PIERCE COLLEGE LIBRARY
A Guide to Literature-related Print Resources that Circulate

BOOKS

To find printed books: Search the Pierce College Library Catalog.

Printed books have call numbers. For example:

- PR646.W3 1968 (non-fiction)
- JAMES H. AME (fiction)

Books can be checked out if they are available in these Pierce College Library locations:

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BOOKS with Literary Criticism

If your instructor wants you to find books that include literary criticism, use the connector AND to attach the word criticism to the last name of the author or literary work you’re researching.

**shakespeare AND criticism**

Titles of more than one word should be enclosed in quotation marks. This glues the words together for a more precise search.

**“to kill a mockingbird” AND criticism**

If the title of a work is a common word or phrase, you may also need to include the author’s last name in your search.

**atonesement AND mcewan AND criticism**


BOOKS with Primary Source Material

**What is a Primary Source?**

Primary sources are original works; they are not analysis or critiques of other works and times.

Original fiction, such as novels, poems and plays are primary sources.

Documents or artifacts created during a particular time that in some form comment on or provide information about that time are primary sources. These can include:

- Diaries
- Journals
- Memoirs
- Interviews
- Letters
- Speeches
- Government Documents
- Research or Case studies
- Contracts

If we were studying Shakespeare’s *Othello*:
The play itself would be a primary source.
A journal article written about that play would be a secondary source.

Sometimes a document can be either a primary or secondary source depending on how it is used. An article in a 1954 journal reviewing Hemingway’s book *The Sun Also Rises* is a secondary source about *The Sun Also Rises*. However, if the researcher’s focus is on the reviewer, or on voices and viewpoints of the 1950s, then the article would be considered a primary source.

For more information, take a look at this guide on primary sources prepared by Princeton University.
http://www.princeton.edu/~refdesk/primary2.html
If your instructor wants you to find books that include primary source material about the time period of the literary work, include a primary source keyword, such as *diaries* or *memoirs*, with keywords describing the time period/place.

**memoirs AND “great depression”**

Experiment using different keywords for both primary sources and time periods in order to maximize your results.

**letters AND “world war” AND Britain**  
**correspondence AND “world war” AND Britain**

Parentheses and the connector **OR** can be used to group alternative keywords in the same search.

**(diary OR diaries OR journal OR journals) AND (“world war II” OR “World War, 1939-1945”)**

**ARTICLES**

**BOUND PERIODICAL**  
*with Literary Criticism*

**Shakespeare Survey**  
Cambridge University  
1948-

Volumes 1, 5, 6, 9, 11-18, 20-36, 41-63  
PR2888 .C33  
Stacks

**Cumulative Index (for all volumes)**  
PR2888 .C33  
Reference

To find articles relevant to a specific play, consult an index.

In *Shakespeare Survey*’s print indexes, **plays are listed under Shakespeare, William - Plays**.  
Numbers in bold are volume numbers. The non-bolded numbers are page numbers.

**Google Scholar** can also be used as an index. Search using the title of the literary work being researched, the journal name **“Shakespeare Survey”** and date range **1948 to the present year**. However, note that Pierce College Library does not have all volumes.

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**Using Google Scholar to Find Articles in Print Periodicals**

**Note that not all available articles may be included in the Google Scholar database.**

Go to the Google Scholar webpage: [http://scholar.google.com/](http://scholar.google.com/)

Click on the down arrow in the search box to get to **Advanced Scholar Search**.

![Google Scholar](http://scholar.google.com)
Advanced Google Scholar Search Screen:

Find Articles: Enter name of literary work you’re researching. For example, the play Othello.

Return articles published in: Enter name of journal. Use quotations to glue words together. Here we’re searching: “shakespeare survey”

Return articles dated between: Enter years of the journal that are available in the library. Shakespeare Survey begins in 1948, but note gaps in coverage when selecting articles.

Click on the blue magnifying glass button to see results.

To identify volume, issue and page numbers, click on Cite (in bottom right of each result).


Use this information to:
- Find the desired article in a bound periodical in the stacks
- Request a loose periodical from the circulation desk
- Cite article correctly in your paper (but always check correctness of citation in style guide!)

If your instructor does not require you to use the print versions in the Pierce College Library, note that some entries in Google Scholar provide access to a full-text PDF. Just click on the [PDF] link to the right of the entry.
Another BOUND PERIODICAL with Literary Criticism

*Shakespeare Studies*  
University of Cincinnati  
1966-1967

Volume 2 & 3  
PR2885 .S64  
Stacks

These volumes are not self-indexed. Check *Contents* in each volume, or *Google Scholar* can be used as an index. Search as shown above using title of work being researched, but with the publication title “*Shakespeare Studies*” and date range 1966-1967.

LOOSE PERIODICALS with Literary Criticism

Pierce College Library has some unbound periodicals available for check out. They can be requested at the circulation desk.

An alphabetical list and a list by subject can be found at:

[http://libguides.piercecollege.edu/printjournals](http://libguides.piercecollege.edu/printjournals)

Journals with literary criticism include the following:

- **Modern Fiction Studies**  
  1990-2011

- **PMLA**  

- **Shakespeare Quarterly**  
  1992-current

- **Studies in English Literature**  
  1975-Summer/1979

The web database *Google Scholar*, or the Pierce College Library database *JSTOR* (which includes all the journals listed above except *Modern Fiction Studies*), can be used as an index to help locate articles in these print journals.

Search using the *title of literary work being researched* and the *journal name*.

Adding a keyword relating to a specific focus will narrow your search.

Below is a sample search using *JSTOR*. 

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Using JSTOR to Find Articles in Print Periodicals
PMLA, Shakespeare Quarterly, Studies in English Literature

Go to Pierce College Webpage > Find Articles > Databases in Alphabetical Order. Find and click on JSTOR. If off-campus, you will be asked for your student number and pin. Under the main search box, click on Advanced Search.

This is a JSTOR Advanced Search for articles about Hamlet (with a focus on feminism) in Shakespeare Quarterly (1992-2013).

This search uses a truncated form of the word feminism: femini*. The asterisk broadens the search to include all words starting with these letters, including “feminist” and “feminine.”

The Include only content I can access box is unchecked to ensure all articles available in print at Pierce are found.

Date range: The years of the journal available in Pierce Library.

Publication Title: The print journal being search.

Here are two of the fifty results from the above search.

- **4. Passion Turned to Prettiness: Rhyme or Reason in "Hamlet"**
  - Katherine Bootle Attie
  - Shakespeare Quarterly, Vol. 63, No. 3 (Fall 2012), pp. 393-423

- **5. Snatched Bodies: Ophelia in the Grave**
  - Carol Chillington Rutter
  - Shakespeare Quarterly, Vol. 49, No. 3 (Autumn, 1998), pp. 299-319

Note the volume and issue numbers for the article you are interested in. You will need to give the title of the periodical, volume number and issue number to obtain a copy at the Pierce College Library Circulation Desk. For more information about each article, click on Article Summary.

To view the full text of the article click on Article PDF. If your instructor does not require you to use the print versions in the Pierce College Library, you could then print the online PDF by clicking the print icon.