

**Short Story Index**, a WilsonWeb database, is a convenient digital guide for locating more than 84,000 stories, including the full text of more than 1,600 stories, from collections, anthologies and periodicals. For the reader seeking short fiction by a favorite author, the teacher looking for the quintessential example of a particular genre, or the student researching the body of work of a literary figure, **Short Story Index** is a practical resource.

**To access Short Story Index:**

Go to: RCPL (<http://www.myrcl.com>)

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Scroll to: **Short Story Index**

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Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.  
Text that you must type is within single quote marks ( ' ' ).

**1. Who wrote "Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge", and where can I find a copy?**

- ☐ In the *Find* box (*Basic Search* page) type 'occurrence at owl creek bridge' (or just 'occurrence owl creek bridge', deleting unimportant words).
- ☐ Click the *Start* button.
- ☐ When the *All Results* page appears, click the hyperlinked story title (*An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge*) to bring up the *Record View* which gives the author's complete name, basic bibliographic details for the collection containing the story, and subject headings for that story.

**2. After reading "Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge", I would like to read other stories with similar themes. How can I find them?**

- ☐ While still in the *Record View* for "Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge", notice the *Subject(s)* line.
- ☐ Clicking each hyperlinked subject will bring up a *Record View* listing of other stories with the same headings.

**3. I'm a fan of Donald Westlake and want to find as many of his short stories as possible.**

- ☐ Click the *Advanced Search* tab found mid-screen.
- ☐ In the top *Find* box, type 'donald westlake' or 'westlake donald'.
- ☐ In the top (first) *As* box, select *Author, Personal* from the dropdown list.
- ☐ In the *Limit Dates To* option, leave the radio button at its default setting (*Any Year*).
- ☐ Click the *Start* button.
- ☐ Over 80 story titles will be retrieved in the *All Results* mode with their sources.
- ☐ Each link will lead to a *Record View* display of the record.

4. I'm a literature teacher and would like to see a complete list of all subject headings used by *Short Story Index*.
- ☐ Click the *Browse* tab at the top.
  - ☐ When the *Browse* screen appears, leave the *Browse For* box blank and the *In* box set at *Subjects*.
  - ☐ Click the *Start* button.
  - ☐ Use the arrows at the bottom of the screen (*Previous* and *Next*) to advance or retrace the alphabetical list. The individual subject headings are hyperlinked and can be clicked to display the titles of stories indexed under those topics.
5. Does the collection *The Best Short Stories of O. Henry* contain the "The Ransom of Red Chief"?
- ☐ Click the *Basic Search* tab.
  - ☐ In the *Find* box type 'best short stories o henry'.
  - ☐ Click the *Start* button. The *All Results* screen will individually list the titles of all stories in that collection, one of which is "The Ransom of Red Chief".
6. I see that *Short Story Index* makes some stories available full-text. How can I get a list of them all?
- ☐ Click the *Advanced Search* tab.
  - ☐ Check (click) the box for *Limit To: Full Text Articles* and leave all other settings at default (blank).
  - ☐ Click the *Start* button. Over 5,000 story titles will be listed in *All Results* mode as clickable links in PDF or HTML or both. This list can be advanced or retraced by clicking the forward and back arrows at the bottom of the screen.