C. Louis Rouse, 'History of the pirates' by Charles F. Carter, 'Pirates and buccaniers of the Atlantic coast' by Richard Henry Stoddard, and a dark green book cover.

2,032 RESULTS

pirates

Metadata (selected)  
Text contents (no results)

Media Type

texts 2,032

Availability

Available to Borrow 1,658  
Always Available 371  
Waitlist 3

Year

2016 9  
2015 18  
2014 47  
2013 58  
2012 70  
2011 78  
More

Topics & Subjects

SORT BY VIEWS · TITLE · DATE PUBLISHED · CREATOR

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE  
OR  
THE SLAVE OF DUTY.  
BY  
W. S. GILBERT  
AND  
ARTHUR SULLIVAN.  
CHAPPELL & CO., LTD.  
25, NEW MARK STREET, LONDON, E.C.4.  
NEW YORK — GOSNOLD

SIR MALCOLM SARGENT

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE :  
or the slave of duty  
by Sullivan, Arthur, 1842-1900; Gilbert, W. S. (William Schwenck), 1836-1911

30,968 3 0

A GENERAL HISTORY OF THE PYRATES.  
Which full Rise and Progress in the West of America, to the present Time.  
By DANIEL DEFOE.  
The Second Edition, with additions & Corrections.  
By Captain CHARLES JOHNSON.  
Printed by, and Sold by, T. Smith, at the Black-Boy in St. Pauls Church-Yard, 1724.

A general history of the pyrates, : from their first  
by Defoe, Daniel, 1661?-1731; Johnson, Charles, fl. 1724-1731

24,651 42 0

TREASURE ISLAND  
BY  
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON  
Illustrated  
by  
N. C. WYETH  
NEW YORK  
CHARLES SCHMIDT'S SONS  
W. H. & L. S. SELL

Treasure Island  
by Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894; Rhead, Louis, 1857-1926,

16,314 36 2

TREASURE ISLAND  
BY  
ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON  
Illustrated  
by  
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NEW YORK  
CHARLES SCHMIDT'S SONS  
W. H. & L. S. SELL

Treasure Island  
by Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894; Wyeth, N. C. (Newell

15,905 22 0

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE  
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AND  
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CHAPPELL & CO., LTD.  
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NEW YORK — GOSNOLD

The pirates of Penzance; or, The slave of duty. An  
by Sullivan, Arthur, 1842-1900; Gilbert, W. S. (William Schwenck), 1836-1911

8,221 3 0

THE BOOK OF BURIED TREASURE  
BEING A TRUE HISTORY OF THE GOLD, JEWELS,  
AND PLATES OF PIRATES, BARRACONS, &c.,  
WHICH ARE BURIED FOR TO THIS DAY  
BY  
RALPH D. FAINE  
Author of "The Book of the Pirates" &c.

THE BOOK OF BURIED TREASURE

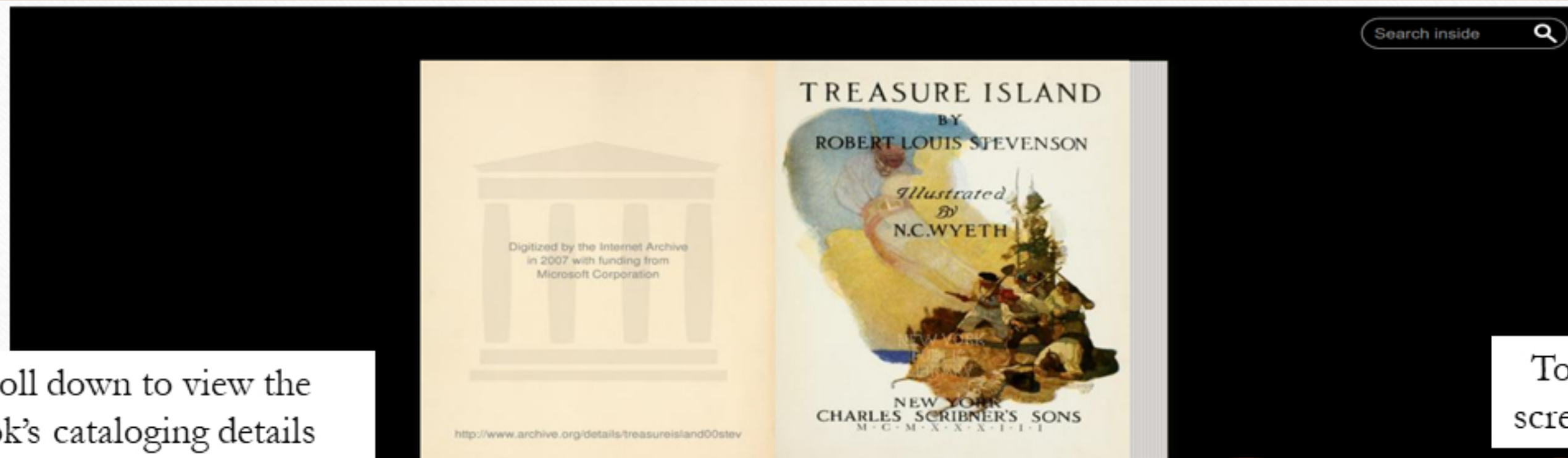
PIRATES  
With a Foreword and Twenty Illustrations by  
C. Louis Rouse

HISTORY OF THE PIRATES  
THE PIRATES  
FROM 1500 TO 1800  
BY  
CHARLES F. CARTER  
NEW YORK  
CHAMBERLAIN, 1904

PIRATES AND BUCCANERS  
OF THE  
ATLANTIC COAST  
BY  
RICHARD HENRY STODDARD



When you click on an available title, you go to that book's main page



Scroll down to view the book's cataloging details

Toggle full screen reader



**Treasure Island**

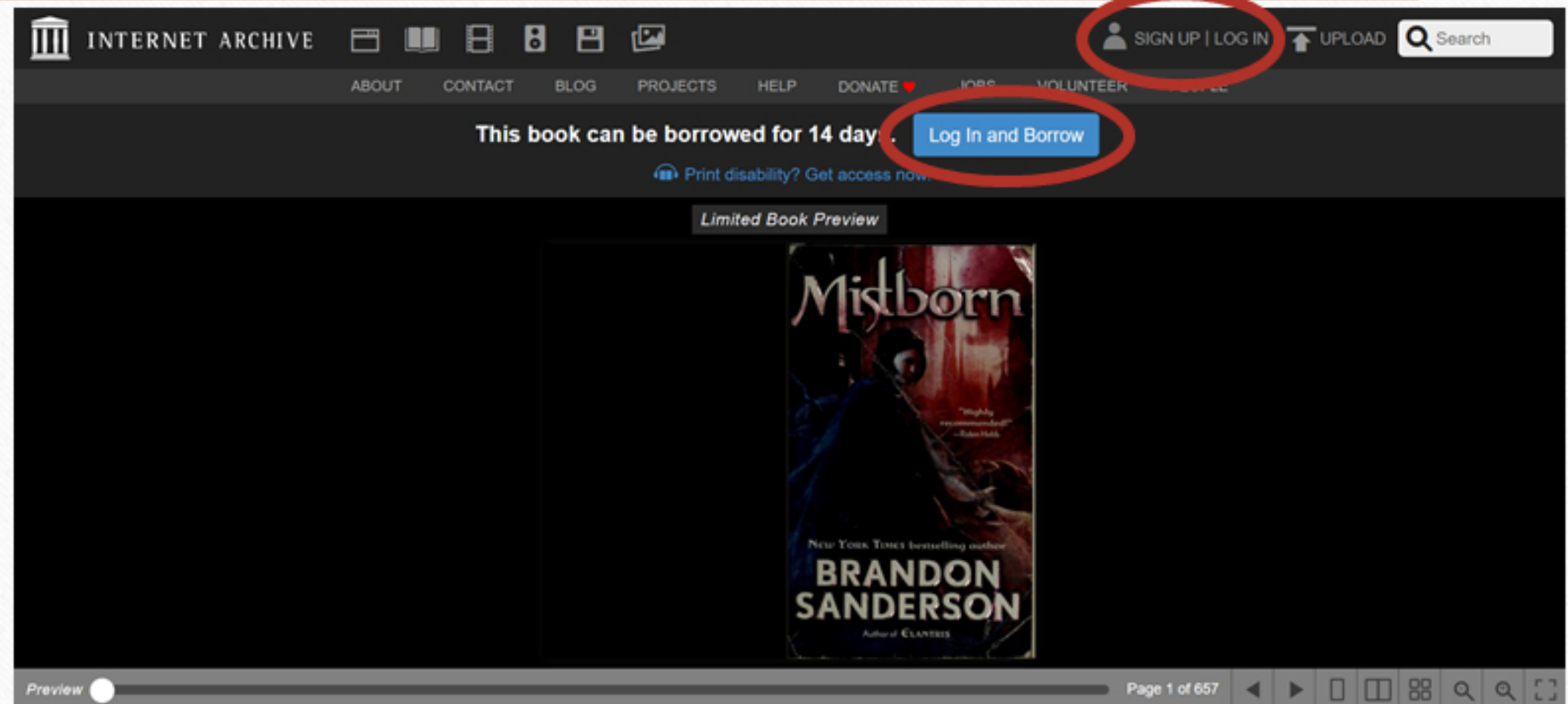
by Stevenson, Robert Louis, 1850-1894; Wyeth, N. C. (Newell Convers), 1882-1945, ill

Flip the pages left and right  
(or use your arrow keys)



# You will need an Internet Archive account to borrow a book with limited availability


- Only one person at a time can read one of the Internet Archive's copies of a book under copyright
- If you have an account, you can log in to borrow it
- It is free and easy to create an account; all you need is an email address
- Borrowed books are available for 14 days; you can read them online or load them into most ereaders during that time





# Anyone can sign up for an account

- You can access the Sign Up page anywhere on the site with the top banner
- You just need to enter your email address, choose a screen name (you might need to pick another one if your first choice is already used by someone else), and choose a password
- Remember to practice good computer security; try not to reuse the same password on different websites and avoid common, easily guessable passwords
- You can uncheck both boxes in order to not get any emails from the Internet Archive; agreeing to receive announcements is not required to create an account
- Once you have an account, your borrowed books will appear there



### Sign up for an account

Get your virtual library card! Already have one? [Log in!](#)

**Enter email address** Up to 127 characters

**Choose a screen name** (this is how others will see you) 3 to 127 characters

**Choose a password** 3 to 100 characters

**Announcements**

☒ Send me general announcements from the Internet Archive (approx. two per month)

☐ Send me announcements about Internet Archive events in the San Francisco Bay Area

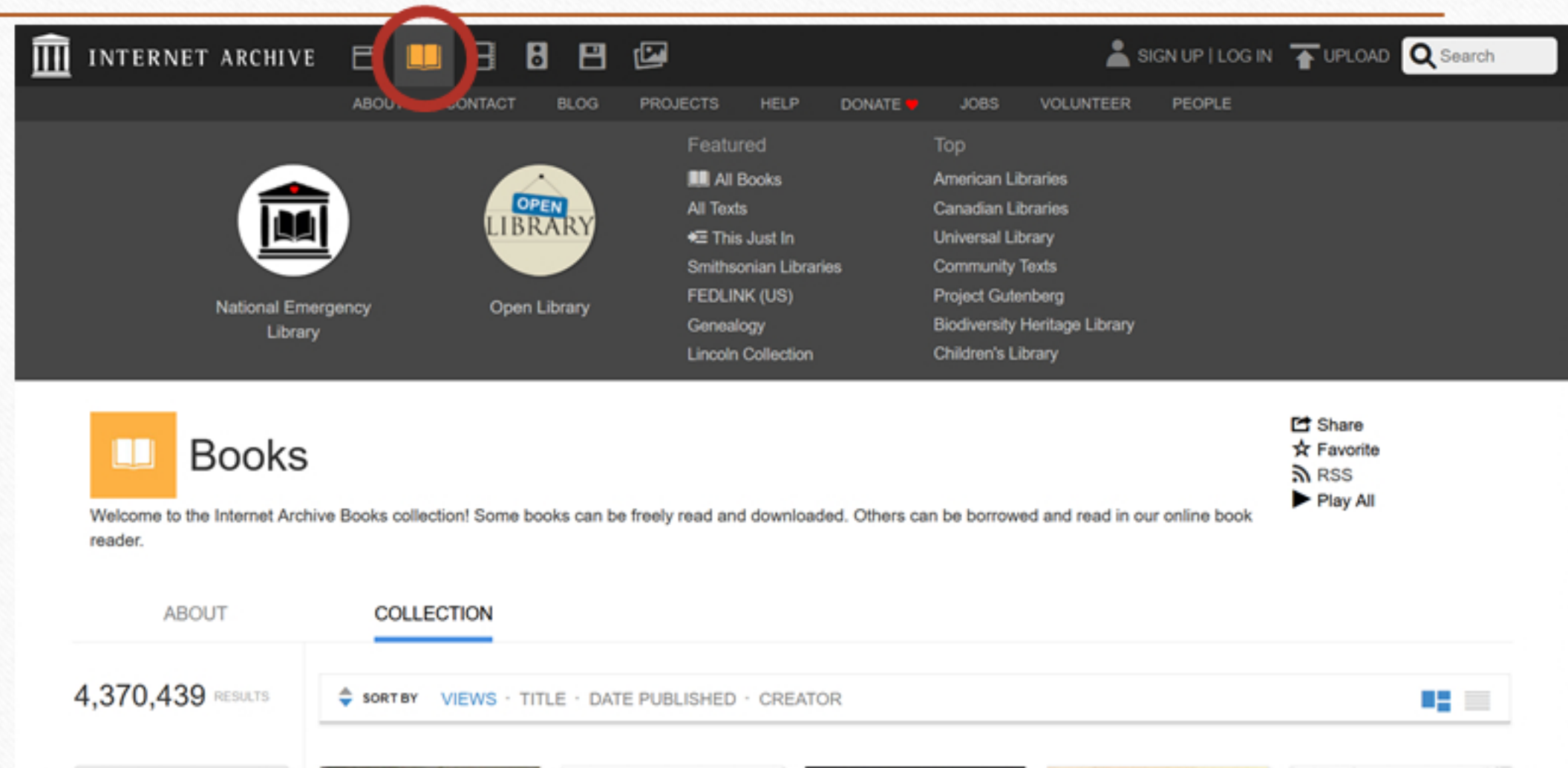
By signing up, you agree to the Internet Archive's [Terms of Service](#).

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# Pay attention to the featured collections

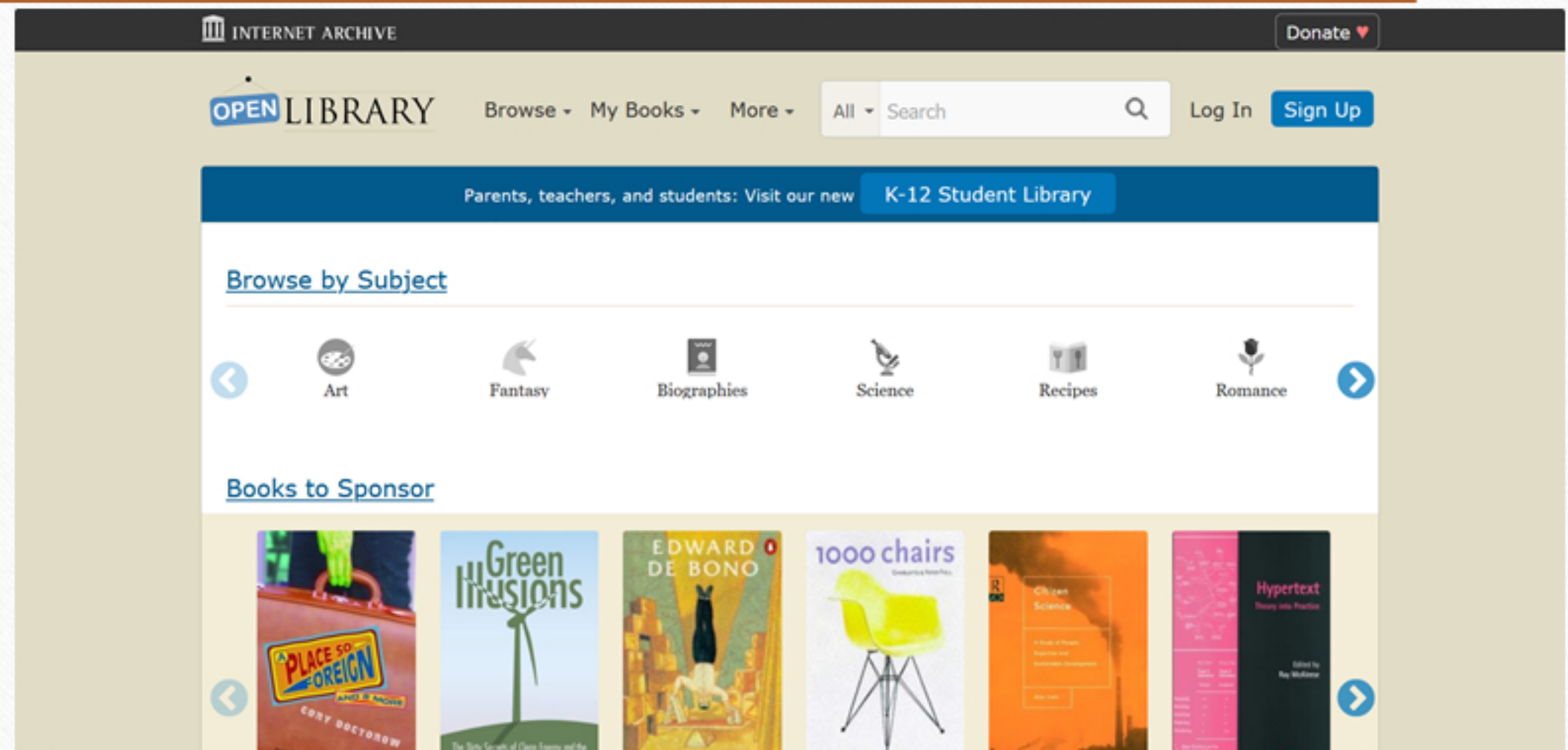
- Click the book symbol on the top banner to bring up the featured collections
- You can go directly to a particular collection or see special projects
- This applies to all the other symbols (such as websites, films, audio recordings, software and games, and photographs) on the top banner





# Open Library is a companion project to the Internet Archive

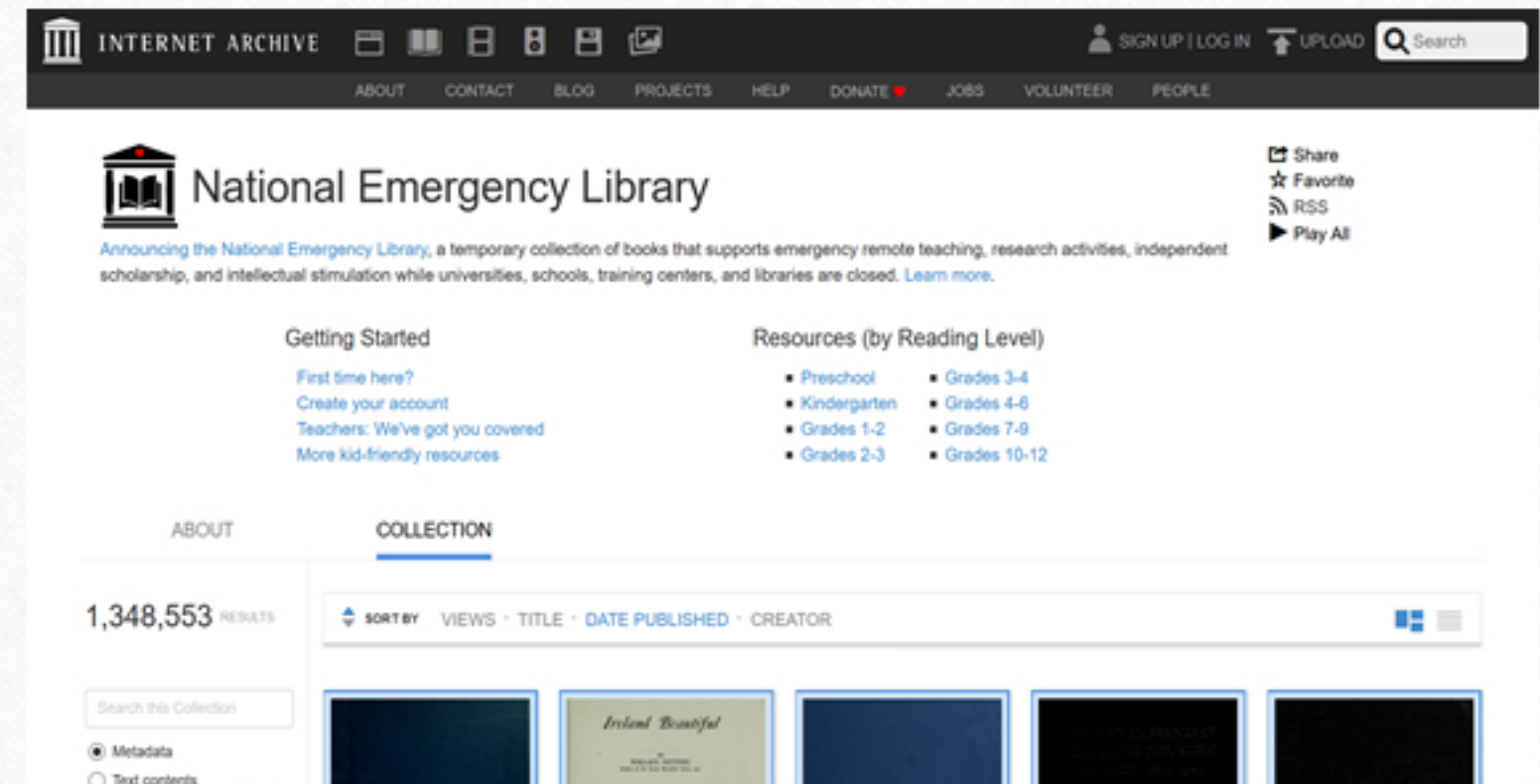
- You can get there by going to <https://openlibrary.org/>
- Your Internet Archive username and password also work in Open Library
- Open Library features a more curated interface where you can search by different subject or age groups
- The project's overall goal is to create an open source, public library catalog for every book ever published





# The National Emergency Library is a temporary collection to support students and researchers while schools and libraries are closed

- You can get there by going to <https://archive.org/details/nationalemergencylibrary>
- This collection eliminates the use of waitlists while the national emergency due to COVID-19 continues
- That means that as many people who want can borrow a book from the Internet Archive for 14 days
- This is a temporary measure while schools, libraries, and archives are closed; further, all books have standard technological protections to prevent people from making additional copies or distributing borrowed books





# You're good to go!

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- Instructions and troubleshooting advice for other specific databases and library services are forthcoming
- Loans from the Internet Archive automatically return themselves, so you don't need to worry about due dates
- You can use the Internet Archive to:
  - Read, download, and share public domain ebooks
  - Borrow recent and popular books
  - Use the Wayback Machine to find older versions of current websites or content that has since been lost
  - Browse photographs, music, film, and television recordings, including some older news broadcasts
- If you need additional help or reference assistance, please contact us at [moffat@rcls.org](mailto:moffat@rcls.org) – we will get back to you as quickly as possible