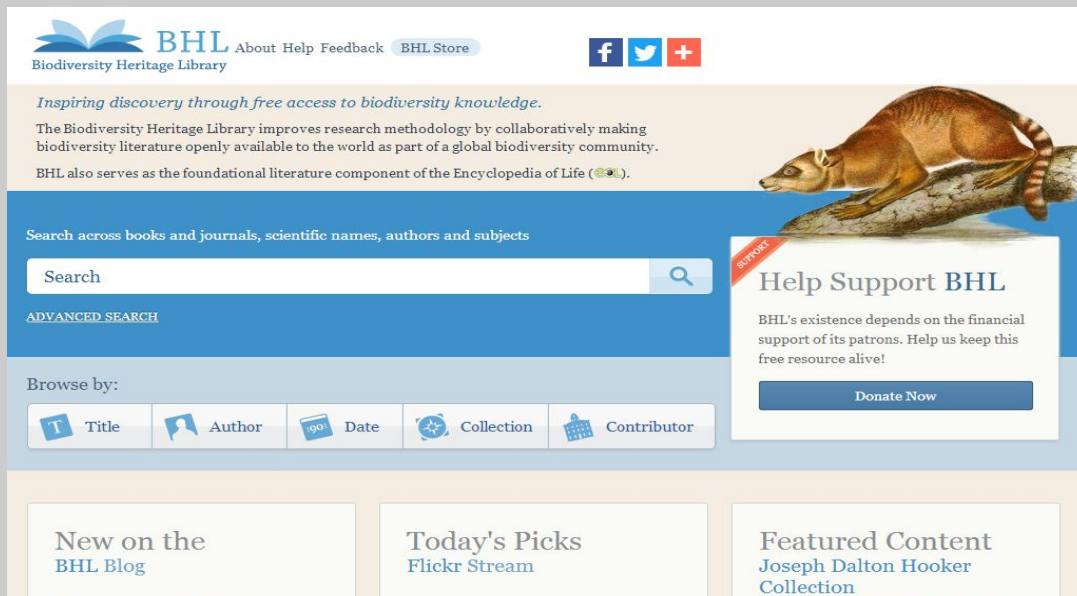


Name of the Tool Biodiversity Heritage Library

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The Biodiversity Heritage Library improves research methodology by collaboratively making biodiversity literature openly available to the world as part of a global biodiversity community.

BHL also serves as the foundational literature component of the Encyclopedia of Life (EOL).

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URL <http://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/>

Subject Biodiversity Heritage Library--Catalogs

Accessibility Free

Language English

Publisher Biodiversity Heritage Library

Brief History

Scope and Coverage

The Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) is a consortium of natural history and botanical libraries that cooperate to digitize the legacy literature of biodiversity held in their collections and to make that literature available for open access and responsible use as a part of a global “biodiversity commons.” The BHL consortium works with the international taxonomic community, rights holders, and other interested parties to ensure that this biodiversity heritage is made available to a global audience through open access principles. BHL provides 120,000 titles taxonomic literature and over 200,000 volumes.

Kind of Information

The website gives three options to access its collection, these are:

- Simple Search;
- Advanced Search;
- Browse by subject;

The following screen shot is an example of simple search, where one just has to put search terms in the search bar.



The lower portion of the screen shot has shown the browse option. Here users can browse the collection by title, author, date of publication, collection name and by the name of the contributors.

In advanced search option (the following screen shot), the bibliographic fields are given which one have to fill up. The top down menu are provided to choose the language of the desired documents and collection.

A screenshot of an advanced search form. At the top, there are five tabs: "Books/Journals", "Articles/Chapters", "Authors", "Subjects", and "Scientific Names". Below the tabs are several input fields: "Title:", "Author Last Name:", "Volume:", "Edition:", "Year (YYYY):", "Subject:", "Language:" (with a dropdown menu showing "(Any Language)"), and "Collection:" (with a dropdown menu showing "(Any Collection)"). At the bottom of the form is a blue "Search" button.

The above search process produces a list of titles with some bibliographic information, like title of the work, author, name of the contributor, subject etc. All the titles are hyperlinked with detailed information on that title. The bibliographic information on a specific document is provided in short form as well as in detailed, in MOD, BibTeX, RIS formats. The following screen shot is an example of summary of a particular document:

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Title		
Med tranorna till Afrika.		
By		
Berg, Bengt Magnus Kristoffer, 1885-1967		
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Book		
Publication info		
Stockholm, P.A. Norstedt & söner [1922]		
Subjects		
59.82(6), Cranes (Birds)		
DOI		
http://dx.doi.org/10.5962/bhl.title.8220		
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Special Features

- The website home page provides links to following social networking sites:



- Current awareness service on latest news, content highlights are provided to the users by E-Mail. The website home page also provides the latest news on new submission.
- The homepage also provides a link to the homepage of Encyclopedia of life.

Arrangement Pattern

List of titles produced after the search process is arranged alphabetically by the title. Users can rearrange the list by author name (alphabetically) and publication year (chronologically).

Remarks

The BHL serves the world of biodiversity researchers and those interested in biodiversity through aggregation and stewardship of the digital files and through improving discoverability and user interfaces and increasing opportunities for research and interpretation. The motto is ‘Inspiring discovery through free access to biodiversity knowledge.’

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