

Okanagan College Library - Kelowna
Summer session 2007 : English 151 Readings in Short Fiction and the Novel

Voyager Online Catalogue

Where?

- Located on the **OC Library web page** <http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/library>

What?

- Locate OC Library circulating books, reference books, videos/dvds & local area files

How?

- Search by **keyword relevance** - Limit to 1-4 important words, no sentences!
- Use the **truncation** symbol “?” to check word endings e.g. postmodern?

- Use **author browse** to find the **works written by** literary authors
Type the author's name with the family name first e.g. Faulkner William

To find **critical material on your author and their work**, think of your author's work as the subject of a book (book chapter or essay in a collection or review) written by someone studying this author

- Use **subject browse**

Type the author's family name first e.g. Joyce James

Look for handy sub-headings such as **criticism and interpretation, characters, technique** and titles of specific works

Use **subject** links in records for relevant titles to go to related items

- **Request** titles held in other Okanagan College campus libraries
- Check **UBCO catalogue** link from the OC Library webpage & ask Library staff help to request

Reference Materials

What?

- Search to define terms and read overview of a topic as you begin your research

Where?

Library WebPage > Research > Online Reference Sources

Oxford Reference Online

Click on *Search within a Subject* and select *Literature*

Then *search* or *browse* within the key literary titles listed e.g. Concise Oxford Companion series to national literatures, Dictionary of Literary Terms and Dictionary of Writers & their Works

Also check the **Library's Reference shelves** for:

<u>The Oxford Companion to American Literature</u>	[Ref PS 21 .H3]
<u>The Oxford Companion to Canadian Literature</u>	[Ref PS 8015 .O93]
<u>The Oxford Companion to English Literature</u>	[Ref PR 19 .O94]
<u>A Glossary of Literary Terms</u> M.H. Abrams	[Ref PN 41 .A184]
+ other titles at this same shelf area Ref PN 41	

Online Databases

What?

- Online databases are used to find **journal, magazine and newspaper articles**. Databases covering literature index/list citations to articles and reviews so that you can search for those dealing with your particular author and their work. Many of the databases contain **full-text** articles, which you can print, download/save and email.

Where?

Library Webpage > Research > Article Databases > Humanities

****Recommended****

Gale Literature Resource Center

Biographical information, overviews & full-text literary criticism and reviews of 130,000 writers from all time periods and around the world in all literary genres and journalism

- **Advanced Search** allows best searching features
- Check the **Encyclopedia of Literature** feature for definitions of literary terms, brief overview on author, genres, styles etc
- Use the **Gale Literary Index** feature to identify where your author's work may be covered in Gale's print series of literary biography & literary criticism that are held on the Library's Reference shelves **Short Story Criticism (SSC)**. [Ref PN 3373 .S56] These articles are extra to those selected for the Resource Center database.

Other databases :

[Academic Search Premier](#) (EBSCO) All subjects

Tip! Search *literary work title* as **PS Reviews & Products**; Search *literary author* as **PE People** or **SU subject terms**; Narrow results to **Academic Journals**

[CBCA Reference](#) (ProQuest) large range of Canadian sources & subjects covered including Canadian authors. *Tip!* Search *literary author* as **Person**

[MLA International Bibliography](#)

[Project Muse](#), [JSTOR](#) All subjects

How?

Access Tip !

- You can access anywhere on-campus.
- For **off-campus** access to Library's Databases & Online Reference Sources, at prompt enter current OC student id number and your family name.

Search Tips for all databases ! At the search engine boxes

- search each concept on a separate line – concept can be word or phrase. No sentences!
- use the root word and the truncation symbol “*” (e.g. postmodern*)
- repeat your search with alternative words: **synonyms, broader terms, narrower terms**
- **Results** can be displayed in categories such as academic or scholarly (peer-reviewed) journals, periodicals or magazines, newspapers, reviews, reference books. Choose the level and type of articles that best suits you!
- Click on **Where can I get this?** when there is no full-text icon. The system checks other OC library databases, *Voyager* catalogue & other libraries to try locating full-text sources

MLA style

- keep details of your sources, cite them in your paper & list them in a bibliography
- see **Library webpage > LibraryLinks > Style Guides (MLA/APA)** for examples

Need help?

- Ask the library staff at the **Library Reference desk**.
- **ASK US (Get research help)?** Library webpage > LibraryLinks

Library Summer Hours		Need a laptop?
Monday to Thursday	8am - 8pm	...to do your research
Friday	8am - 6pm	...to write your research paper
Closed : Monday July 2 - Canada Day		...to do a class presentation
Monday August 6 - BC Day		<i>wireless internet access ! same day loan free !</i>
		Ask at the Library Circ Desk