



University of KwaZulu-Natal Library, Pietermaritzburg

DRAMA STUDIES

Guide to finding information in the Main Library

HOW CAN I FIND BOOKS, ARTICLES AND OTHER INFORMATION?

To find relevant information on any subject involves the use of many printed and online sources. Using the sources in the order below gives a progression from broad, general information to that which is more detailed.

At all stages of a search, look out for **bibliographies** or **lists of works cited** that might list other relevant publications. If you find something that might be useful, look it up in the Library's catalogue (see 3 below). If it isn't in the Library, use Inter-Library Loans (ILL).

You can speak to your Subject Librarian (see 9 below) for advice before you begin, for help with using any of the sources or if your search is unsuccessful.

1. SHORT LOAN

Lower Ground Floor

If your lecturer has put books or journal articles here, **use them first !**

2. REFERENCE BOOKS

Ground Floor. May only be used in the Library

Online reference works under **e-Books** on the Library website (see 8. below)

Use general encyclopaedias and language dictionaries as well as subject encyclopaedias and dictionaries to find **definitions** of words and terms, **synonyms** and **related terms** to use in your search, **summaries** and **overviews** and **bibliographies**.

- R 030 General encyclopaedias (such as *Encyclopaedia Britannica*)
- R 423 English dictionaries
- Subject encyclopedias and dictionaries on **theatre, theatre arts and dance** are at R 792...
Some examples are:

R792 BAN	<i>Cambridge guide to theatre</i>
R 792 KEN	<i>Oxford encyclopedia of theatre and performance</i> (2003)
R 792 PAV	<i>Dictionary of the theatre: terms, concepts and analysis</i>
R 792.096 BAW	<i>Cambridge guide to African and Caribbean theatre</i>
R 792.8 CRA	<i>Oxford dictionary of dance</i> (2003)

- Subject encyclopedias and dictionaries on **plays and dramatists** are in the literature section (the 800s) according to the language in which the plays were originally written. Some examples are:

R 809 DIC	<i>Dictionary of literary biography</i> (includes dramatists)
R 809.2 HOD	<i>Batsford dictionary of drama</i>
R 822.91 VIN	<i>Contemporary dramatists</i> [who write in English]

3. BOOKS TO BORROW

Second Floor

One way to look for relevant books is by browsing on the Second Floor using the *Drama Studies guide to classification numbers*. You can find one in the boxes next to the lift doors. Remember the guide can't list all the numbers where books could be found.

Use the Library's catalogue (iLink) to find books or chapters in books in the Library. First, identify **keywords** that describe the subject you are looking for. Remember that words like *influence, effect, importance, significance* are NOT keywords that describe your subject.

Examples of keyword searches in the keywords, title or subject fields in iLink

To find books about a particular dancer, dramatist, director or theatre company, type the name:

for example: THARP; FUGARD; BROOKS; ROYAL COURT THEATRE

To find books about a particular play, type its title:

for example: BOESMAN AND LENA; DOLL'S HOUSE; HAMLET

To find books about a topic in a country, type the topic and the country:

for example: THEATRE SOUTH AFRICA

To find different forms of a word, type its root followed by a square bracket:

for example: if you type DRAMA], the catalogue will find DRAMA, DRAMATIC, and DRAMATISTS, because they all start with DRAMA

4. ARTICLES IN JOURNALS / PERIODICALS

Printed journals

Shelved alphabetically by their titles on the First Floor. May be borrowed for three days.

One way to look for relevant journal articles is to use the *Drama Studies guide to journals in the Library* which you can find in one of the boxes next to the lift doors. The guide lists the titles the Library has and gives the volume numbers and years that are available. For example:

Theatre quarterly (8, 1978 - 10, 1981)
Theatre research international (1, 1976 +)

The first example shows that the Library has *Theatre quarterly* from volume 8 of 1978 to volume 10 of 1981 only. The second example shows that the Library has *Theatre research international* from volume 1 of 1976 and still gets the journal.

To find out if the Library subscribes to a journals, type the **title of the journal** in iLink , select **periodical title** from the drop-down menu. You can also restrict your search to Cecil Renaud (Main) Library (Pietermaritzburg Campus).

Electronic journals

Available on the campus LAN via the Library website (see 8. below). Click **e-journals**, then **e-journals for subjects**, then scroll down and click **Drama Studies**.

A few of our printed journals are also available electronically. Some free e-journals are included in the list.

5. INDEXES, ABSTRACTS, DATABASES

These tell you in which journals you will find articles on your subject. Indexes list the bibliographical details of each article. Some include abstracts or short descriptions of the articles. Some indexes and abstracts also list articles and chapters in books. Databases are online versions of indexes and abstracts.

Databases - online indexes and abstracts

Available on the campus LAN via the Library website (see 8. below). Click **Databases for subjects** then scroll down and click **Drama Studies**.

They are often the quickest way to find out where journal articles are because many years can be searched at once. Some databases include the **full text** of some articles. For example:

Academic Research Library (1971 +) **some** full-text articles
Academic search premier (at least 1993 +) **many** full-text articles
Africa-Wide: NiPAD (19th century +) **some** full-text articles
Arts and Humanities Citation Index (1994 +)
Education Full Text (1983 +) **many** full-text articles
Humanities Full Text (1984 +) **many** full-text articles
Index to South African Periodicals (ISAP) (at least 1987 +)
JSTOR (1600s – 5 years ago) **all** full-text articles
MLA International Bibliography (1920s +)
Project Muse (1993 +) **many** full-text articles
SA ePublications (1987 +) **all** full-text articles
SwetsWise **some** full-text articles

Printed indexes and abstracts

First Floor

International African Bibliography (1, 1971 +)

Printed indexes that might also be useful for retrospective searches are:

Arts and Humanities Citation Index (1981 - 1996)
British Humanities Index (1, 1962 - 2002)
Humanities Index 2, 1974/5 - 12, 1985/6)
MLA International Bibliography International Bibliography (1971 - 2004)
Times index (1975 - 2002)

If the journals containing the articles you want aren't in the Library, use Inter-Library Loans (ILL).

6. THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

Copies of these that are in the Library are treated as books. You can look them up in the catalogue under author, title or subject.

If the thesis or dissertation was done at this campus, there will be two copies in the Library:

- A loan copy on the Second Floor which may be borrowed.
- A reference copy in the Thesis collection on the Ground Floor which may NOT be borrowed.

Look at R 792 ... for Drama Studies theses and dissertations.⁷

7. INDEXES TO THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

Available on the campus LAN via the Library website (see 8 below). Click **Databases for theses and dissertations**.

Dissertations and Theses A&I includes references to and abstracts for theses and dissertations from selected universities around the world.

NDLDT (Networked Digital Library of Dissertations and Theses) many full-text theses and dissertations from universities around the world completed since 1999.

UCTD (Union Catalogue of Theses and Dissertations) includes all those completed at South African universities since 1918.

8. LIBRARY WEBSITE

Available at: <http://www.library.ukzn.ac.za>

Includes links to the catalogue, electronic journals, databases (online indexes and abstracts) as well as subject links. Many electronic resources can only be accessed from UKZN campuses. Some need a login and password which you can get from your Subject Librarian (see 9 below).

For a page of links for Drama Studies, click **Subject links** then scroll down and click **Drama Studies**.

9. SUBJECT LIBRARIAN

Office on the Ground Floor.

To make an appointment:

Telephone: 260 5062