

SHAKESPEARE

BOOKS

To locate books use the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) which lists books by author, title and subject.

COPIES OF PLAYS

Look up the play name, e.g., *Hamlet* in one of the title options on the main menu. These options will list some books of critical analysis as well as copies of the play itself. The CONTENTS option may list copies of the play included in drama collections, as well as essays about the play.

CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF PLAYS

For background and critical analysis of a play, (or character) look up its name under the TITLE-MAIN WORDS, SUBJECT-MAIN WORDS and CONTENTS menu options. To see a list of all the subject headings for William Shakespeare and his works, look up his name in the SUBJECT-EXACT LC SUBJECT HEADING menu option. Some useful headings are:

- SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM -- 1564-1616 -- AUTHORSHIP
- SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM -- 1564-1616 -- CHARACTERS
- SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM -- 1564-1616 -- COMEDIES
- SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM -- 1564-1616 -- CRITICISM AND INTERPRETATION
- SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM -- 1564-1616 -- DRAMATIC PRODUCTION
- SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM -- 1564-1616 -- HISTORIES
- SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM -- 1564-1616 -- LANGUAGE
- SHAKESPEARE, WILLIAM -- 1564-1616 -- LITERARY STYLE

ESSAYS

The *Essay and General Literature Index*, in the reference section of the library, locates essays in books. It is an excellent source for critical information on all aspects of Shakespeare's life and works. Use the same subject headings that you used in the OPAC. This index also has headings for individual characters in the plays. For example, you could look under "Shakespeare, William -- Characters -- Falstaff."

REFERENCE BOOKS

Some reference books can give you background on Shakespearean characters, plots, localities, and performers. Others give you bibliographies (lists of books and articles) on your topic. The following reference books should be helpful in your study of Shakespeare.

- The Reader's Encyclopedia of Shakespeare*.....Ref/PR/2892/.C3
- The Shakespeare Key* Ref/PR/2892/.C45/1961
- A Shakespeare Companion, 1550-1950*..... Ref/PR/2892/.H3/1952
- The Concise Encyclopedic Guide to Shakespeare*Ref/PR/2892/.M39
- McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama*..... Ref/PN/1625/.M3(4 vols.)

REFERENCE BOOKS (cont.)

<i>British Writers</i>	Ref/PR/85/.B688/v.1
<i>William Shakespeare, His World, His Work, His Influence</i>	Ref/PR/2976/.W5354/1985(3 vols.)
<i>Magill Critical Survey of Drama</i>	Ref/PR/623/.C75/1985(6 vols.)
<i>Shakespeare A to Z</i>	Ref/PR/2892/.B69/1990
<i>Biblical References in Shakespeare's Plays</i>	Ref/PR/3012/.S59/1999

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Use *InfoTrac Academic Index* and *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature* for articles in general, popular interest magazines. These articles are primarily reviews of productions of Shakespearean plays. To find scholarly articles of literary criticism, use the *Humanities Index*. The library subscribes to *Shakespeare Quarterly*, a journal devoted to articles about Shakespeare.

WORLD WIDE WEB

There are many excellent web sites devoted to William Shakespeare. To find them, do a search under Shakespeare in one of the search engines listed at the top of Plover Library's **Internet Reference Collection** page.

Some suggested sites are:

<http://daphne.palomar.edu/shakespeare/>

Information on the works, life and times of William Shakespeare including a timeline and genealogy, information about his theatre, criticism of his works and links to other sites.

<http://www.stratford-upon-avon.co.uk/soawshst.htm>

A brief history of the life of Shakespeare and information about the Elizabethan world.

<http://www.cln.org/themes/shakespeare.html>

Useful information for students and teachers on Shakespearean themes, monologues, etc.

<http://tech-two.mit.edu/Shakespeare/works.html>

The complete works of Shakespeare online.