~ DRAMA 204.3: History of Theatre from 1850 to Present –
LIBRARY RESEARCH HELP

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

DRAMA RESEARCH GUIDE: http://libguides.usask.ca/drama

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 Research Guide – from the Library homepage there were two “routes” to this:
     - The Research Guides TAB in the middle of the page
     - Under Tools & Services on the left choose Research Guides

   - A Note about Using 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 Research Guide, 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, choose 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 the Drama Research Guide: From the Library’s homepage, start at Research Guides, and then select Drama and go to the Find Articles TAB. The most important journal article databases for Drama are:

- Academic Search Complete—a comprehensive scholarly, multidisciplinary full-text database indexing journals.
- International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text – an index with selected full-text (and links to full text) to more than 100 journals for the period 1973 to the present.
- MLA International Bibliography (MLA): a comprehensive scholarly index to journals, covering international literature and including publications on drama and theatre.
  - All of these are EBSCOhost databases and can be searched simultaneously.

How to search:

- Search for journal articles and more through databases—with the same strategies used in searching the Library Catalogue.

4. FINDING FURTHER DRAMA RESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY

See the Drama Research Guide—and note the TABs there, especially:

- Find Theatre Reviews—covered directly below!
- Videos—for databases of plays in streaming video such as Theatre in Video and Films on Demand.
- Plays—for databases of plays, play scripts and productions.
- Theatre History—for some basic reference guides.

PART II -- RESEARCHING HISTORICAL LONDON AND NEW YORK THEATRE REVIEWS AND CONTEMPORARY EVENTS:

See also the Drama Research Guide at the Find Theatre Reviews TAB

London theatre reviews:

- The Times (London)

The Times Digital Archive: The complete digital edition of The Times, from 1785 to 2008, is searchable by advanced search techniques, or browseable by date. Search results include full facsimile images of either a specific article or a complete page. The entire newspaper is captured, with all articles, advertisements and illustrations/photos divided into categories to facilitate searching. Access to all issues from first publication
year is included. Note that The Times is published from Monday through Friday; weekend coverage is through The Sunday Times, see below.

The Times--in print and in microfilm:

Print: The Library receives current issues in print, with an approximate 2 week delay; these are retained in the Murray Library for approximately 2 months.

Latest 2 weeks received--Location: Murray Library, 1st Floor-Current Journals Display Area; then relocated to Murray Library 2nd Floor, as below.

Current 2 months received--Murray Library 2nd Floor--Microfilm Reading Room; replaced by microfilm, as below.

Microfilm: the Library has a complete run of The Times, from inception in 1785 to the current year minus about 2 months, in 35mm microfilm—Location: Murray Library 2nd Floor--Microforms Collection.

Finding and locating: the print and microfilm editions are filed alphabetically, without LC call number.

Reading microfilm: microfilm requires magnification to read. There are reader/scanner/printers on the 1st floor (these are the preferred readers!) and readers on the 2nd floor of Murray Library. Ask for assistance at the Reference Desk on the 1st floor of the Murray Library, as needed.

The Sunday Times Digital Archive: The complete digital edition of the Sunday Times, from 1822 – 2006, searchable by advanced search techniques, or browseable by date. Search results include "full facsimile images of either a specific article or a complete page. The entire newspaper is captured, with all articles, advertisements and illustrations/photos divided into categories to facilitate searching." Access to all issues from first publication in is included.

Print Index:


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New York theatre reviews:

❖ The New York Times—online through ProQuest Historical Newspapers:

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A full-text and full-image newspaper archive, with content from inception in 1851 to 2010, digitized from microfilm. The paper is searchable from cover to cover, including images, advertisements, and articles. Each page is available as a downloadable PDF.


The New York Times--in print and in microfilm--

Print: The Library receives current issues in print, with an approximate 2 week delay of the Sunday edition only; these issues are retained in the Murray Library for approximately 2 months.
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Current 2 months received--Murray Library 2nd Floor--Microform Reading Room; replaced by microfilm, as below.

**Microfilm:** the Library has a complete run of The New York Times, from inception in 1851 to 2009 in 35mm microfilm—Location: Murray Library 2nd Floor--Microforms Collection.

From 2008 to the present minus 2 months, the Library accesses the ProQuest Digital Microfilm database, searchable from the Catalogue under the title: New York Times [microform].

Finding and locating: the print and microfilm editions are filed alphabetically, without LC call number.

**Print guides and indexes:**

- **The New York Times Theater Reviews:** The complete text, with illustrations if applicable, to all New York Times theatre reviews from 1920 through 1994. Includes newspaper citation. Location: Murray Library-3rd Floor North Wing—Call Number: PN2266.N48


**PART III -- MLA Citation:**

Find the MLA citation guide on the Drama Research Guide at the Citation & Research Assistance TAB, or from the Library homepage at:

Undergraduate Students – then choose Citation Style Guides, then MLA Style.

**PART IV–Other Suggestions:**

Note the “Ask US” at the top of every Library page, which links to: [http://library.usask.ca/askus/](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.