West Library Resources for Theatre

This list is a summary of many resources offered by the West Library to aid you in your library research and should not be considered exhaustive. Please contact the Reference Department for further assistance.

Books

Reference

The Reference Collection is a great place to find the resources you need for theatre research. It is also a great place to begin your research, discover a topic, and create your thesis. When you develop your idea and would like to find more information for your research, you can search the library catalog and databases for specific information. This guide will enable you find some helpful materials.

The encyclopedia of the musical theatre ML102 .M88 G3 2001
American musical theatre: a chronicle ML1711 .B67 2011
The world encyclopedia of contemporary theatre PN1861 .W67
Theatre language; a dictionary of terms in English of the drama and stage from medieval to modern times PN2035 .B6
The Oxford companion to the theatre PN2035 .H3 1983
The Cambridge illustrated history of British theatre PN2581 .T78 1994

General Collection: Books, Print and Recorded Music

The General Collection is on the Third Floor of the library. In addition to these books, you can search the library’s catalog. You may also browse the relevant sections of the library including the Fine Arts Collection and the Joe Brown Theatre Collection.

The ancient theatre PA3201 .S5513 1982
Roman republican theatre PA6067 .M36 2011
Light fantastic : the art and design of stage lighting PN2091 .E4 K45 2006
The Cambridge companion to Shakespeare and contemporary dramatists PR653 .C27 2012
The Cambridge companion to African American theatre PN2270 .A35 C36 2013
Nineteenth-century American women theatre managers PN2291 .C87 1994
Theatre and celebrity in Britain, 1660-2000 PN2597 .T44 2005

To search the library catalog, type in the author’s name and click AUTHOR or the title of the work and click WORDS OR PHRASE or TITLE. Most of our print resources are located on the third floor of the library. There are various sections that contain information on drama including PN, PQ –PT. you may also find information in ML and MT. Please ask a Librarian for help if you are having trouble finding resources.

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Journal Databases and Journals

**Academic Search Complete**

**Digital Theatre Plus**

**Dictionary of Literary Biography**
This resource contains nearly 10,000 biographical and critical essays on the lives, works, and careers of influential literary figures from all eras and genres.

**Essay and General Literature Index**
It cites essays and articles contained in collections of essays and miscellaneous works published in the United States, Great Britain, and Canada. This resource focuses on the humanities and social sciences including drama and film.

**Humanities & Social Sciences Index Retrospective: 1907-1984**

**Play Index**
This unique resource covers classic and historical plays, along with the works of contemporary playwrights. This database covers new editions and translations, and includes descriptive annotations to summarize the plot and indicate musical requirements.

**Theatre in Video**
This resource contains more than 250 definitive performances of the world’s leading plays, together with more than 100 film documentaries, online in streaming video - more than 500 hours in all, representing hundreds of leading playwrights, actors and directors.

**The Classical Music Library**
The Classical Music Library has a growing collection of music from stage and screen, which you can listen to via the database or download in MP3 or Windows Media format to your computer or MP3 player. You can search by title or composer, create playlists and more. If you wish to listen to music on the computers in the library, headphones are available at the Circulation Desk.

**Individual Journals**

- Applied Theatre Research
- American Theatre
- New Theatre Quarterly
- New York Theatre Critics' Reviews
- Early Theatre: A Journal Associated with the Records of Early Drama

**Reference Help**

For help finding materials not listed here, for assistance using any of the library’s resources, or for help with bibliographies, please contact the West Library’s Reference Department:

reference@txwes.edu or mwiant@txwes.edu

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