Accessing Underground and Independent Comics, Comix, and Graphic Novels

- Go to the University Library’s homepage: lib.ua.edu
- Click on the Databases link of the top left-hand side of the screen.
- Use the Browse Alphabetical List by clicking on the U icon

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*Underground and Independent Comics, Comix, and Graphic Novels* is a unique database, “the first ever scholarly, primary-source database focused on adult comic books and graphic novels.”

There are a number of ways of searching this database’s collection. There’s a Basic Search (one single search box on the top-right side of the home page), an Advanced Search, and you can also browse the contents of this collection in a number of different ways (by characters, genres, titles, etc.).

While the Basic Search is a fairly simple Google-style single search box, the Advanced Search has a large amount of filters and methods for refining your search. You can search for a specific
title, works from a certain publisher, or even limit your search to looking for a certain character or coloring style. In this case we’ve searched for the title *The Adventures of Oat Willie*:

After accessing the results screen you can then start to view the comic in full-text:
Simply click View all Pages and you will find this screen:

And the comic is available to read page by page:
THE ORIGIN OF OAT WILLIE

ALL OVER THE GREAT STATE OF TEXAS — AND BEYOND — HIS FAME HAS SPREAD. IN AUSTIN HIS HANDSOME LIKENESS ADORNS MURALS AND T-SHIRTS; HIS WORDS OF WISDOM APPEAR ON THOUSANDS OF BUMPER STICKERS. YET, DESPITE HIS STATUS AS A CULTURAL ICON, THE QUESTION IS STILL ASKED:

WHO TH' HECK IS OAT WILLIE?

NOW — FOR THE FIRST TIME ANYWHERE — HIS STORY CAN BE TOLD!!