

Guide to Literary Research @ Yavapai College Library www.yc.edu/library



1. **Select a topic** that you will enjoy researching. The more popular the work and/or author is, the easier it will be to find information to support your paper.
2. The librarians have created an online guide to help you with literary research. . From the library webpage or the myYC Library page, under Research Resources, **select Subject Guides & Databases**. Select the link to **Literature** in the Browse Guide box
3. **Find books** by selecting the Books tab; use the Search Library Catalog box.
4. **Begin** by selecting the “Browse” button, enter the author’s name (last name first), then change the search to **Subject**.
 - Review results and choose appropriate subjects.
 - Do a **Keyword** search by using the term “criticism” along with the title of the work and/or your author’s name. Select the Keyword radio button and change the search to **Words or Phrase**.
 - Select the **Literary Criticism subpage** under the Books tab to find a sampling of print and ebooks on literary criticism.
5. Select the **Articles tab** to **explore our Literature article databases** (“*Literature Criticism Online LCO*”, “*Literature Online LION*” and “*Language and Literature JSTOR*”).
6. **Explore a general article database** by selecting the **Databases A-Z** link at the top of the Article Databases box.
7. **Select the Websites tab** to explore recommend websites.
8. **Evaluate** your resources.
 - On the Articles page, click on the Explore and Evaluate Your Information link in the InfoBits Tutorial box.
9. **Cite** your resources in MLA format
 - Select the Citing tab for Call Numbers to print citation manuals and links to Online Citation Guides.

LIBRARY CATALOG: Books, CD's, Videos, DVD's

One of the first places to begin looking for resources is the Catalog. You can use the **KEYWORD** (words or phrase) or **SUBJECT** search to find works on a topic by typing a literary work, concept and/or author of interest such as **A Rose for Emily criticism** and/or **Faulkner, William**.

The screenshot shows the Yavapai Library Network search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Advanced Search, Kids' Library, Course Reserves, and My Account. Below this is a search bar with the text 'rose for emily criticism' and a dropdown menu for 'words or phrase'. The library selection is set to 'ALL'. A callout box with an arrow pointing to the search bar contains the text: 'Search All Libraries or Limit to one of the Yavapai College Libraries'. Below the search bar, there are sections for 'Highest Interest Items' and a footer with 'Go Back', 'Help', and 'Logout' links.

Once the list of titles is displayed, click on “**Details**” to find the call number and which library owns the material. You may need to scroll down the screen to find the call number. Many literature resources are found in the “PA,” “PN,” “PR” and “PS” sections of our collection.

The screenshot shows the search results page for the query 'rose for emily criticism'. The results are displayed in a list format with three items. Each item includes a cover image, title, author, and a 'Details' button. The first item is 'A student's guide to William Faulkner' by McArthur, Debra, with 1 copy available at Prescott Valley Public Library. The second item is 'A summer of hummingbirds: love, art, and scandal in the intersecting worlds of Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Martin Heade' by Bentley, Christopher E. G., 1954, with 3 copies available at Prescott Downtown Library, Yavapai College - Prescott, and Yavapai College - Verde. The third item is 'The English reader: what every literate person needs to know' by Ravitch, Diane, with 2 copies available at Cottonwood Public Library and Yavapai College - Prescott.

If you need assistance looking for items by **Subject**, ask a librarian.

Use Literature Criticism Online (LCO) – to Find Literary Criticism & Author Information

One of the best ways to find literary information on a specific author and work is to use **Literature Criticism Online**. This database covers poetry, short stories, Shakespeare, 19th and 20th century literature and contemporary literature.

From the [Subject Guides & Databases](#) on the Library page, select [Literature](#).

➤ **Select** the Articles tab and then [Literature Criticism Online](#).

1. Select **Advanced Search** on the top of the screen.

2. Enter your author's name on the first line and change the drop down box from "Full Text" to "Named Author"; enter the name of the author's work on the second line and leave at "Full text". Example: Tony Hillerman (Named Author) and Blessing Way (Full Text). Click the [Search](#) button. There are several listings in the search results.

3. Printing Literature Criticism Online (LCO) information

After choosing an entry from your search results list, select Print/View PDF in the upper left navigation box. On the next screen select either print page or entire document. Click on the Submit Request button. When the PDF version comes up, select the print icon from the PDF navigation bar.

The screenshot shows the Literature Criticism Online (LCO) interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Yavapai College', 'Literature Criticism Online', and 'GALE CENGAGE Learning'. The left sidebar contains a 'Document View' menu with options: 'Reformat for Reading', 'Print/View PDF' (circled), 'Revise Search', 'Search History', and 'Back to Results'. The main content area displays the entry for 'Tony Hillerman (1925-)' from 'Contemporary Literary Criticism'. It includes a 'Mark this document' checkbox, a 'Relevant Pages' section with 'Go to page 282' and 'GO' buttons, and a 'Scale: 25%' dropdown. The main text area shows the author's name, a brief biography, and a list of major works.

Gale's Lit Index is a resource which will guide you to printed volumes in the Gale series in the Library's reference collection which are not available in Literature Criticism Online. A link to it is available on the **Basic Search** Screen.

The screenshot shows the Basic Search screen of the Literature Criticism Online (LCO) interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Yavapai College', 'Literature Criticism Online', and 'GALE CENGAGE Learning'. The search form includes a 'Basic Search:' input field, a 'Full Text' dropdown, and 'SEARCH' and 'CLEAR FORM' buttons. Below the search form is a 'Limit the results:' section with options for 'by Year(s) of Criticism:', 'by Series:', and 'Number of results per page:'. The 'by Series:' dropdown is open, showing options: 'Contemporary Literary Criticism (CLC)', 'Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism (NCLC)', and 'Poetry Criticism (PC)'. The 'Gale's Lit Index' link is circled in the search results section.

- After selecting **Gale's Lit Index**, perform your search using **Author Search**, **Title Search** (include author's name when known), or **Custom Search**.
- From the Search results, select the link to see the titles in the Gale series that reference your author and/or work.

- Once you determine which titles contain your work of interest, check to see if these volumes are available in our Catalog by doing a **Title** search.

record 1 of 1 for search "Nineteenth-century literature criticism"

Item Information Catalog Record

Nineteenth-century literature criticism
Harris, Laurie Lanzén.

Publisher: Gale Research Co.,
Publication date: 1981-
Pages: v. ;
Item info: 58 copies available at YAVAPAI COLLEGE - PRESCOTT.

Holdings

YAVAPAI COLLEGE - PRESCOTT	Copies	Material	Location
PN761.N5 INDEX 2000	1	Reference book	Reference Collection
PN761.N5 V.1	1	Reference book	Reference Collection
PN761.N5 V.2	1	Reference book	Reference Collection
PN761.N5 V.3	1	Reference book	Reference Collection
PN761.N5 V.4	1	Reference book	Reference Collection

Use Literature Online (LION) – Article Database to Find Literary Criticism & Author Information

Another way to find literary information on a specific author and work is to use the **Literature Online** database.

From the [Subject Guides & Databases](#) on the Library page, select [Literature](#) then **Select** the Articles tab and then

➤ **Select Literature Online**

1. Select **Criticism and Reference** on the left side of the page.

Literature Online
the home of literature and criticism

QUICK SEARCH (NEED HELP?)
[Search Box] [Go]

SEARCH:
AUTHORS
TEXTS
CRITICISM & REFERENCE

BROWSE:
COMPLETE CONTENTS

Welcome to *Literature Online*, a fully searchable library of more than 350,000 works of English and American poetry, drama and prose, 147 full-text literature journals, and other key criticism and reference resources.

11 new journals; *Twentieth-Century Drama* and MLAIB... more

2. Select Criticism to change your search type.

3. In the Title Keyword box, type your title AND
4. In the Subject box, type in your author's name.
5. In the Limit To options, select All.
6. Click the purple Search button.

Example: A Rose for Emily by William Faulkner
Results: There are 45 criticism articles.

Printing Literature Online (LION) information

It is possible to print a full text article by selecting the *article title*, which launches the article, then using the print function through the browser.

Article Databases

Journals, magazines and newspapers can provide articles on literary concepts, authors and more. To search for articles, use an article database such as ProQuest Research Library.

From the Subject Guides & Databases on the Library page, select Literature then **Select** the Articles tab and then “**ProQuest Research Library**” or “**Language & Literature – JSTOR**”. Use the same keyword or subject terms that you used when searching the Catalog.



- Use the database’s “Suggested Subjects” to refine your search.

Language & Literature (JSTOR)

This provides full text, scholarly articles on world literature, literary criticism, and theory.



Search Results & Notes

Library Catalog

Search Terms:

Results:

Successes/Problems

LCO (Literature Criticism Online) including Gale's Lit Index:

Search Terms:

Results:

Success/Problems:

LION (Literature Online):

Search Terms:

Results:

Successes/Problems:

Language & Literature (JSTOR):

Search Terms:

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