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For related material, view the **English - Creative Writing**, **English - Canadian Literature**, **English - Writing Resources**, and **Shakespeare Library Subject Guides**.

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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

An * indicates that there is more than one volume (part) to a title

PN 41 B454	Benét's reader's encyclopedia of American literature	PN 41 E5 1998*	Encyclopedia of the novel
PN 471 B57 1992	The Bloomsbury guide to women's literature	PN 6081 B27 1992	Familiar quotations
PN 451 D53 110	British romantic prose writers, 1789-1832	PN 6081 B27 1968	Familiar quotations
PR 83 C35 1999 *	The Cambridge bibliography of English literature	PN 44.5 A2 1999	A glossary of literary terms
Z 2011 B28 1969*	The Cambridge bibliography of English literature	AC 1 G72 1990	The great conversation : a reader's guide to...
PR 821 O97 1998	Cambridge guide to fiction in English	PR 19 L37 1994	Larousse dictionary of literary characters
PR 111 S24 1999	The Cambridge guide to women's writing in English	PN 1022 K55 *	Last lines: an index to the last lines of poetry
PR 85 C34	The Cambridge guide to literature in English	PS 21 M34 1991*	Magill's survey of American literature
PS 21 C36	The Cambridge handbook of American literature	PN 43 W38 1999	Merriam-Webster's dictionary of allusions
PN 56.4 H68 1993	Characters in 19th-century literature	PN 41 C3 1999	Multicultural dictionary of literary terms
PN 1022 G7 1996	Columbia Granger's index to poetry	PS 21 O94 1983	Oxford companion to American literature
PR 19 C64 1991-92 *	Concise dictionary of British literary biography	PR 19 O94 2000	Oxford companion to English literature
PN 41 C67 1990	Concise Oxford dictionary of literary terms	PR 19 D73 1985	Oxford companion to English literature
PN 1008.5 C66 2001	Continuum encyclopedia of children's literature	084 H8094 1995	Oxford dictionary of humorous quotations
AZ 108 B43 1994	Continuum encyclopedia of symbols	PN 1035 P635 *	Poetry criticism : excerpts from criticism
PN 1111 C85 1992 *	Critical survey of poetry	PN 1021 E5 1974	Princeton encyclopedia of poetry and poetics
PR 149 B5 D53 1992	Dictionary of biblical tradition in English literature	Z 1035 B7 R43 1994*	Reader's adviser
PN 41 H36	Dictionary of concepts in literary criticism & theory	PR 85 R33 1996	Reader's guide to literature in English
GR 141 S59 2000	A dictionary of English folklore	PR 19 R43 1991*	Reference guide to English literature
GR 35 P53 1999	A dictionary of folklore	AZ 108 T74	Symbols and their meanings

PN 44.5 Q56 1999	A dictionary of literary and thematic terms	PN 451 T9 1955	Twentieth century authors, first supplement
GR 35 J6 *	Dictionary of mythology, folklore and symbols	PN 523 W67*	World literature criticism : 1500 to the present
AZ 108 B5313	Dictionary of symbolism	PN 43 E44	The York companion to themes and motifs of world
PN 451 D53 109	Eighteenth-century British poets	PN 451 W3 1975	World authors, 1950-1970
PN 81 E53 1991	Encyclopedia of literature and criticism	PN 451 W67 1980	World authors, 1970-1975

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PN 44.5 M86 1998	Bedford glossary of critical and literary terms	PR 113 F45	Feminist companion to Literature in English
PR 113 B46	Biographical dictionary of English women writers	PN 44.5 A2 1999	Glossary of literary terms
PE 1460 M26 1992	Bias-free word finder	PQ 7081 A1 H36 1992	Handbook of Latin American literature
PN 44.5 T87 1999	Book of literary terms	PR 9080 I5747	International literature in English
PE 1072 C68 1995	Cambridge encyclopedia of the English language	PR 221 Q5	Manual of Old English prose
PR 821 O97 1998	Cambridge guide to fiction in English	PN 6014 N67 1991	Norton introduction to literature
PR 85 C34	Cambridge guide to literature in English	PS 21 094 1995	Oxford companion to American literature
PS 21 C36	Cambridge handbook of American literature	PR 19 D72 1998	Oxford companion to English literature
PN 56.4 H68 1993	Characters in 19th-century literature	PN 6081 09 1999	Oxford dictionary of quotations
PN 1022 H39	Columbia Granger's index to poetry	PN 41 C83 1999	Penguin dictionary of literary terms and literary...
PN 44.5 H365	Concise glossary of contemporary literary theory	PN 1035 P635 *	Poetry criticism
PN 41 C67 1990	Concise Oxford dictionary of literary terms	PN 1101 P75 1998*	Poetry for students
PN 44.5 Q56 1999	Dictionary of literary and thematic terms	PN 1021 E5 1974	Princeton encyclopedia of poetry and poetics
PN 56 S9 F43 1999	Dictionary of literary symbols	PN 6081 R435 1992	Respectfully quoted : a dictionary of quotations
PR 508 C68 S63	Dictionary of classical reference in English poetry	PE 1408 T76 2007	Simon & Schuster quick access reference
PN 44.5 Q56 1999	Dictionary of literary and thematic terms	PN 451 S4 1976B	Who's who in twentieth century literature
PM 155 D53 1994	Dictionary of Native American literature	PN 1271 W46 2002	Who's who in twentieth-century world poetry
AZ 108 B5313	Dictionary of symbolism	PN 451 W3 1975	World authors, 1950-1970
GR 931 C45 1996	Dictionary of symbols	PN 523 W67 1997	World literature criticism.
BF 1623 S9 C513 1995	Dictionary of symbols	PN 523 W67*	World literature criticism : 1500 to the present
PS 169 F7 S65 1997	Encyclopedia of frontier literature	PE 1408 H2778 1995	Writer's reference
PN 6081 B27 1992	Familiar quotations	PN PN 471 W46 2002	Who's who in contemporary women's writing
		PN 43 E44	York companion to themes and motifs of world lit.

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

PN	General Literary History	PS	American Literature	PS8000	Canadian Literature
GR	Folklore	PQ	Romance Literature	PT	German, Dutch & Scandinavian Lit.
PE	English	PR	English Literature		

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Examples of keywords:

adventure stories	English diaries	folk literature	poetry
anonymous writings	English essays	literary reviews	prose
biography	epic literature	literary theory	romanticism
contemporary literature	fiction	manuscripts	science fiction
drama	fantasy literature	poetess tradition	

PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS

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

Periodical Title.....	Library Holdings.....	Campus Library
Brick	1998 - current	FSJ

Canadian Literature	1959 - current	DC/FSJ
College English	1994 - current	FSJ
College Literature	2000 - current	FSJ
Fiddlehead	1988 - current	DC/FSJ
Grain	1997 - current	FSJ
Mosaic	2004 – current	FSJ
Quill & Quire	Current + 1 yr	DC/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. 1984-present. Updated monthly.
- **Books in Print: Canadian edition.** Lists 3 million in- and out-of print titles available in Canada, books, videos and audio books.
- **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 full text. Updated weekly.
- **Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online:** This online dictionary, from the National Archives of Canada, presents persons who died between 1000 and 1920 or whose last known date of activity falls within these year. Full text.
- **Humanities Index:** Provides coverage in literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983- present. Updated monthly.
- **Ingenta Connect:** Article citations and summaries in all disciplines
- **MLA International Bibliography:** A bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations published by the Modern Language Association. World literature, folklore, music, art, rituals, and belief systems. Other topics include literary theory and criticism and the dramatic arts. Citation and fulltext available.
- **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

Children's Literature

The Baldwin Online Children's Literature Project: <http://www.mainlesson.com/main/displayarticle.php?article=mission>

Children's Books Online: Rosetta Project: <http://www.childrensbooksonline.org/>

General

Internet Classics Archive: <http://classics.mit.edu/>

Intute Arts & Humanities: <http://www.intute.ac.uk/artsandhumanities/>

Literary Index – Internet Resources in Literature: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/english/flackcj/Litmain.html>

Literary Resources on the Net by Jack Lynch: <http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/>

Voice of the Shuttle: Literature Site: <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=3>

Words Without Borders – online magazine: <http://www.wordswithoutborders.org/>

Poetry

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

Glossary of Peotic 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/>

Reference

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

- The Cambridge History of English And American Literature: <http://www.bartleby.com/cambridge/chapterindex.html>

Introduction to Modern Literary Theory - Dr. Kristi Siegel: <http://www.kristisiegel.com/theory.htm>

Literature: Constructing Plot: <http://www.learner.org/exhibits/literature/read/plot1.html>

Literary Criticism - Internet Public Library: <http://www.ipl.org/div/litcrit/>

Literary Encyclopedia and Literary Dictionary: <http://www.litencyc.com/index.php>

New York Times Archives – free articles, including book reviews: <http://www.nytimes.com/ref/membercenter/nytarchive.html>

Online Books page – University of Pennsylvania: <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/>

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

The Virtual Classroom Glossary of Literary Terms – University of Cambridge: <http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/vclass/terms.htm>

Topical Literature

American Authors: <http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/aufram.html>

The Online Medieval and Classical Library (OMACL) is a collection of some of the most important literary works of Classical and Medieval civilization: <http://omacl.org/>

Modern World: <http://www.themodernword.com/default.aspx>

PAL: Perspectives in American Literature - Paul P. Reuban: <http://www.csustan.edu/english/reuben/pal/TABLE.HTML>

Representative Poetry Online: <http://rpo.library.utoronto.ca/display/>

Victorian Fiction Online: <http://www.victorianfiction.com/>

Victorian Web: <http://www.thecore.nus.edu.sg/landow/victorian/victov.html>

Women's Literature

A Celebration of Women Writers: <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/>

Women Writers A Zine – womenwriters.net: <http://www.womenwriters.net/>

▪ Domestic Goddesses, AKA "Scribbling Women" - moderated e-journal: <http://www.womenwriters.net/domesticgoddess/>

Victorian Women's Writers Project: <http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp/>