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Useful Search Terms

- Author's First and Last Name
- English Literature
- American Literature
- Literary Criticism
- Nineteenth century literature
- Twentieth century literature

Library of Congress Classification

Where to find books on Literature in the stacks:

- PE – English Language
- PN – General Literature
- PR – English Literature
- PS – American Literature
- PZ – Fiction and young adult work

Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

- *Oxford English Dictionary*
  REF PE1625 .M7
- *Merriam-Webster's encyclopedia of literature*
  Available in e-book collection
- *The concise Oxford dictionary of literary terms*
  REF PN41 .C67 1990
- *A dictionary of literary symbols*
  REF PN56.S9 F47 1999
- *Dictionary of literary characters*
  Available in e-Book collection
- *The Routledge dictionary of literary terms*
  Available in e-Book collection

Writing, Research, & Citation Guides

- *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*
  Available on Ready Ref. shelf
- *Introduction to Academic English*
  PE1408 .O72 2007
- *Doing English: a guide for literature students*
  Available in e-book collection

Literature Guides & Summaries

- *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*
  AI3 .A1
- Bloom's guides
  Available in e-book collection
- Bloom's major dramatists
  Available in e-book collection
- *The plays of Shakespeare : a thematic guide*
  Available in e-book collection

Literary Criticism

- *Twentieth-century literary criticism*
  REF PN771 .G27
- *Contemporary Literary Criticism*
  REF PN771 .C59
- *Poetry Criticism*
  REF PN1010 .P6

Biographical & Critical Resources

- *Modern American women writers*
  REF PS151 .M54 1990
- *Dictionary of Literary Biography*
  REF PS129 .D5
- *Oxford Companion to American Literature*
  REF PS21 .H3 1983
- *Oxford Companion to English Literature*
  REF PR19 .D73 1985
- *Biographical dictionary of Hispanic literature in the United States*
  REF PQ7420.2 .K3 1989
- *African American Writers*
  REF PS153.N5 A344 1990
- *African-American writers : a dictionary*
  REF PS153.N5 A3444 2000
- *Critical companion to William Shakespeare*
  PR2892 .B69 2005 v.1 and v.2
- *Historical dictionary of modern Chinese literature*
  Available in e-book collection

Journals

- *Twentieth Century Literature*
- *Shakespeare Quarterly*
- *American Literature*
- *Poetry*
- *The Southern Literary Journal*
- *Studies in English literature, 1500-1900*
- *Journal of modern literature*
- *English literature in transition, 1880-1920*
- *World literature today*
- *Renascence: Essays on Values in Literature*
- *Studies in 20th & 21st century literature*

Databases

E-Research – Humanities page, A-Z listing

- JSTOR
- Literature Resource Center (LRC)
- Project Muse
- E-Book Collection
- Book Review Digest Plus
- Oxford English Dictionary

Web Resources

- Modern Language Association - http://www.mla.org
- Purdue OWL: Writing in Literature - http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/4/17/
- Poets.org – Academy of American Poets - http://www.poets.org/
- LitGloss (literary term glossary) - http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/litgloss/
- LitLinks - http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/litlinks/Pages/Main.aspx