~ DRAMA 204.3: History of Theatre from 1850 to Present ~

LIBRARY RESEARCH HELP

LIBRARY WEBSITE: http://library.usask.ca/

DRAMA Library Subject Page:
http://library.usask.ca/find/subject.php?subject=dram

PART I -- BASIC LIBRARY RESEARCH TIPS:

1. GETTING STARTED: Browse the Library’s website in order to become familiar with the Library’s services. The Library’s website is the key to most of our resources. On the homepage see especially:

   - Quick Links for… Undergraduate Students – found on the right-hand column of the homepage

   - University Library -- How Do I? -- found under University Library on the left-hand column of the homepage

   - DRAMA Library Subject Page – from the Library homepage there were two “routes” to this:
     - From Articles & Databases choose DRAMA
     - Under University Library choose Find Resources, then choose Subject Pages & Guides, then choose DRAMA

   - A Note about USING USearch: WHAT IS USearch? USearch is a “meta” search engine that provides credible, relevance-ranked results from the Library's online and print collections in a single search. Results may include: scholarly journal articles; print books and ebooks; newspaper articles; theses and dissertations; government publications; CDs and DVDs; digitized materials, including local digitized collections; conference proceedings; images; music scores; etc. Search results will vary, but results often have large numbers of “hits.” For more controlled search results:
     - Try the Advanced Search to limit your results;
     - Or search our Catalogue and our Databases separately, see directly below.

2. FINDING BOOKS THROUGH THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE: From the Library’s homepage, OR from the Drama Library Subject Page search the CATALOGUE to find pertinent books—and also chapters within books, and a range of other materials in the Library’s collections. The CATALOGUE is a database of all the books, journal and magazine holdings, newspapers, government publications, videos and other materials in all formats within the Library’s collections and available both on-site and/or electronically.
How to search:

- If you know the topic you want to search, but aren’t sure of titles or authors, begin with a WORD search. You can search one word or combine words linking them with “and”.
- Don’t forget to truncate with an asterisk -- * -- to expand the search possibilities.
  - Note that you choose the word or words in a Word search. If a word does not produce many results, chose another word.
- After a successful WORD search do one or more SUBJECT searches based on your best word search results.

3. FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES through Articles & Databases or through the Drama Library Subject Page: From the Library’s homepage, start at ARTICLES and DATABASES and then select the Drama Library Subject Page from “Select Subject Area”.

How to search:

- Search for journal articles and more through databases—with the same strategies used in searching the Library Catalogue.
- The most important journal article databases for this Drama assignment are:
  - International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text – indexes and contains selected full-text (and links to full text) to more than 100 journals, including Canadian Theatre Review for the period 1973 to the present.
  - MLA International Bibliography (MLA): comprehensively indexes journals, covering international literature, including publications on drama and theatre. Also indexes Canadian Theatre Review for the period 1981 to the present, and includes some full-text and links to full text.
    - Both are of these are EBSCO company databases and can be searched simultaneously.

4. FINDING OTHER DRAMA RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY

See the Drama Subject Page—and especially note the Special Resources TAB: there, under University Archives & Special Collections, click on Drama, Theatre and Film.

This is a listing, with links, to manuscripts and archival collections within the University Archives & Special Collections, including the:

- T.Y and Judith Rice Henderson Collection – Scope and content: “Collection consists of programs from theatre productions… The collection primarily documents the performing arts in Saskatoon and area - notably Persephone Theatre…”
- Marie-Louise Wittlin Fonds – Scope and content: “This fonds documents amateur and professional theatre in and around Saskatoon…”

PART II -- RESEARCHING PERSEPHONE THEATRE PRODUCTION REVIEWS:

- For direct searching of specific local publications with Persephone reviews see:

  The Star-Phoenix – Saskatoon. UofS Library holdings from 1902 to current. Format availability varies by year, as follows:
  - 1902 - September 2013 (that is, current - minus 3 months) – Microfilm scan of print edition -- MURRAY-MICROFORM STACKS Newspaper
- May 1, 1996 – to current minus 1 publication day – Online through ProQuest Canadian Newsstand -- in HTML-- See Library Catalogue for access.

- January 2011 - September 2013 (that is, current minus 3 months) – Online through ProQuest Digital Microfilm -- Microfilm scan of print edition, available online.

- Current 3 months--Print edition -- Current week in Current Journals Reading Room; current 3 months minus I week in Microforms Reading Room.

- Current 14 days – Online through PressDisplay in PDF. See Library Catalogue for access.

Plant S – Saskatoon. UofS Library holdings from September 5, 2002 to current in print and held in University Archives & Special Collections (US&SC) within the Special Collections—Shortt Collection. Call # AP5.P55 -- Request at UA&SC Service Desk.

The Sheaf – Saskatoon. UofS University Archives holdings online and in print.
- 1912-1994 – The Sheaf Online – Access available through: UA&SC page (not found in Library Catalogue!)
  - From Library home page choose “University Archives & Special Collections
  - Then choose “Campus History”
  - Then choose “Student Life”
  - The choose The Sheaf Online (1912-1994)
- 1995 to present – Available in print. -- Request at UA&SC Service Desk.

The Saskatoon Sun. UofS Library holdings from September 16, 2001 to current minus 1 publication day. Online through ProQuest Canadian Newsstand in HTML-- See Library Catalogue for access.

- For direct searching of Canadian theatre review publications see:


Canadian theatre review. Online. Incomplete coverage 1993-2012; complete coverage from 2010 to current. See Library Catalogue to connect to the online versions. Also searchable through: EBSCOhost International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text; and MLA International Bibliography—see above and below.

- For Searching via Indexes--Newspapers—

Canadian Newsstand Major Dailies, (For Star-Phoenix) Online - Through the Library Catalogue or Articles and Databases.

Canadian Newsstand Prairies, (For Star-Phoenix, Sunday Phoenix) Online - Through the Library Catalogue or Articles and Databases.


For Searching via Indexes—Other Periodical Sources—

Use these databases, also noted above, to search Canada on stage: Canadian theatre review yearbook, Canadian theatre review, or other such publications.

- **International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text** – indexes and contains selected full-text (and links to full text) to more than 100 journals, including Canadian Theatre Review for the period 1973 to the present.

- **MLA International Bibliography (MLA)**: comprehensively indexes journals, book chapters, books and dissertations covering international literature, including publications on drama and theatre. Also indexes Canadian Theatre Review for the period 1981 to the present, and includes some full-text and links to full text.
  - Both are of these are EBSCO company databases and ASC and MLA together if you wish.

To search for Persephone Theatre programs, clipping and other such production information, consult UA&SC to access the following US&SC manuscript collections:

- T.Y and Judith Rice Henderson Collection
- Marie-Louise Wittlin Fonds
  - See further information on these collections above in I.4 – “FINDING OTHER DRAMA RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY”.

PART III -- MLA Citation:

Find the MLA citation guide for the Library’s homepage under:

- How Do I? – Then choose Cite, then choose Citation Style Guides, then find MLA Style, or
- Undergraduate Students – then choose Citation Style Guides, then MLA Style.

PART IV–Other Suggestions:

Final Suggestion: Just ASK when you need help!

- Note the “Ask US” at the top of every Library page, which links to: http://library.usask.ca/askus/
  - Help is available at the Reference Desk during Murray Library opening hours, through instant messaging “chat” or through email, phone or in-person consultation with the Librarian.