

GETTING STARTED

How to find primary and secondary materials at the National Library and National Archives of Singapore

PRIMARY MATERIALS

NewspaperSG



WHAT IT IS

NewspaperSG is an online archive of Singapore newspapers.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Over 26 million newspaper content published between 1827 and 2017. They include articles, advertisements, letters and obituaries.

WHAT IT IS

Archives Online is the search database of the National Archives of Singapore.



Archives Online Database



WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Public and private archival records including speeches, photographs, maps and plans, oral history interviews, audio-visual recordings, posters and government records.

PictureSG

Digitising Our Past, Capturing Our Present, Tapping Our Collective Memories



WHAT IT IS

PictureSG is a database of photographs contributed by donors and partners of the National Library.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Over 30,000 images that document the cultural, geographical, historical and social development of Singapore.

WHAT IT IS

BookSG is an online collection of digitised books and other printed materials including rare and historical imprints held in the National Library.

BookSG



WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Over 21,000 digitised titles that include books, maps, manuscripts and even comics.

OneSearch

Spatial Discovery



WHAT IT IS

Spatial Discovery database allows users to search and interact with geo-referenced maps of Singapore.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Over 3,000 digitised maps from the collections of the National Library and National Archives of Singapore.

WHAT IT IS

MusicSG is an online archive that provides access to all forms of musical works published in Singapore.



WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Digital content of Singapore music including music recordings, articles on topics related to Singapore music, biographies, lyrics and scores.

NORA

NATIONAL ARTISTS' RECORDS OF THE ARTS



WHAT IT IS

NORA is a database containing works by Singapore artists including Medallion Award recipients.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Published, unpublished and out-of-print literary, performing and visual art works.

WHAT IT IS

The BHL Singapore Collection is a National Library Board project to digitise Singapore's biodiversity literature for open access on the Biodiversity Heritage Library website.



WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Over 390 volumes of historical documentations on the biodiversity and natural history of Singapore

SECONDARY MATERIALS

singapore infopedia



WHAT IT IS

Infopedia is an online encyclopedia by the National Library Board covering Singapore's heritage, events, organisations, personalities and more.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Over 1,000 articles written based on verifiable and authoritative sources. They are also accompanied by references.

WHAT IT IS

HistorySG is an online resource guide to events that have unfolded in Singapore's history since 1299 to the present.

HISTORYSG

An online resource guide



WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Over 400 events, searchable via timeline and categories, that shaped Singapore's history.

biblioasia

NATIONAL LIBRARY, SINGAPORE



WHAT IT IS

Biblioasia is a quarterly publication produced by NLB that features multi-disciplinary articles related to Singapore.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Over 750 articles related to the history, culture and heritage of Singapore within the larger Asian context.

WHAT IT IS

Curiosity uses place-based technology to provide users an interactive and immersive way to discover and rediscover the history of Singapore.



WHAT YOU WILL FIND

Story Maps, Virtual Reality (VR) tours, juxtapose sliders and Digital Stories of places and buildings.

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