York Digital Library (YODL)

York Digital Library (YODL) is an online repository for multimedia resources at the University of York. YODL provides access to over 69,000 resources, which include images, past exam papers and Masters theses. This guide provides a quick introduction on how to use YODL.

Accessing YODL

YODL can be accessed here: dlib.york.ac.uk. Don’t forget to log in with your University username and password in the top right of the screen to access all resources available to you.

Homepage

The YODL homepage allows you to search across all resources, or restrict your search by format using the tabs above the search box. The ‘All’ tab searches across all results and the ‘Image’ tab restricts to images. Further tabs may be added as YODL expands to include different types of material, eg audio and video.

Searching

You can search directly from the homepage or select the search tab. As you begin to type in the search box, suggested search terms will appear in a drop down menu.

Refining searches

Search results will be displayed with the option to sort by relevance, title, or date added. Once a search is complete, you can filter your results by the terms listed in the left menu.
Viewing a resource

Once you have identified a resource that you wish to view, click on the thumbnail or caption and a full item record will be displayed. This screen may differ slightly depending on the type of material you are viewing, but it will usually contain more detailed information about the resource and a button to download the resource.

The full item record for an image also has a series of viewing options which appear as you hover your mouse over the image.

Browsing

As well as searching, you can also browse the many collections held in YODL. From the homepage choose the ‘Browse’ tab and a list of collections will be displayed in the left column; sub collections are displayed by using the + and - buttons.

Help

For more information about YODL, please see the following website:

www.york.ac.uk/yodl

If you have a specific enquiry or are encountering any problems, please email:

dlib-info@york.ac.uk