

BAM Portal

'BAM' is a common Internet offering of libraries, archives and museums in Germany. The BAM Portal presents researchers and the public at large direct digital access to published materials, archival records and museum objects. Not merely a platform for libraries, museums and archives, the BAM Portal is in fact open to all cultural organisations.

The goal of BAM is simple: to make cultural objects from institutions across Germany accessible in one central portal. Each search queries the catalogues of several regional library networks; the online finding aids of the German Federal Archives; the regional archives of several German provinces; the object databases of many museums; museum associations; and still other cultural organisations. All participating organisations and collections are fully acknowledged. Results of each BAM query are presented in a short list and linked to the system of origin. The visitor thus enjoys direct access to all relevant collections information, presented in the professional context specific to libraries, museums, archives, etc. Provided they are available, the web visitor also enjoys full access to data sets associated with the original records.

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