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THEATER

SCOPE The purpose of this pathfinder is to introduce some of the resources available in Collier Library in the field of **THEATER**. This guide is not a comprehensive listing of sources, but is intended to be a starting point from which students can begin their research according to their specific needs.

The [Library of Congress Class](#) that includes **Theater** is PN. BROWSING the following CALL NUMBERS may produce helpful titles:

PN 1600-3307	Drama	PN2171-2179	Renaissance
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PN2131-2193	By period	PN3151-3171	Amateur theater
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Other Subject headings can be identified by using **Library of Congress Subject Headings**, located on the dictionary stand in the Reference Area.

BEGINNING RESEARCH – SELECTED SOURCES

Introduction and overview material

- § **Cambridge History of American Theater**, 3 vols. [PN 2221 .C37 1998].
- § **Oxford Companion to the Theater**, 4th ed. [Ref PN 2035 .O9 1983]
- § **Theater in America: 250 Years of Plays, Players, and Productions**, new updated ed. [PN 2221 .H38 1996] by Mary C. Henderson

Literature guides and Bibliographies

- § **American Actors and Actresses: A Guide to Information Sources** [Ref Z 5784 .M9 A7 1983] by Stephen M. Archer.
- § **American Drama Criticism**, 2nd ed, [Ref Z 1231 .D7 P3 1979] by Floyd Eugene Eddleman.
- § **American Theater and Drama Research** [Ref Z 1231 .D7 S53] by Irene Shaland.
- § **American Theatrical Periodicals, 1798-1967: A Bibliographical Guide**, 1970 [Ref Z 6935 .S75]
- § **American Women Playwrights 1964-1989** [Ref Z 1231 .D7 G38 1993] by Christy Gavin.
- § **English Drama and Theatre, 1800-1900** [Ref Z 2014 .D7 C72 1978]
- § **A Guide to Reference and Bibliography for Theater Research**, 2nd ed. [Ref Z 5781 .B15 1983] by Claudia Jean Bailey.

- § **Humanities: A Selective Guide to Information Sources**, 4th ed. [Ref Z 6265 .B53 1994] by Ron Blazek. (See "Theater and Drama," pages 285-308.)
- § **The Performing Arts: A Guide to the Reference Literature** [Ref Z 6935 .S56 1994] by Linda Keir Simons.
- § **Theatre and Allied Arts**, 1952 [Ref Z 5781 .B18]

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

- § **Broadway: Its History, People and Places: An Encyclopedia** [Ref F 128.5 .T5 B56 2004] (This book is a history of the Broadway and Times Square area of New York City. Although there are many entries that cover non-theatrical topics, it includes numerous entries related to the theater of Broadway as well.)
- § **Cambridge Guide to American Theatre** [Ref PN 2220 .C35 1993]
- § **The Cambridge Guide to Theatre**, new ed. [Ref PN 2035 .B6 1995] edited by Martin Banham.
- § **Drama Dictionary** [Ref PN 1625 .H62 1988b] by Terry Hodgson.
- § **An International Dictionary of Theatre Language** [Ref PN 2035 .I5 1985]
- § **McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama**, 5 vols., 2nd ed. [Ref PN 1625 .M3 1984]
- § **Oxford Companion to the Theatre**, 4th ed. [Ref PN 2035 .O9 1983]
- § **Oxford Dictionary of Plays** [Ref PN 1625 .P38 2005]
- § **Theatre Backstage from A to Z**, 3rd ed. [Ref PN 2091 .M3 L68 1989]

Handbooks and Manuals

- § **Stage Directions Guide to Directing** [PN 2053 .S675 1999] (This book is part of the library's circulating collection. It can be found on the third floor.)
- § **Stage Producer's Business and Legal Guide** *Electronic Book* (A link is provided in [UNACAT](#) to the online full-text of this work. This book is also available in print as part of the library's circulating collection.)

Biographical Sources

- § **American National Biography**. (online database) See the libraries' database page: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>
- § **American Playwrights, 1880-1945** [Ref Ps 351 .A45 1995]
- § **American Playwrights Since 1945** [Ref PS 351 .A451 1989]
- § **A Biographical Dictionary of Actors, Actresses, Musicians, Dancers, Managers & Other Stage Personnel in London, 1660-1800**, 14 vols, 1973-1982. *Electronic Book* (A link is provided in [UNACAT](#) to the online full-text of this work.)
- § **Biography Resource Center**. (online database) See the libraries' database page: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>
- § **British Playwrights, 1880-1956** [Ref PR 736 .B7 1996]
- § **British Playwrights, 1956-1995** [Ref PR 736 .B75 1996]
- § **Contemporary Authors** (online database) See the libraries' database page: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>
- § **Contemporary Black American Playwrights and Their Plays: A Biographical Directory and Dramatic Index** [Ref PS 153 .N5 P43 1988]
- § **Famous Actors and Actresses on the American Stage**, 2 vols. [Ref PN 2285 .Y6 1975b]
- § **MagillOnAuthors**. (online database) See the libraries' database page: <http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>

Histories

- § **American Theatre: A Chronicle of Comedy and Drama, 1869-1914** [Ref PN 2256 .B6 1994] by Gerald Bordman.
- § **American Theatre: A Chronicle of Comedy and Drama, 1914-1930** [Ref PN 2256 .B6 1995] by Gerald Bordman.
- § **Chronology of American Musical Theater**, 3 vols. [Ref ML 1711.8 .N3 N67 2002] by Richard C. Norton.
- § **The Dublin Stage, 1720-1745 A Calendar of Plays, Entertainments, and Afterpieces** *Electronic Book* (A link is provided in [UNACAT](#) to the online full-text of this work.)
- § **London Stage, 1660-1800**, 10 vols., 1965-1979 [Ref PN 2592 .L6]

Indexes of Plays

- § **Drama Scholar's Index to Plays and Filmscripts: A Guide to Plays and Filmscripts in Selected Anthologies** [Ref Z 5781 .S17]
- § **Index to Plays in Periodicals**. rev. & expanded ed. 1979. [Ref Z 5781 .K43] by Dean H. Keller
- § **Ottomiller's Index to Plays in Collections: An Author and Title Index to Plays Appearing in Collections Published Between 1900 and 1985**, 7th ed. [Ref Z 5781 .O8] by John H. Ottomiller.
- § **Play Index**, 8 vols., 1949-1992 [Ref Z 5781 .P53]

Criticism

- § **Critical Survey of Drama**, 8 vols, 2nd ed [Ref PN 1625 .C68]
- § **A Guide to Critical Reviews**, 1971-1986 [Ref Z 5782 .S34]
- § **MagillOnLiterature** (online database) See the libraries' database page:
<<http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>>

Other Relevant Sources

- § **Directory of the American Theater 1894-1971**, 1971 [Ref PN 6112 .B4524]
(Indexes the *Best Plays* yearbooks for 1894-1971. The library holdings of these yearbooks have the call number PN 6112 .B45 and are located on the third floor)
- § **Literature Resource Center**. (online database) See the libraries' database page:
<<http://www2.una.edu/library/databases.htm>>
(This database contains a mix of biographical information, criticism and other relevant information. It includes information from **Cotemporary Authors**, **Twayne's Authors Series**, **Scribner Writer's Series**, **Contemporary Literary Criticism**, and other major literary reference works.)
- § **Theatre: Stage to Screen to Television**, 2 vols, 1981 [Ref PN 2189 .L44] by William Torbert Leonard.

SUGGESTED DATABASES FOR LOCATING PERIODICAL ARTICLES on BUSINESS

- [Academic Search Premier](#) (Online Database)
- Humanities Index 1974-1989** (Print Index)
- [Infotrac OneFile](#) (Online Database)
- [MLA International Bibliography](#) (Online Database)
- [Project Muse](#) (Online Database)
- [ProQuest Newspapers](#) (Online Database)
- [ProQuest Research Library Complete](#) (Online Database)
- Social Sciences & Humanities Index April 1966-March 1974** (Print Index)

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A few frequently-used PERIODICALS on **THEATER** are:

[American Theatre](#)
[Drama Review](#)
[Modern Drama](#)
[New Theatre Quarterly](#)
[TDR](#)

[Theatre History Studies](#)
[Theatre Journal](#)
[Theatre Survey](#)
[Theatre Topics](#)
[Variety](#)

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SUGGESTED WEBSITES

- UNA Libraries Internet Resources Collection
- Arts <<http://www2.una.edu/library/sa01.htm>>
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