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FINDING INFORMATION in THEATRE & PERFORMING ARTS

Need definitions or an overview of a topic for an assignment?

- ◆ Use dictionaries, encyclopaedias, directories and handbooks located in the Reference Collection, Level 1, (REF or REF S prefix)
- ◆ Or similar material in Online Reference at <http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/databases/QuickLinks.asp>

◇ Examples include:

REF 790.20994/ATKI	Dictionary of performing arts in Australia vols 1-2
REF 791.4303/WOR	World encyclopedia of film
REF 791.5303/PHIL/c.1	Dictionary of puppetry
REF 792.03/CAMB/c.1	Cambridge paperback guide to theatre
REF 792.03/CAMB/c.1	Cambridge guide to world theatre
REF 792.03/HAR	Oxford companion to the theatre
REF 792.03/ILL	Illustrated encyclopedia of world theatre
REF 792.0973/BORD/c.1	Concise Oxford companion to American theatre
REF 792.0994/COMP/1	Companion to theatre in Australia
REF 792.803/CRAI/c.1	Concise Oxford dictionary of dance
Oxford Reference Online	Select <i>Performing Arts</i>

Need books, videos, etc. on a topic? These are located in General Collection Level 2. Books relating to Drama & Education, are found in Curriculum Level 3.

- ◆ Check your subject's reading list and textbooks for references.
- ◆ Use the library catalogue to find what is available in the library.

Browse search Use this if you already know the title of a book, the name of an author or a subject.

Keyword search Use this if you know only 1, 2 or 3 important words about a topic or book
eg auditions; Shakespeare midsummer ; feminist drama American .

If a book has two or more authors, use the **Author Keywords** search and use surnames only.

◇ Useful call numbers for browsing the shelves :

246.7	Dramatic, musical, rhythmic arts	792.14	Historical drama
306.484	Music, dance, theatre	792.23	Comedy
371.399	Use of drama (theatre)	808.82516	Miracle plays
791	Public performances	808.82523	Comedies (drama) -literature
792	Stage presentations	809.2	Drama – history and criticism
792.0226	Children's theatre	812	American drama in English
792.1	Tragedy and serious drama	822	English drama

◇ Subject headings to search in the catalogue include :


Acting	Costume	Monologues	Theater (note American spelling)
American drama	Dance	Performing arts	Theater and society
Children's drama	Drama	Performing arts and children	Theaters – stage setting and scenery
Comedy	Dramatists	Set designers	Theatrical makeup

Need journal articles?

- ◆ Use computer-based journal indexes to find articles. Use the Databases link on the library homepage or go to <http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/databases/>.

Database Vendor	Database Name	Coverage
	AustLit	Australian drama
Ebsco	Several databases *	humanities
Informit	A + Education *	Australian, drama in education
	Australian Public Affairs *	includes some drama
Ovid	ERIC	drama in education
	PsychINFO	psychology - drama therapy
Infotrac	Expanded Academic *	multidisciplinary
Silverplatter	Blackwell Synergy *	multidisciplinary
	Cambridge Journals *	multidisciplinary
	Oxford Journals*	multidisciplinary
	Taylor & Francis*	multidisciplinary
	JStor*	multidisciplinary
	DOAJ*	multidisciplinary
Web of Knowledge	Arts and Humanities Citation Index (SFX)	humanities

NOTE: The databases with asterisks include mostly full-text articles, not just indexes and abstracts. Handouts are available on the web for individual databases to give guidance on how to search effectively.

Using  will give access to more entire articles (full text).

- ◆ The Serials (Journal) Collection (S prefix) is on Level One.
- ◆ Do a title search in the catalogue by the name of the periodical to check if the article is held by the library in either print or electronic form. Use the Advanced Search option in the catalogue and limit Material Type to Serials.
 - Not all references found in indexes and abstracts are available in this library. You may need to visit other libraries to find those not held. To search their catalogues go to the Other Library Catalogues link on library homepage <http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/library/catalogues.htm>
 - Higher degree students may be eligible for interlibrary loans.

◆ Need to use the INTERNET to find information?

Access is available in the Library Online Centre on Level One.

- ◆ Choose performing arts as subject on the **Useful Internet Sites** link on the library homepage or go to <http://dlibrary.acu.edu.au/library/elusefulperforming.htm>.
- ◆ Critically evaluate any information you find on the Internet with respect to authorship, currency and accuracy.

Referencing

From library home page, go to Library Guides, How To Reference, and select the appropriate referencing method.

If you need assistance in finding information then - Ask A Librarian

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By telephone on (02) 9701 4109

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