Literature searching for Drama
Changes in the library

- LRC is closed to students
- Student and IT Support has moved into the library
- 1 East Helpdesk – library enquiries
- 1 West Helpdesk – IT enquiries
- Undergraduates can now borrow 15 books
- New MFDs
- New library website

Reminder: we are cashless!
In today’s session

Finding journal articles
  • Citation searching

Structuring your search
  • Academic journals
  • Online databases

Using other libraries

Help, support and advice
Drama and Theatre LibGuide

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/drama

- Library catalogues
- Databases
- Training materials
- Contact details
- Current awareness

A work in progress!
Contact details for 1:1 support

Contact details for library account enquiries

Links to Libguides for the library, IT Support, Moodle, MyLSBU

Tabs for resources and referencing
Journal articles

Written by experts in your area:
• Academics
• Practitioners
• Researchers

Can be:
• results of a piece of research
• a literature review
• a case study

Peer review
• Quality check
• A process by which the methodology and results are discussed and checked by independent experts in the same field.

You are expected to use journal articles in your assignments.

How to access them
• Not via Google!
• Mostly online
• Massive databases containing thousands of journals and millions of articles
Researching your topic

• Identify your keywords
• Identify alternative terms
  • synonyms (similar/identical meanings)
  • alternative spellings

• Keep a note of every search you do
  • adjust key words as you go along
Keywords

How has technology impacted on live performance in theatre?
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Focussing and broadening your search

• Use **AND** to focus your search (this will give you fewer results)
  • eg theatre **AND** adaptation

• Use **OR** to broaden your search (this will give you more results)
  • eg show **OR** play **OR** performance **OR** production

• Use **NOT** to exclude a topic (this will give you fewer results)
  • eg tragedy **NOT** Shakespeare
Truncation and phrase searching

• Use * to find different possible endings to a word
  • eg act* would find actor, actress, active, acting, acts, actors, actresses, activities, activists, action etc
  • eg drama* would find drama, dramas, dramatic, dramatisation etc

• Use “” [quotation marks] to search for a phrase
  • eg “early modern drama” or “National Theatre”
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Technolog* digital

AND

| **KEYWORD 2:**                | OR                          |
| **ALTERNATIVES FOR KEYWORD 2:** |                            |

“Live performance”

theatre drama

AND

| **KEYWORD 3:**                | OR                          |
| **ALTERNATIVES FOR KEYWORD 3:** |                            |
Journal databases

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/drama/journals

• Mostly fulltext
• Thousands of journals
• Subject specific
• Wide subject base
• Academic journal articles
Performing Arts Periodicals Database

- Dance, theatre, film, radio, television
- Journal articles, reviews, newspaper articles
• ABELL – Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature
• Poetry, drama, prose, journals and criticism
Where to get Help
Library and Learning Resources

Library
Helpdesk – 1 East
library@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6607/6615

IT Support
Helpdesk – 1 West
llr-ithelpdesk@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6678

Digital Skills
Digital Skills Centre
digitalskills@lsbu.ac.uk
020 7815 6610
Academic Liaison Team (ALT)

Arts and Creative Industries
LLRaci@lsbu.ac.uk

Research Helpdesk, 3 Bridge
Mon-Fri, 12.00-4pm
Any questions?