

Set Up Guide

This guide is designed to help librarians set up access to JISC Historic Books, part of the JISC eCollections service.

Login

JISC Historic Books: <http://jischistoricbooks.ac.uk>

Authentication Options

We provide access via UK Federation Access Management (Shibboleth and OpenAthens) as well as ip authentication.

By default, if you have Shibboleth or OpenAthens authentication available Mimas will automatically set this up for your institution. We will then confirm if you would like ip authentication enabled as well for on campus access. If your institution does not use Shibboleth or OpenAthens then we will set up ip authentication instead.

Please note: personalisation options are not available using ip authentication. These currently include “My Searches” and “My Preferences”, and we will shortly be introducing a “My Bibliography” area, which will only be available via Shibboleth and OpenAthens authentication.

WAYFless URLs

WAYFless URLs are available for JISC Historic Books. The format is:
http://jcolls.mimas.ac.uk/wayf?sso=SSO_LOCATION&destination=books

SSO_LOCATION is the URL of the single sign on service of the Identity Provider to use for authentication (which can be found in the IdP configuration files or federation metadata). So, for example, for The University of Manchester you would use:

<http://jcolls.mimas.ac.uk/wayf?sso=https://shib.manchester.ac.uk/shibboleth-idp/profile/Shibboleth/SSO&destination=books>

In this example, 'https://shib.manchester.ac.uk/shibboleth-idp/profile/Shibboleth/SSO' is the SSO_LOCATION belonging to The University of Manchester.

Proxy Server

If you access using ip authentication and you have a proxy server at your institution please add the following entries to your forward table and let our helpdesk know your proxy servers' ip address:

http://www.jischistoricbooks.ac.uk
https://jcolls.mimas.ac.uk/
http://www.jisc-content.ac.uk

Usage Statistics

We provide a web interface for you to view and download your full text access statistics for JISC Historic Books: <http://stats.jischistoricbooks.ac.uk>.

You can log in using the same authentication you use to access the platform itself, either via the UK Federation or ip authentication, depending on which has been set up for your institution.

The usage statistics are updated monthly and you will see your institution listed in the next monthly update after you subscribe, providing there are full text access statistics to display.

Support

There is a detailed help file: <http://ecollections.mimas.ac.uk/books/help.html> (accessed via the "Help" link) and the latest news and support information can be found on our support site: <http://ecollections.mimas.ac.uk/> (accessed via the "Support" link).

Contact Us

The JISC Historic Books helpdesk at Mimas is happy to assist you with any enquiries about the platform so please do contact us.

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If you have an enquiry about your subscription to the JISC eCollections service please contact the JISC Collections helpdesk at help@jisc-collections.ac.uk.