

Research Tools

F = free; \$ = for purchase

Biblioscape - \$

<http://www.biblioscape.com/>

Pay software to help researchers collect and manage bibliographic data, take notes while doing research, and generate citations and bibliographies for publication.

Bibus - F

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/bibus-biblio/>

Bibus is an open-source bibliographic database. It uses a MySQL or SQLite database to store references. It can directly insert references in OpenOffice.org and MS Word and generate the bibliographic index.

Dropbox – F, \$

www.dropbox.com

A free service that lets you sync and backup your data. Great for working across multiple computers and for making sure your materials are backed up. 2gb free; more space requires monthly subscription.

Endnote - F

www.endnote.com

Software tool for publishing and managing bibliographies.

Evernote – F, \$

www.evernote.com

Online organizer that allows you to take notes and capture webpages, images, articles, etc. It syncs to an online account is available across numerous computers and smartphones. Similar to an online, free version of EndNote. Price depends on space needed, and pricing goes from free on up.

Foxit PDF Reader– F, \$

www.foxit.com

A powerful alternative to Adobe Acrobat Reader. It has the ability to markup text, make annotations, highlight, etc. Also uses far less computer memory to run.

Google Picasa

picasa.google.com

Great image viewer for pictures taken in the archives.

Growly Notes - F

<http://growlybird.com/GrowlyBird/Notes.html>

Essentially a free, Macintosh version of Microsoft OneNote.

Mendeley - F

<http://www.mendeley.com/>

A free reference manager and academic social network that can help you organize your research, collaborate with others online, and discover the latest research.

Microsoft Access - \$

office.microsoft.com/en-us/access

Access is included with many Microsoft Office suites. It is a database program that can be used to organize your images and research notes. It comes with several templates, with many more online, though some technical know-how is required to customize your database.

Microsoft OneNote - \$

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/onenote/>

Planner and note taking software that captures text, images, video and audio notes, and keep important information readily available. Can be used to organize research materials and notes. Much more user friendly than Microsoft Access, though not as customizable.

Papers - \$

<http://www.mekentosj.com/papers/>

Macintosh only program that organizes your papers and other other research materials. Free 30 day trial, \$79 to purchase.

Qiqqa - F

<http://www.qiqqa.com/>

Free online PDF organizer that supports tagging and auto-tagging. Also has OCR capabilities, so you can turn non-text-searchable PDFs into text-searchable ones. Comes with unlimited online storage and the ability to sync across computers.

Scribe - F

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/tools/scribe/>

Scribe is a free cross-platform note-taking program designed especially with historians in mind. Think of it as the next step in the evolution of traditional 3x5 note cards. Scribe allows you to manage your research notes, quotes, thoughts, contacts, published and archival sources, digital images, outlines, timelines, and glossary entries. You can create, organize, index, search, link, and cross-reference your note and source cards. You can assemble, print, and export bibliographies, copy formatted references to clipboard, and import sources from online catalogs. You can store entire articles, add extended comments on each card in a separate field, and find and highlight a particular word within a note or article.

SpiderOak – F, \$

<https://spideroak.com/>

An easy, secure and consolidated free online backup, storage, access, sharing & sync* tool for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux (Ubuntu, Debian & Fedora). Similar to DropBox.

WebNotes – F, \$

<http://www.webnotes.net/>

Annotate PDFs and web pages with highlights and sticky notes, organize your research, and share it with others. Keep track of your bookmarks, notes, PDFs, and RSS feeds. Pricing depends on features (Lite: free; pro; \$35/year; Platinum: \$300/year).

Zotero - F

www.zotero.org

A powerful, easy-to-use research tool that helps you gather, organize, and analyze sources and then share the results of your research. Zotero integrates into Firefox and helps you organize citations, articles, images, etc.