



RESOURCES ON LITERATURE

SEARCHING FOR ARTICLES

The library subscribes to many periodicals in various formats: microforms, print, CD-Rom and online via the Internet. Please check the library's periodical listings (at the reference desk) for date of publication and formats available. The following are periodicals that may be relevant to your research on psychology:

Relevant Periodicals in the Library

- American Literature
- American Poetry Review
- American Theatre
- Modern Fiction Studies
- New York Times Book Review
- Plays
- Studies in English Literature
- Studies in Romanticism`
- Studies in Short Fiction
- Studies in the Novel
- Studies in the Literary Imagination

Other Literary Reference Resources in the Library

The following reference resources are in multi-volume sets:

- Contemporary Literature Criticism (CLC)
- Contemporary Authors
- Poetry Criticism
- Drama Criticism
- Short Story Criticism
- Masterplots II - Drama Series
- Latin American Writers
- Book Review Digest

To Search for Articles in General on Literary Subjects

To search the magazine/newspaper databases listed on LBCC Library homepage (*SIRS*, *Proquest*, *Newsbank*, *Gender Watch*), use words appropriate to the field and sub-fields, including:

- Major sub-fields of Literature (i.e., English literature, American drama, French poetry, etc.)
- Names of writers, poets, playwrights, or critics.
- Names of literary movements or groups (e.g., El Teatro Campesino, Beat poets, Harlem Renaissance, etc.)
- Check in the Library of Congress Subject Headings set (the five big red books on the counter) in dictionaries, thesauri and subject-related books for the right words to use.

SEARCHING FOR BOOKS ON LITERATURE

- LBCC Library catalog is web-based and searchable via the Internet. From the Library homepage, click on the button "Library Catalog".
- The Library Web site's URL is: <http://lib.lbcc.cc.ca.us>
- Use "Keyword" search or "Subject " search. At the orientation, the librarian will demonstrate how to do a complex search for more relevant results.
- **The Library of Congress Classification Numbers (or Call Numbers)** are not inclusive of all books on the subject in LBCC Library, as variances in the focus of books result in their being cataloged in different sections of the LC classification system. Examples:

Literature	PN
American Literature	PS
English Literature	PR
Romance languages Literature	PQ

SEARCHING FOR LITERATURE RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

Use a Search Engine such as Altavista (<http://www.altavista.com>) when you know the exact terms or names of your topic.

- Enter two or more related words, each with a +in front to specify your search.
- Search for phrases by putting double quotes around two or more words, for example:

+ "Vietnam war" +poetry
+ "chicano theater" +California

- Put an asterisk * after the root word to find plurals or other words beginning with the root.
- Field search examples: +title:"barbara ehrenreich" +url:org
+ "dalton trumbo" +url:edu
- Use subject directories such as Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>) or Internet indexes such as Librarian's Index to the Internet (<http://www.lii.org>) for browsing or when you are not sure of the terms or names. Indexes lead you from the general subject to the specific sub-topic.

Great websites relating to Literary Subjects

- Online Literary Criticism Collection
<http://www.ipl.org/ref/litcrit/>
- Columbia Guide to Online Style
http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/cgos/idx_basic.html
- ALEX: Catalog of Electronic Texts
<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/alex/>
- On-line Books Page
<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/books.html>
- Project Gutenberg Index
<http://www.promo.net/pg/>
- Literary Locales
<http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/english/places.htm>
- Comprehensive Poetry Links
<http://www.js.spokane.wa.us/poetry>
- American Verse Project
<http://www.hti.umich.edu/english/amverse/>