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Library Subject Guide

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Association of College and Research Libraries

Northern Light College offers several courses focusing on the art of creative writing, such as: Provincial Creative Writing, and Introduction to the Art of Writing I & II.

For related material, view the **English - Canadian Literature**, **English – Literature**, **English - Writing Resources**, or **Adult Basic Education Library Subject Guides**.

Ask a Librarian for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

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REFERENCE

Consulting dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Reference librarians on those campuses will research these materials for faculty and students. Simply fill out the "Ask the Librarian" form on the library webpage or contact the library directly.

Some titles of interest located in the reference section are:

Dawson Creek Reference Collection

PN 44.5 T87 1999	The book of literary terms
PR 111 S24 1999	Cambridge guide to women's writing
KE 2799.2 H377 2001	Canadian copyright law
PE 1408 H2777 2004	Canadian writer's reference
PN 1022 G7 1996	The Columbia Granger's index to poetry
AZ 108 B43 1994	The Continuum encyclopedia of symbols
PN 1111 C85 1992 V.1	Critical survey of poetry. English language series
PN 6081 D53	The Dictionary of Canadian quotations
PN 44.5 Q56 1999	A dictionary of literary and thematic terms
AZ 108 B5313	Dictionary of symbolism
PN 451 D53 109	Eighteenth-century British poets : second series
PN 6081 B27 1992	Familiar quotations
PN 147 T75 2004	A guide to MLA documentation with an appendix
PN 6081 J64 2000	John Robert Colombo's famous lasting words

PN 1022 K55 V. 1	Last lines: an index to the last lines of poetry
LB 2369 T82 1996	A manual for writers of term papers, theses, and
LB 2369 G53 2003	MLA handbook for writers of research papers
N 41 C3 1999	A multicultural dictionary of literary terms
084 H8094 1995	The Oxford dictionary of humorous quotations
PN 1035 P635 V. 1 -V. X	Poetry criticism : excerpts from criticism
PN 1021 E5 1974	Princeton encyclopedia of poetry and poetics
PN 6081 R435 1992	Respectfully quoted: a dictionary of quotations
PE 1689 K57 2001	Roget's thesaurus of phrases
PE 1408 H276 2004	Rules for writers
AZ 108 T74	Symbols and their meanings
PE 1460 F47 1996	The Writer's Digest dictionary of concise writing
PE 1408 H2778 1995	A writer's reference
PS 8071.4 W57 W75	Writing in Canada
BF 76.8 S98 2002	Writing with style: APA style made easy

Fort St. John Reference Collection

PN 44.5 M86 1998	The Bedford glossary of critical and literary terms
PN 44.5 T87 1999	The book of literary terms
PE 1460 M26 1992	The bias-free word finder
KE 2799.2 H377 2001	Canadian copyright law
PE 1408 B83 2008	Checkmate: a writing reference for Canadians
PN 1022 H39	The Columbia Granger's index to poetry
PN 56 S9 F43 1999	A dictionary of literary symbols
GR 931 C45 1996	A dictionary of symbols

PN 6081 J64 2000	John Robert Colombo's famous lasting words
LB 2369 T82 1996	manual for writers of term papers, theses, dissert.
PN 6081 09 1999	The Oxford dictionary of quotations
PN 41 C83 1999	The Penguin dictionary of literary terms and literary
PN 1035 P635 V. 1 -V. X	Poetry criticism
PN 1101 P75 1998 V.1	Poetry for students
PN 1021 E5 1974	Princeton encyclopedia of poetry and poetics
PN 6081 R435 1992	Respectfully quoted : a dictionary of quotations

BF 1623 S9 C513 1995	A dictionary of symbols	PE 1408 T76 2007	Simon & Schuster quick access reference for writers
AZ 108 B5313	Dictionary of symbolism	PN 471 W46 2002	Who's who in contemporary women's writing
PN 44.5 Q56 1999	A dictionary of literary and thematic terms	PN 1271 W46 2002	Who's who in twentieth-century world poetry
PN 6081 B27 1992	Familiar quotations	BF 76.8 S98 2002	Writing with style: APA style made easy
PN 147 T75 2004	Guide to MLA documentation & appendix APA style	PE 1408 H2778 1995	A writer's reference
LB 2369 G53 2003	MLA handbook for writers of research papers		

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

General materials on Creative Writing are shelved in the P and L sections. To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

CT	General Biography	GR	Folklore	PN	General Literary History	PR	English Literature
D	Language & Literature	PE	English	PQ	Romance Literature	PS8000	Canadian Literature

LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

Examples of keywords:

authorship	feature writing	poetry
creative writing	freelance writing	plots
drama technique	literary terms	prose
editing	playwriting	science fiction technique

PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS:

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of particular interest to Creative Writing students. To check for campus and holdings search the title in WebCat.

Periodical Title.....	Library Holdings.....	Campus Library
Brick	1998 - current	FSJ
Canadian Fiction Magazine	1998 - 2000	FSJ
Canadian Literature	1959-current	DC/FSJ
College English	1994-current	FSJ
College Literature	2000-current	FSJ
Essays on Canadian Writing	1992- 2005	FSJ
Grain	1990-current	FSJ
Writers Digest	Current + 3 yrs	DC

DATABASES & INDEXES

access: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

Academic Search Premier: Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available from 1984-present. Updated monthly.

Books in Print: Lists 3 million in- and out-of-print titles available in Canada, books, videos and audio books. Updated monthly.

CBCA Fulltext Reference: Canadian Business and Current Affairs is a major index for Canadian newspapers, popular & business scholarly journal and popular magazines. 1982- present.

CPIQ: Current events, health, technology, arts, history, culture and business. 400 Canadian periodicals with 137 fulltext

Humanities: Literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983- present. Updated monthly. Citations.

MLA International Bibliography: A bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations. Includes literature from all over the world. Topics include folklore, literary theory and criticism, and the dramatic arts. Over 4,400 journals. Includes *the MLA Bibliography & MLA Directory of Periodicals*. Citations.

Oxford English Dictionary: The accepted authority on the evolution of the English language over the last millennium, a guide to the meaning, history, and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past.

Readers Guide to Periodical Literature: Subjects include popular literature, current events, business, fashion, politics, crafts, food, sports, history & science. 1983-current

WEBSITES

Associations

Canadian Authors Association: <http://www.canauthors.org/index.html>

Federation of BC Writers: <http://www.bcwriters.com/>

Professional Writer's Association of Canada: <http://www.pwac.ca/>

Writers Guild of Canada: <http://www.writersguildofcanada.com/>

The Writer's Union of Canada: <http://www.writersunion.ca/>

General

Authorconnect.com: <http://www.authorconnect.com/>

eiNet.net: <http://www.einet.net/directory/0/Directory.htm>

▪ Creative writing: [http://www.einet.net/directory/41550/Creative Writing.htm](http://www.einet.net/directory/41550/Creative_Writing.htm)

Internet Resources.com – Writers: <http://www.internet-resources.com/writers/>

Literary Web: <http://people.virginia.edu/~jbh/writing.html>

Man Booker Prize: <http://www.themanbookerprize.com/>

University of Manitoba: <http://www.umanitoba.ca>

▪ Canadian Literature Archive: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/canlit/>

WritersDigest.com: <http://www.writersdigest.com>

Writer's Net – Writers, Editors, Agents. Publishers: <http://www.writers.net/>

Writers' Workshop – University Illinois @ Urbana Champaign: <http://www.english.uiuc.edu/cws/wworkshop/index.htm>

Poetry

Canadian Federation of Poets: <http://www.federationofpoets.com/>

Canadian Poetry - U of Toronto Library: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/canpoetry/>

Glossary of Poetic Terms: <http://www.poeticbyway.com/glossary.html>

Library and Archives Canada: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>

▪ Canadian Poetry Archive: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/canvers/index-e.html>

Poets and Writers: <http://www.pw.org/>

Poetry Society: <http://www.poetrysoc.com/content/homepage>

Reference

Abbreviations and Acronym Dictionary: <http://www.acronymfinder.com/>

Bartelby.com: <http://www.bartleby.com/>

Bartlett's Familiar Quotations: <http://www.bartleby.com/100>

Dictionary.com: <http://www.dictionary.com/>

Merriam-Webster Online: <http://m-w.com/>

The Online Books Page: <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/>

Project Gutenberg: <http://www.promo.net/pg/>

Roget's International Thesaurus of English Words: <http://www.bartleby.com/110/>