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As the result of a successful Technology Fee proposal this past fall, the UCF Libraries have purchased the America’s Historical Imprints database, which has a combined search interface to eight databases based on the digitized holdings of the American Antiquarian Society’s landmark collections. These comprehensive online resources offer more than 150,000 early American books, pamphlets, broadsides, and rare printed materials. Featuring extensive indexing and full bibliographic information, these unique primary sources enable students and faculty to browse and explore America’s past in unprecedented ways. Among the collections included in America’s Historical Imprints are the following:

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  Early American Imprints contains virtually every known book, pamphlet, and broadside published in America between 1640 and the first two decades of the nineteenth century — more than 75,000 printed items in all. It contains a vast range of publications, including advertisements, almanacs, bibles, broadsides, catalogs, charts and by-laws, contracts, cookbooks, elegies, eulogies, laws, maps, narratives, novels, operas, pamphlets, plays, poems, primers, sermons, songs, speeches, textbooks, tracts, and travelogues. Shaw-Shoemaker complements a database already owned by the UCF Libraries, Early American Imprints, Series I: Evans, 1639-1800.

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- The American Slavery Collection, 1820-1922
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