Drama & Theatre Resources
The Catholic University of America

For the most updated resources please refer to the Research Guides:
guides.lib.cua.edu/theater
guides.lib.cua.edu/shakespeareperf

Our Resources and Services

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libraries.cua.edu

The reference material for Drama and Theatre can be found in the Reference Room on the 1st floor of Mullen Library (non-circulating). Circulating material can be found in the Mullen Library Stacks. Current issues of print journals can be found in the Mullen Library Stacks Periodicals (1 Center). The full-text of many journals is available online. Most relevant material will be found in the following call number ranges:

- PN 1530 Monologue
- PN 1551 Dialogue
- PN 1560-1590 Performing Arts
- PN 1600-1988 Drama history in general. Composition of plays
- PN 1990-3307 Dramatic presentation. Acting, stagecraft, cinema, etc.
- PN 6110.5-6120 General collections of plays

If you are looking for a particular playwright, the language of the writer’s texts will determine where their work is located. For example, Shakespeare falls under PR for English Literature. Your best bet: check SearchBox at libraries.cua.edu for books that could be applicable to your topic.

General Abstracts, Bibliographies, & Indices

Academic Search Complete (Online)

Academic Search Complete is the world's largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full text database containing indexing and abstracts for more than 8,500 journals. It includes full text for more than 8,500 publications, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals, and indexing and abstracts for an additional 13,200 publications in a wide range of academic areas of study. Full-text is available for some publications back to 1887. The database also includes searchable, cited references for more than 1,400 journals.

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Humanities International Complete (Online)
A comprehensive database of humanities content, the HIC indexes and abstracts over 2,300 journals and contains over 2.9 million records. More than one thousand journals have full text availability. Coverage goes back as far as 1929.

JSTOR (Online)

ProQuest Research Library (Online)
Multi-subject reference source covering more than 5,000 general and academic periodicals; full-text is available for nearly 3,600 journals. Current news to historical events. 1971 – present.

WorldCat (Online)
OCLC WorldCat database is the OCLC online catalog. It contains over 270 million records representing more than 1.8 billion items in library holdings worldwide. This is an excellent database for acquiring correct bibliographic citations and locating copies of a title in the DC area. www.worldcat.org

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Historical Newspapers (Online)
Digital reproductions of The New York Times (1851 to 2007), The Wall Street Journal (1889 to 1993) and The Washington Post (1877-1994). Individual articles or full pages may be viewed, and the newspaper text is searchable. Great for looking for Broadway play reviews. For theatre reviews in Great Britain, check the Times Digital Archives, which has coverage of the Times of London from 1785-1985.

Literature Resource Center (Online)
An extensive full-text database covering English, world literatures, film, theatre, and general humanities. It includes more than 1 million full-text articles and critical essays/reviews from over 450 scholarly journals and magazines; more than 145,000

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author entries taken from Contemporary Authors and the Dictionary of Literary Biography; over 11,000 overviews and 5,000 plot summaries; more than 30,000 full-text poems, short stories and plays; 10,000+ interviews; and over 11,000 additional web links.

**MLA International Bibliography (Online)**
Produced by the Modern Language Association of America, the MLA International Bibliography indexes critical scholarship on literature, language, linguistics, drama and theater, and folklore. Coverage includes journal articles, series, monographs, dissertations, bibliographies, proceedings and other materials. The database includes all records indexed from 1925 to the present, approximately 2 million records.

**World Shakespeare Bibliography (Online)**
The WSB contains more than 131,000 annotated entries for books, articles, book reviews, dissertations, theatrical productions and reviews, audiovisual materials, electronic media, and other scholarly and popular materials relating to international Shakespeare scholarship from 1961 to the present. Three retrospective years are indexed annually. The WSB is based on bibliographies in the Shakespeare Association Bulletin 1928-1949 and Shakespeare Quarterly 1949-present.

**E-Books**
All of the e-Books in CUA’s collection may be found using a **Title** search in SearchBox. Many e-Books can also be found in the Article databases. Below are four significant e-Book databases which you may wish to search:

- *Early English Books Online (EEBO)* contains full-text searchable, digital images of more than 125,000 English-language books published between 1473 and 1700. Subjects: literature, history, philosophy, linguistics, theology, music, fine arts, education, mathematics, and science.
- *Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)* provides full-text searching of 180,000+ digital books, pamphlets, essays, broadsides, etc. published between 1701-1800. Most are English works published in the U.K., with some others included. Subjects: history, geography, social sciences, fine arts, science, technology, medicine, literature, philosophy, religion, law, and general reference.
- *JSTOR* is a digital archive of fully searchable back issues of scholarly journals in anthropology, Asian Afro American studies, ecology, economics, education, finance, general science, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, political science, sociology, and statistics.
- *Nineteenth Century Collections Online (NCCO)* indexes the full-text of books, newspapers, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, diaries, photographs, statistics, literature, government reports, treaties, and other documents produced from 1789 to 1914.

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Multiple languages are covered. Released in increments beginning in 2012.

For help downloading, printing, and copying e-Books, please refer to the Research Guide: guides.lib.cua.edu/ebooks

Select Print Resources


Dramatic criticism index; a bibliography of commentaries on playwrights from Ibsen to the avant-garde. Ed. Paul F. Breed. Detroit: Gale Research, 1972. WRLC


The Year's Work in English Studies. London: English Assoc., 1919/20-. PE 58 .E58. Also available online.

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Current Drama & Theatre Periodicals (Print)

This list is designed only as a quick reference. Many of the titles listed here (and many not listed here!) are available online as well as in print, and the electronic coverage may vary greatly. Consult the website at libraries.cua.edu for more titles. Some print volumes may be currently held at the offsite WRLC Shared Collections Facility; these titles can be requested through the Consortium Loan Service (CLS). Requests can take 24-48 hours to process (but most articles are delivered directly to your MyLibrary account.)

American Drama Vol. 11 (2002) +
American Theatre Vol. 3 (1986) +
Comparative Drama Vol. 1 (1967) +
The Drama Review: TDR Vol. 12 (1968) +
Máscara Vol. 2 (1990) +
Medieval English Theatre Vol. 1 (1979) +
Modern Drama Vol. 1 (1958) +
Nineteenth Century Theatre Vol. 15 (1987) +
Shakespeare Newsletter Vol. 15 (1965) +
Shakespeare Quarterly Vol. 1 (1950) +
Slavic and East European Performance Vol. 23 (2003) +
Stage Directions Vol. 15, no. 4-12 (2002) +
Theater Vol. 9 (1977) +
Theatre Annual Vol. 1 (1942) +
Theatre History Studies Vol. 4-14, 22 (2002) +
Theatre Journal Vol. 31 (1979) +
Theatre Notebook Vol. 1 (1945) +
Theatre Research International Vol. 7 (1981) +
Theatre Survey Vol. 2 (1961) +
Western European Stages Vol. 15 (2003) +

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Media Collections

We have a growing collection of movies, TV series, radio broadcasts, theatre, and documentaries in our collection. DVDs are held at the Circulation Desk. You can also find streaming media in SearchBox or the Kanopy and Lynda databases.

For Research Consultations:

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