

# Library Sources for Literature Research and Criticism

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## 1) Reference Books (for use in the Library) (most here are available at larger branches)

- R 808.2 DRAMA      **Drama for Students**; 23 vol.  
R 809.3 NOVELS    **Novels for Students**; 23 vol.  
R 808 SHORT        **Short Stories for Students**; 23 vol.  
R 809.132 EPICS    **Epics for Students**; 3 vol.  
R 809.91 LITER     **Literary Movements for Students**; 2 vol.  
R 821 POETRY      **Poetry for Students**; 22 vol.
- R 809.9335 LIT     **Literature and its Times: Profiles of 300 Notable Literary Works and the Historical Events that Influenced Them**; 5 vol.  
R 809 MOSS        **World Literature and its Times: Profiles of Notable Literary Works and the Historical Events that Influenced Them**; 3 vol.
- R 809 MASTER     **Masterplots**: 1801 plot stories and critical evaluations  
R 809.1 MASTER   **Masterplots II. Poetry Series**; 9 vol.  
R 809.204 MASTER **Masterplots II. Drama Series**; 4 vol.  
R 809.3 MASTER   **Masterplots II. American Fiction**; 4 vol.  
R 809.3 MASTER   **Masterplots II. Short Story Series**; 6 vol.
- R 809.3 BEA        **Beacham's Encyclopedia of Popular Fiction**; 16 vol.  
R 809 BEA         **Beacham's Guide to Literature for Young Adults**; 16 vol.
- R 808.8 Cliff      Cliffs Notes series booklets are available for many popular titles.

## 2) Electronic Resources for Literature Research

The following online resource is available through our website from home (with your library card.) You will find this in the drop-down menu on our homepage (<http://www.piercecountylibrary.org>) under **Services**, then **Electronic Resources** and additionally, from within our online catalog, as **E-Sources**.

Under **Books, Poems & Literature / Author and Literature Research** sub-category:

### Literature Resource Center

This resource provides access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every age and discipline. It contains material from Gale Group's core literary databases: **Contemporary Authors**, **Dictionary of Literary Biography**, and **Contemporary Literary Criticism**

- Search by **title, author, keyword** or a combination under **Advanced**
- **Authors by type** search gives a selection of authors by **ethnicity, genre, literary movement or time period, nationality, or theme** (or a combination).
- **Literary - Historical Timeline** presents historical and literary events in the time period of your choice.
- **Research Guide** gives detailed tips via *Guide to Conducting Literary Research*.