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# Shakespeare

## Library Topic Guide

[www.library.nlc.bc.ca](http://www.library.nlc.bc.ca)

Ask a Librarian for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

### Dawson Creek Library

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## REFERENCE

Consulting dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Reference librarians on those campuses will research these materials for faculty and students. Simply fill out the "Ask the Librarian" form on the library webpage or contact the library directly. Some titles of interest located in the reference section are:

### Dawson Creek Reference Collection

PR 2892 O94 2001 Oxford Companion to Shakespeare, The  
PR 2892 O94 2001 Oxford Companion to Shakespeare, The  
AC 1 G72 1990 Plays and Sonnets, the  
PR 2987 S47 Shakespeare for Students  
PR 2892 S52 2001 Shakespeare's World & Work

### Fort St. John Reference Collection

PR2892 W43 1998 A Dictionary of Shakespeare  
PR 2892 P46 2001 Penguin Shakespeare Dictionary, The  
PR 2892 B69 Shakespeare A to Z  
PR 2987 S47 Shakespeare for Students  
PR 2892 S52 2001 Shakespeare's World & Work

## CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

PR 2199-3195	English Renaissance	PR 2750-3112	Shakespeare, William
PR 2801-2840	Shakespeare, William - Separate Works	PR 2885-2935	Shakespeare, Wm - Criticism & biography
PR 2892	Shakespeare, William - Dictionaries, etc.	PR 2965-3088	Shakespeare, Wm. - Criticism & interpretation
Z 8811	Shakespeare, William - General		

## LIBRARY CATALOGUE

To find specific books and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library catalogue by subject. Remember to consult the [Library of Congress Subject Headings](#) to choose appropriate terms such as:

Shakespeare, William 1564-1616	Shakespeare, William - Appreciation
Shakespeare, William - Bibliography	Shakespeare, William - Biography
Shakespeare, William - Characters	Shakespeare, William - Chronology
Shakespeare, William - Concordances	Shakespeare, William - Contemporary England
Shakespeare, William - Criticism, Interpretation	Shakespeare, William - Criticism, textual
Shakespeare, William - Dramatic production	Shakespeare, William - Film, video adaptations
Shakespeare, William - Political, social views	Shakespeare, William - Quotations
Shakespeare, William - Stage history	Shakespeare, William - Study and teaching

## PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of particular interest to literature students:

Periodical Title.....	Library Holdings.....	Campus Library
College English	1994-current	DC/FSJ
College Literature	2000-current	FSJ

You may browse NLC periodical holdings when you search in the NLC catalogue **Webcat** using the *periodical title* option. See the library webpage *Journals & Articles* link.

## **DATABASES & INDEXES** (<http://www.nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>)

**Academic Search Premier:** Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available. 1984-present. Updated monthly.

**Humanities & Social Science Index:** Provides coverage in literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983- present. Updated monthly.

**MLA International Bibliography:** A bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations published by the Modern Language Association. World literature, folklore, music, art, rituals, and belief systems. Other topics include literary theory and criticism and the dramatic arts. Citation and fulltext available.

**MAS Ultra:** Full text for 550 magazines, 91,600 biographies and 75,000 primary source documents, and 250 reference books.

**Oxford English Dictionary:** The accepted authority on the evolution of the English language over the last millennium, a guide to the meaning, history, and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past.

**Readers Guide to Periodical Literature:** Subjects include popular literature, current events, business, fashion, politics, crafts, food, sports, history & science. 1983-current

## **WEBSITES**

Mr. William Shakespeare and the internet: <http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/>

Bartleby.com: <http://www.bartleby.com/cambridge/chapterindex.html>

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: <http://the-tech.mit.edu/Shakespeare/works.html>

Electronic Shakespeare: <http://www.wfu.edu/~tedforrl/shakespeare/>

Folger Shakespeare Library: [http://www.folger.edu/Home\\_02b.html](http://www.folger.edu/Home_02b.html)

Literary Encyclopedia and Literary Dictionary: <http://www.litencyc.com/>

Literary Resources on the Net: <http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Lit/>

Literature in English: <http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=3>

Shakespeare Society of America: <http://www.shakespearesociety.org/home.htm>

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