



How to...

Locate Plays

A play may be published as a book, in a book as part of a collection of plays, in a periodical, or in a full-text database of plays. These should all be considered when trying to locate a specific play:

- PITTCat (library catalog)
- Play Indexes
- Full-text Databases of Plays

PITTCat

Locate plays published as books or that appear in collections with other plays by searching PITTCat. To locate a play published as a separate book, do a search in PITTCat. When searching for the play by title, omit any initial articles such as “the”, “a” or “an”.

It is also possible to locate a play published in a book as part of a collection of plays. To locate collections of plays by the **same author**, search by author’s name (last name first). To find a play in a collection of plays by **different authors**, use the keyword search function. Enter the title of the play into the search box and select “as a phrase” from the drop-down menu.

Play Indexes

The Library also owns a number of play indexes, reference books that will refer you to plays in books or periodicals. Using the citation the index provides, you then search PITTCat (online catalog) to determine if the library owns the book or periodical in which the play appears. The following are a few of the play indexes the library owns:

Drury’s Guide to Best Plays Reference Z 5781 .D8
Indexes primarily twentieth-century plays published as books and in collections.

Index to Full Length Plays Reference Z 5781 .T5
The first two volumes index full-length plays published as books and in collections from 1895 to 1944. A third volume covers the years from 1944 to 1964.

Index to One-Act Plays Reference Z 5781 .L83
Indexes one-act English language plays (including plays in English translation) from 1900 to 1924. Five supplements cover the years from 1924 to 1964.

Index to Plays, 1800-1926

Reference Z 5781 .F57

Indexes plays published in books and periodicals by title, author and subject. A good resource for locating lesser known plays from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Index to Plays in Periodicals

Reference Z 5781 .K43

Indexes plays published in periodicals since 1914, including plays in foreign languages.

Ottomiller's Index to Plays in Collections

Reference Z 5781 .O8

Indexes plays in collections published since 1900 in the English-speaking world.

Play Index

Reference Z 5781 .P53

This multi-volume set indexes English language plays (including those in English translation) published since 1949.

Online Index to Plays

Inter-Play

<http://www.lib.pdx.edu/systems/interplay/>

An electronic index created by librarians at Portland State University that indexes more than 18,000 citations to plays in collections.

Full-Text Electronic Collections

American Drama

(Locate *Literature Online* on the ULS Digital Library page under “Databases A-Z” and then click on “Individual Literature Collections”)

Black Drama

(Locate on the ULS Digital Library page under “Databases A-Z”)

Editions and Adaptations of Shakespeare

(Locate on the ULS Digital Library page under “Databases A-Z”)

English Verse Drama

(Locate on the ULS Digital Library page under “Databases A-Z”)