DATABASE GUIDE	# MLA International Bibliography

Web versions of this and other Database Guides are available at
http://www.marymount.edu/lls/tips/index.html

Produced by the Modern Language Association of America, the MLA International Bibliography indexes critical scholarship on literature, language, linguistics, and folklore. Coverage includes citations to journal articles, series, monographs, dissertations, bibliographies, proceedings, and other materials from 1926 to the present.

Searching Options
A. Advanced Search

The default search option is the **Advanced Search.** The **Advanced Search** allows you to enter a simple and/or a complex search. The system will display the search results.

Use the drop-down boxes to limit your search to parts of the record.

You may enter up to three search terms in the entry boxes.

Select AND, OR, NOT from the drop down menu to connect terms and phrases.

Tip: Search options marked with an asterisk (*) indicates a browsable index. When you select the search option, a link to the browse feature will display. The browsable indexes include: Collection Title, Document Type, Language, Place Name, Publication Title, Series Title, Subject, Website Title, and Previous Searches.

B. Name of Work

The Name of Work search option searches the titles of literature in the cited documents. The Name of Work index is composed of all words (except stop words) in the titles of books and other indexed works discussed. To search by Name of Work, select Name of Work in the drop down field and type in title and click on search.

The Name of Work field is a browsable index. Select Name of Work in the drop down menu and click on browse.

Advanced Search
Select index(es) and enter term(s) to search (*indicates a browseable index)

Name Of Work (w0) *		Brows
And	Keyword (ke)	
And	Person - About (p0)	

The Name of Work list will display.

Name Of Work (w0)
for [ ] Find

Select up to 10 results, then select "Submit" to add them to your search.

Bottom of page

◀ Previous   Next ▶

Select	Results
☐ 08/15	1
☐ 08/15 bis zum Ende	1

Check the box next to the title you want to search and the title will be added to the Name of Work box. **NOTE:** You can select up to 10 results and then select "Submit" to add them to your search. The database will OR the searches together.

Click on Submit and the database will add the Name of Work to the Advanced Search screen.

Name Of Work (w0)
for [ ] Find

Select up to 10 results, then select "Submit" to add them to your search.

Bottom of page

◀ Previous   Next ▶

Select	Results
☑ 102 Dalmations	1

Name Of Work (w0)
102 Dalmations   Remove

Submit
Clear

Advanced Search
Select index(es) and enter term(s) to search (*indicates a browseable index)

Name Of Work (w0) *	"102 Dalmations"	Browse
And	Keyword (ke)	
And	Person - About (p0)	

C. Author – Items By Search

The **Author – Items By** search is one way to find articles by an author. Click in the entry box and enter the author's last name first, then first name or first initial, from the drop-down menu select **Author – Items by** and click on Search. The search results will be displayed.

Advanced Search
Select index(es) and enter term(s) to search (*indicates a browseable index)

Author - Items By (au)	atwood margaret	
And	Name Of Work (w0) *	Browse
And	Person - About (p0)	

Add a Row   Search   Clear

3. **The Myths Series and Me**. Margaret Atwood.

   Publishers Weekly 252.47 (Nov. 28, 2005): p58.

   p58.

   [Subject Terms: Canadian literature, 1900-1999; Atwood, Margaret (b. 1939); The Penelopiad (2005); novel; treatment of Penelope.]

D. Person- About Search

The **Person About** search option is used when you are searching for information about a particular author or literary figure. The database will search for documents where an author's name is listed as a subject term. Enter the author's last name first, then first name or first initial in the entry box, then from the drop-down menu select **Person- About** from the drop down menu and click on Search. The search results will be displayed.

Advanced Search
Select index(es) and enter term(s) to search (*indicates a browseable index)

	Person - About (p0)	⌄	atwood margaret
And ⌄	Keyword (ke)	⌄	
And ⌄	Keyword (ke)	⌄	

'Quattrocento': On an Eclectic Poem by Margaret Atwood. Georgiana Banita.
Explicator 67.2 (Winter 2009): p99-102.
p99.
[Subject Terms: Canadian literature, 1900-1999; Atwood, Margaret (b. 1939); "Quattrocento"; poetry; ekphrasis; treatment of Adam; Eve; relationship to corporeality; Italian painting; sources in Michelangelo (1475-1564); Original Sin and the Expulsion from Paradise.]

E. Subject Guide Search

The **Subject Guide Search** option is one way to find articles about a topic. Click on **Subject Guide** in the blue toolbar to switch to the **Subject Guide Search**. Click in the entry box, enter one or more words, and click **Search**. The system will display the search results.

Subject Guide Search Find: feminism [Search] Find subject terms that contain words you entered	feminism 5433 Related subjects
Click on subject term to see the list of citations. To see a list of **Broader**, **Narrower**, and/or **Related Terms** for the subject, click on **Related Subjects**.	**domestic feminism** Related Subjects Narrower Ter **theory** Related Subjects Broader Tern **antifeminism** Related Subjects Related Tern
If no exact matches are found, the search system goes through a series of fall-back steps to try to get results.	No exact matches found using **"feminsm"**. Results found using **"prix femina"**. See Also : feminist, feminist writers, feminist scholarship, feminist scientists, feminist theater Results for : Subject Guide Search feminsm [Search]

F. Search Tips

Wildcard characters allow you to substitute symbols for one or more letters. The MLA Database supports three wildcards.

Asterisk (*)	An **asterisk** stands for any number of characters and is placed at the end of the term's root. For example econom* matches economy, economics, economical.
Question Mark (?)	A **question mark** stands for exactly one character. For example, wom?n will find woman, women, and womyn. A question mark may be used to find variant spellings of a word. For example, defen?e will find defense or defence. Multiple question marks in a row stand for the same number of characters as there are question marks.
Exclamation Point (!)	An **exclamation point** stands for one or no characters and may be used to match the singular and plural forms of a word. For example, poet! will find poet and poets.
Quotation Marks	Used to find exact phrases or to force the search engine to read a stop word. For example, "to be or not to be" will force the search engine to find that phrase, as well as, read or and not as search terms, not operators.
Stop Words	Be careful of "stop words," or frequently used words (e.g., *a*, *the*, *any*, etc.) that the database will ignore. Enclose stop words in quotes to search them as part of a phrase.

G. Boolean Operators

Use Boolean operators AND, OR, and NOT to combine terms.

AND	The database will retrieve records with BOTH terms in the record. For example, plays and poetry finds only those records in which both the word plays and the word poetry occur.
OR	The database will retrieve records with AT LEAST one of the search terms in the record. For example, dreams or daydreams find records in which either the word dreams or the word daydreams or both occur.
NOT	The database will retrieve records with ONLY ONE of the search terms in the record. For example cats NOT dogs will retrieve records with only cats. For example, comedy not tragedy finds all records in which the word comedy occurs except the ones in which the word tragedy also occurs.

H. Limits

A limit restricts a search to certain aspects of information contained in a record and produces a smaller result set that is more precisely focused on what you want. You can limit your search by Peer-Reviewed Publications, Publication Date, Publication Title, Language, Document Type, Excluding Dissertation Abstracts, Limit to Citations from the Most Recent Update, and to JSTOR titles.   Users may limit their searches by:
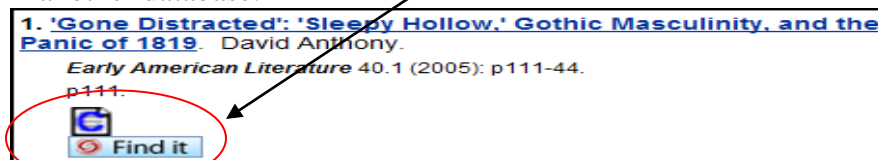
Peer-reviewed publications	Materials are reviewed pre-publication by a body of peers in the same field as the author.
Publication Title	Searches the titles of academic journals that are referenced in this database.
Language	May search by **All Languages** or **by one language**. Select a language from the drop-down menu. Search is based on the publication language.
Document Type	Search for listings that cite a specific kind of document.
Publication Date	May limit search to journals published on, before, or after a date, or may select a range of dates. Use the drop-down menus to select the dates.

I. Retrieving Materials

If the full text of an article is not available in a database, users have two options.

Full Text Available Electronically

1. While in the database click on **Find It** to see if Marymount provides electronic access to the journal in another database.

1. 'Gone Distracted': 'Sleepy Hollow,' Gothic Masculinity, and the Panic of 1819. David Anthony.
Early American Literature 40.1 (2005): p111-44. p111.

Find it

Click on the Search link to connect to the database with the full text availability. You will usually be connected directly to the article.

Full Text
Full text available via EBSCOhost MasterFILE Premier
Year: 2005 Volume: 40 Issue: 1 Start Page: 111 Search
Available from 1984

Full Text Not Available Electronically

1. If a journal is not available electronically either from the **Find it** link or through **MU e-Journals**, click on the **ALADIN Catalog** link to see if Marymount owns the hard copy of the journal.

2. Scroll down the list to check if Marymount owns the title.

The date listed is the date the publication began, not what MU or another WRLC library owns. Open the catalog record to see the date range

#	Full Title	Date	Library
[1]	Essays in criticism. Multiple holdings	1951	GT
[2]	Essays in criticism. GT: Click "Georgetown Holdings" for holdings and status. Call Number: Status: No item status	1951	GT
[3]	Essays in criticism. Multiple holdings	1951	GW
[4]	Essays in criticism. Multiple holdings	1951	MU

Look for MU Marymount on the right hand side of the screen.
Click on the journal name to open the catalog record for the journal.

Availability
Status: No status available
Location: MU: MARYMOUNT Periodicals LOWER LEVEL
Call Number: No call number available
Number of Items:
Older Issues: v.14(1964)-v.31(1981),v.39(1989)-v.53(2003)
Notes: Subscription cancelled in 2003.

Scroll down to check the date range owned by Marymount.

Users may need to check more than one record. Older journals may not by available in hard copy but may be available in Microfiche or Microfilm.

Location: MU: MARYMOUNT Microforms LOWER LEVEL
Call Number: No call number available
Number of Items:
Status: No information available
Library Has: v.91(1982)-v.96(1987)

For further information, stop by the reference desk, call (703) 284-1649, email library@marymount.edu
or send an IM:: AskMULibrary (via AOL, Google Talk, Meebo, MSN, or Yahoo!).