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Using ELIZA, Wallace Library's Online Catalog:

Key Word and Subject Search

Try the keyword and subject search options in **ELIZA** to find useful library material for your study. A keyword search is generally the best place to start, if you are not sure of the specific item you are trying to find. When you find an item of interest, look at the detailed record to find the subject headings assigned to the item. Click on the subject heading that most specifically describes the information you need.

Try the following:

- Perform a **keyword search** using the phrase **Don DeLillo AND Criticism**. You will get over 9 hits.
- Click the “**Extended Display**” button to view item locations and publication dates.
- Use the “**Limit this Search**” button to find an item published after 1999.
- Look at the detailed record for the item you select. Note the **call number**. You will need this to find the material in the library.
- Try the **subject links** provided within the record. These will allow you to perform a concise hypertext search for similar items.

Using ELIZA to Locate Journals and Periodicals:

Use the following instructions for locating journals and periodicals through ELIZA: http://library.wheatoncollege.edu/screens/srchhint_03.html

To find all periodicals available (in paper, microfilm or electronic format) from Wheaton, covering the topic of Literature, try entering the following **SUBJECT** search in Eliza: **literature periodicals**

In the full list of literature periodicals, locate the record for **American Quarterly**. Look at the detailed record and try the electronic link provided.

Now click on the link for **Arizona Quarterly**. How many years does the library own? In what form?

Using multi volume Reference Sets for Modern authors:

1. **Contemporary Literary Criticism** (Ref PN 771.C59)

2. **Dictionary of Literary Biography** (Ref PS 129.D5)

(Use cumulative index in highest volume to access articles in sets.)

USING INFOTRAC:

InfoTrac is one of several online indexes available at Wheaton. It is a good general source for locating material in all disciplines, including contemporary literature. Use it to search for articles and abstracts from newspapers, magazines and scholarly journals related to your research. Full-text is available for some material. If full-text is not available, use ELIZA to search for the journal title. The library may have the item in the journal collections or in microform. If the article cannot be accessed online or in the paper collections, Interlibrary Loan may be able to obtain it. Once you are comfortable using InfoTrac, you can venture into other indexes to find material.

- From the library homepage, select **Electronic Resources**.
- From the **Reference Databases** menu, select **InfoTrac**. From the available **InfoTrac** databases, find **Expanded Academic ASAP** and click the link to “start searching.”
- Try a search combining the terms **CONSPIRACY AND LITERATURE** in the search window.
- How many hits do you get? Hit the “**Limit Search**” link and limit the search to “**Full Text Articles**”. How many hits in full text?
- Now try limiting to articles published in the last two years.

USING OVID DATABASES:

OVID is a commercial supplier of databases for various disciplines. The following OVID databases will be useful for finding articles on the works, and writers included in your syllabus:

MLA International Bibliography

Produced by the Modern Language Association of America, the MLA International Bibliography indexes critical scholarship on literature, language, film, linguistics and folklore. Coverage includes journal articles, book articles, dissertations, etc. The database includes records indexed from 1963 to the present date.

Wilson Humanities Abstracts

Wilson Humanities Abstracts indexes over 350 English language periodicals covering a wide spectrum of disciplines, including language and literature, literary and political criticism, folklore, journalism and communication, music, the performing arts and film. Coverage is 1984 to the present.

EVALUATING INFORMATION YOU FIND ON THE WEB:

While the Web will provide you with much valuable information, you should carefully assess each Web source you use for accuracy, reliability, authority, and currency. As you know, anybody can publish a web page. Pages may be inaccurate, misleading, strongly biased, or simply geared to selling a product. The following tutorial from the Lake Forest College provides an excellent overview of site evaluation criteria, along with links to further information.

Evaluating Web Information – Lake Forest College

<http://www.lib.lfc.edu/internetsearch/evalweb.html>

Web Sites to explore and evaluate:

Cesnur Center for Studies on New Religions

http://www.cesnur.org/testi/TheFamily/se_thefamily.htm

The Family

<http://thefamily.org/>

The Don DeLillo Society

<http://www.ksu.edu/english/nelp/delillo>

Robert Stone resources on the web

<http://www.robotwisdom.com/jorn/stone.html>

Thomas Ruggles Pynchon, Jr.

<http://www.themodernword.com/pynchon/index.html>

Tim O'Brien on the World Wide Web

<http://www.illyria.com/tobsites.html>

Using Web Search Engines:

Not all search engines are the same. Do you know what is “under the hood” of your favorite search engine? Try the following site to compare search engines and their features, and learn some advanced web searching tips, including use of BOOLEAN search phrases: <http://searchenginewatch.com/facts/>

Using PowerPoint Tutorial:

You will be using **PowerPoint** presentation software to support and enhance your classroom presentations. PowerPoint is one of the applications in the Microsoft Office suite. It is available on most public computers at Wheaton. The College owns a site license for Microsoft Office, and you can obtain a copy at no charge as a Wheaton student. Call the Computing Support Center (x3900) if you need the application for your personal computer.

For a quick overview of **PowerPoint**, try the following tutorial from Microsoft:

<http://www.microsoft.com/education/tutorial/classroom/o2k/ppt.asp>

Many other **PowerPoint** tutorials can be found on the web. Try any search engine, using the terms "PowerPoint tutorial. **PowerPoint** also has online help available from within the application.

N.B. Remember to note the full citation for each resource you plan to use for your assignments—title, author or organization, URL if a web site, date of publication, etc. If you have a style manual for this course, follow the recommended format for providing citations. Sample citations are available in style manuals on reserve at the Circulation Desk and at this Dartmouth College site: SOURCES:
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sources/contents.html>

When You Need Further Help:

Remember, this is just a starting point for developing your research skills while at Wheaton! Reference Librarians are here to help you and WELCOME your questions! You can schedule a private appointment for research assistance. Make an appointment with me for individual help - OR – check with the Reference Librarian on duty at the desk.

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