Research Resources for Graduate Students in English Language and Literature

Our Website: [http://library.queensu.ca](http://library.queensu.ca)

The library website is always where you start your research, whether at home or on campus. You will find:

- QCAT, the library catalogue and Summon, our discovery tool
- links to all of the resources to which we subscribe
- information about all of our services
- help with the research process, including subject and course guides

   Access to the Library’s electronic subscriptions (ebooks, ejournals, indexes & databases). Sign in with your Net ID when connecting from off-campus.

2. My Account allows you to review and renew materials that you have signed out. Interlibrary Loan (RACER) allows you to search and request materials from other libraries and more.

3. Search links to Search Tools, Types of Information, and guides to Subjects & Courses.
4 Help & Services
Links to Your Library (see Graduate Students), Help, Using the Library, Teaching & Research (see Copyright & Fair Dealing and Scholarly Publishing).

5 Summon (the Library’s Discovery Tool)
Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, all from one search box. Use the facets available within Summon to narrow down your search results.

6 QCAT (Queen’s Library catalogue)
Search QCAT to find materials such as books, videos, journals, newspapers and government documents available in print and online at QUL.

7 More Search Tools
Journal Search provides multiple ways to search for journals and other serials, with options to browse and filter your results. Database Search provides multiple ways to search for research databases, with options to browse and filter your results.

8 Using the Library links to information on Borrowing, Requesting Materials, Booking Group Study Rooms.

9 Learning links to Subject and Course Research Guides.

10 Research Services: Scholarly Publishing
Information about preparing your theses and QSpace, our online repository of digital content produced and collected by the Queen’s community.

Queen’s Library Collections
QUL has five libraries:
- Stauffer Library – Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, Art Collection, Maps, Data, and Government Information
- Bracken Health Sciences Library
- Education Library
- Lederman Law Library
- Douglas Library - Engineering and Science and Jordan Special Collections Library cover many subjects, including astronomy, natural history, classics, modern languages, literature, politics and history.

Study Space
There is a Graduate Study Room located on the 3rd Floor of Stauffer Library. There are bookable group study rooms available. Stauffer Library offers a limited number of study carrels for graduate students.

Borrowing Information
Your Queen’s ID card is your library card and you can view your library account on our website. You will find complete borrowing information, including loan periods, how to renew and recall items, fines and more at https://library.queensu.ca/help-services/borrowing.

Graduate Student privileges include:
- extended loan periods (term loan but subject to recall)
- borrowing an unlimited number of books (subject to recall)
- Inter-library borrowing privileges
Research by Subject Guides

These guides recommend research resources for disciplines taught at Queen’s University.

→ English Language and Literature  http://guides.library.queensu.ca/english
→ Canadian Literature  http://guides.library.queensu.ca/canadian-literature

English Language & Literature

Research Tools

Reference Materials
When seeking authoritative background information consult specialized bibliographies, companions, dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks. The Library’s subject guide for English Literature and Language lists highly recommended reference resources including:

Oxford Bibliographies (via the link Databases) offers authoritative research guides, which will help narrow the vast number of citations to the best scholarship on a given topic. Check the research guides: American Literature, British and Irish Literature, Medieval Studies, Renaissance and Reformation, and Victorian Literature.

Oxford Handbooks Online
Handbooks have in-depth articles written by noted experts and typically offer thorough introductions to topics and a critical survey of the current state of scholarship in a particular field. One collection, Oxford Handbooks Online, includes several literature titles that you can access, for example:
The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary British and Irish Poetry
The Oxford Handbook of Ecocriticism
The Oxford Handbook of English Prose 1550–1640
The Oxford Handbook of Indigenous American Literature
The Oxford Handbook of Literature and the English Revolution
The Oxford Handbook of Postcolonial Studies
The Oxford Handbook of Shakespeare’s Poetry
The Oxford Handbook of the Eighteenth-Century Novel
The Oxford Handbook of the Victorian Novel

Library Catalogues

QCAT
Search our library catalogue (QCAT) to find materials such as books, videos, journals, newspapers, government documents and more available at QUL.

Summon
The Library’s discovery tool, which allows you to search across our library catalogue and many of our electronic resources all from one search box. Summon can be a useful tool for interdisciplinary topics.

Recommended Books

The Handbook to Literary Research (online)
This resource assists those beginning an MA in Literature and introduces research techniques, methodologies and information resources relevant to the study of literature.

This resource evaluates important reference materials in English studies.

Ebook Collections

Most of the library’s electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon but you many also want to search the ebook packages directly. Please note that when searching these collections directly, you may encounter titles in the collection to which QUL does not have access. You can request a print copy of the title through Interlibrary Loan (RACER).

Collections include:
- Oxford Scholarship: English Literature
- Scholars Portal Books – large multidisciplinary collection of e-books from various publishers.
- Cambridge Histories: Literature

Article Indexes and Databases

Search indexes and databases to find journal articles, citations to books, theses and more. Each academic discipline has its own specialized database, which indexes the core literature of that discipline. The English Language and Literature subject guide lists the core and related recommended databases, which include:

MLA International Bibliography
Indexes citations to journal articles, dissertations, and books about world literature, literary criticism, language, linguistics, and folklore from 1921 to the present.
**Literature Online (LION)**
In addition to full text reference works, biographical sketches, bibliographies, and selected novels, poems, dramas, and prose, LION also includes the Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature (ABELL).

**Multidisciplinary**

**JSTOR**
Contains full text articles from major research journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. Coverage of most journals starts from the beginning of a journal's publication and typically excludes the most recent three to five years. Under Language and Literature, there are 362 titles listed.

**Project Muse**
Indexes citations for books and articles as well as full text articles and e-books from scholarly presses. Indexes 199 literature journals.

![Google Scholar](https://ssl.gstatic.com/images/branding/googlelogo/2x/googlelogo_color_116x41dp.png)

Google Scholar searches the academic, scholarly Web for peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, abstracts and articles.

Searching Google Scholar from Queen’s University Library will identify full text articles available from QUL resources as well as open access articles from other universities and colleges.

**Current Awareness Services**

Alerting current awareness or table of contents services are designed to assist researchers in keeping up-to-date with current literature in a discipline. A number of databases and electronic journals provide automated alerting services, based on your search profile or search strategy.

**JournalTOCs** [http://www.journaltocs.hw.ac.uk/](http://www.journaltocs.hw.ac.uk/)
This service allows you to keep up-to-date with newly published scholarly material by enabling you to browse, view, save, and search across thousands of journal tables of contents from hundreds of publishers.

**Cited Reference Searching**

![WEB OF SCIENCE™](https://www.webofknowledge.com/WOS/graphics/logo.png)

Citation indexes allow you to trace the evolution of an idea from one author’s paper backward, using its bibliography and forward (to determine who is citing whom), using cited reference searching.

Consult the Citation Searching guide at [http://guides.library.queensu.ca/citation-searching](http://guides.library.queensu.ca/citation-searching) to learn more about conducting cited reference searching.
IT Services has arranged for an enterprise-wide license to **EndNote** for users at Queen’s.

Information and links to download the software has been added to the Software Centre page on the **MyQueensU Portal** (https://my.queensu.ca/software-centre) with additional information posted to an ITServices page about **EndNote** (http://queensu.ca/its/software/enterprise-licenced-software/endnote).

**Dissertations and Theses**

**Finding Theses and Dissertations**
http://guides.library.queensu.ca/finding-theses-dissertations

**Preparing and Submitting Your Thesis to QSpace**
http://library.queensu.ca/help-services/scholarly-publishing/preparing-submitting-your-thesis-qspace

**QSPACE: Queen’s Scholarship & Digital Collections**
https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/

**Contact Info**

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