Print Resources Available at Denver Public Library include:

- *The John Brown Slavery Revolt Trial: A Headline Court Case* by David DeVillers
- *Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid That Sparked the Civil War* by Tony Horwitz
- *The Old Man: John Brown at Harper’s Ferry* by Truman Nelson
- *John Brown: His Fight for Freedom* by John Hendrix

**Prospector and Interlibrary Loan**


Prospector is a unified catalog of academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. For items not available at the Denver Public Library, search here first. Items can take 1-2 weeks to arrive.

WorldCat: [http://www.denverlibrary.org/content/didnt-find-it](http://www.denverlibrary.org/content/didnt-find-it)

Use this national and international catalog to search for items not available at DPL or in Prospector. You must fill out a one-time Request It registration to place Interlibrary Loan requests. These requests may take 2-3 weeks to arrive.
Databases/Digital Resources

To access the Denver Public Library databases:

www.denverlibrary.org
Click on the “Research” tab
Click on “Databases A-Z”

Database suggestions:

- **America: History and Life** - Index to historical coverage of the United States and Canada from pre-history to the present.
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library** - Access full-text encyclopedias covering the arts, biography, country studies, history, law, literature, religion, science, social science and more! Great for research and homework.
- **History Reference Center** - Search full-text articles, historical documents, biographies, maps and photos. Great for students of history.
- **New York Times Historical Backfile on ProQuest** - Contains full-text and images in PDF format of the New York Times from 1851 to three years before current year.
- **Student Research Center from Ebsco** - Search by keyword or topic to find information in magazines, reference books, photos, flags, etc.
- **Student Resources in Context** - Reference essays, magazine and journal articles, newspaper articles and primary source documents, historical timelines, biographies, and classroom topics. Great for homework.

Keywords for Catalog and Database Searching

John Brown or John Brown, 1800-1859

Harpers Ferry

Abolitionists – United States – Biography

Primary Sources

- West Virginia Archives and History online exhibit: “His Soul Goes Marching On”: The Life and Legacy of John Brown, primary
documents:
http://www.wvculture.org/history/jbexhibit/jbprimarydocuments.html

- Gale Virtual Reference Library database has many primary sources
- New York Times Historical Backfile on ProQuest database (hint: click on Advanced and under Publication Date set a specific date range, such as 1859, for primary source documents)
  - Sample article (library card required to access this article):
- University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law website on Famous American Trials – The Trial of John Brown, 1859:
  http://law2.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/johnbrown/brownhome.html
- Secession Era Editorials Project from Furman University: John Brown’s Raid on Harper’s Ferry:
  http://history.furman.edu/editorials/see.py?menu=jbmenu&sequence=jbmenu&location=%20John%20Brown%27s%20Raid%20on%20Harper%27s%20Ferry

Internet Resources

- West Virginia Archives and History online exhibit: “His Soul Goes Marching On”: The Life and Legacy of John Brown:
  http://www.wvculture.org/history/jbexhibit/jbintroduction.html
- West Virginia Memory Project: John Brown/Boyd B. Stutler Collection Database:
  http://www.wvculture.org/history/wvmemory/imlsintro.html
- University of Houston’s Digital History, Explorations: John Brown: Hero or Terrorist?
  http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/learning_history/brown/john_brown_menu.cfm
- PBS American Experience: John Brown’s Holy War:
  http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/brown/
- National Parks Service: Harper’s Ferry National Historic Park:
  http://www.nps.gov/hafe/historyculture/john-brown.htm
- Civil War Trust (click on Search in the upper left corner and search for “John Brown”): http://www.civilwar.org/
Google Searching

By adding [site:gov] or [site:edu] to a Google search, you will return only government or academic webpages.

By adding [-.com] to a search, you will remove .com sites from your returned results.

Put quotation marks around words "[any word]" to search for an exact phrase in an exact order.

For more advanced Google searching tips, visit: https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/136861