



Understanding Call Numbers

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Research Topics

Call Numbers

Classical Literature	PA
Literature (General) - Criticism	PN80 - 99
Literature (General) - Poetry	PN1010 - 1525
Drama	PN1600
Motion Picture (film)	PN1995
The Theatre	PN2035
French literature	PQ1600
English Literature	PR1 - 9680
Literary history and criticism	PR1 - 78
History of English literature	PR81 - 481
Collections of English literature	
- Poetry	PR1170 - 1228
- Drama	PR1241 - 1273
- Prose (General)	PR1281 - 1309
- Anglo-Saxon	PR1490 - 1799
- Anglo-Norman period. Early English. Middle	PR1803 - 2165
- English renaissance (1500-1640)	PR2199 - 3195
- 17th and 18th centuries (1640-1770)	PR3291 - 3785
- 19th century, 1770/1800-1890/1900	PR3991 - 5990
- 1900 - 1960	PR6000 - 6049
- 1961 - 2000	PR6050 - 6076
- 2001 - present	PR6100 - 6126
English literature - Ireland - collections	PR8844 - 8875
English literature - Canada - collections	PR9180 - 9199.4
English literature - Africa - collections	PR9340 - 9408
English literature - India - collections	PR9480 - 9499.4
English literature - Malaysia - collections	PR9530 - 9530.9
English literature - Singapore - individual authors A - Z	PR9570.S5 - S53
America literature	PS1 - 3576
Authors 1900 - 1960	PS3500 - 3549
Authors 1961 - 2000	PS3550 - 3576
Authors 2001 - present	PS3600 - 3626

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Literature Online

Database of primary works (393,000 literary texts), reference materials, and literary criticism (350 full text literature journals and ebooks of 175 volumes of the Cambridge Companion to Literature). 900 poets on screen filmed readings. Intuitive interface with biographies of writers and links to related materials about them.



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Humanities and Social Sciences database. Comprises journals and ebooks.

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Oxford Bibliographies Online (OBO)

Useful tool to identify key scholarship in a subject area. Includes research articles written by scholars with an overview of key publications. Promotes critical thinking about sources and gives students the means to negotiate and identify quality scholarship. Includes pathfinders on American, British and Irish Literature, Cinema and media studies, Medieval studies, Renaissance and Reformation and Victorian Literature.

Oxford Reference

Oxford Reference

Includes electronic copies of reference materials by Oxford University Press; dictionaries, encyclopedias and companions.

Oxford English Dictionary

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More than a mere dictionary, the OED traces the etymology of a word from its first recorded use. The historical thesaurus explores themes, meanings and ideas through the history of English.



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Specialist databases



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Full text digital images of 125,000 titles published between 1475-1700. Including original works by Shakespeare, Chaucer, Spenser and Defoe.



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