

There are several approaches and many tools in the library to help you in your literature research.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES are lists of works by or about an author. Annotated bibliographies provide a summary paragraph of the work, so you can know in advance if the work will be helpful. Sometimes the end of a book or periodical article will include a bibliography. There are books which are entire bibliographies in themselves. These bibliographies are located in reference **016**. Following the 016. is the author's assigned Dewey Decimal call number. For example, the library owns **A Bibliography of Henry David Thoreau**, with the call number **R 016.818**. All of an author's bibliographies are grouped together.

DATABASES provide access to periodical articles, book chapters, and reference works about literary criticism.

The ***Literary Reference Center (LRC)*** is a comprehensive literary reference database, which provides users with a broad spectrum of reference information from many time periods. **LRC** is a full-text database that combines information from over 1,000 books and monographs, major literary encyclopedias and reference works, hundreds of literary journals, and other unique sources.

Other databases to consider include:

- ***Academic Search Premier*** (EBSCO)
- ***Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature*** (OSearch)
- ***Arts and Humanities Citation Index*** (ISI)
- ***Humanities International Complete*** (EBSCO)
- ***MLA International Bibliography*** (EBSCO)

To access the databases, click on "Databases & Articles" > "By Title." Refer to the specific database user guide for more information on how to use these databases.

PRINT INDEXES should also be consulted.

Fitzgerald, Frances Scott Key
About individual works
The Great Gatsby
Lindberg, G. H. Promise land. In Lindberg, G. H. The
confidence man in American literature p113-39

If you need to find an essay or chapter in a book, use the **Essay and General Literature Index** located at R 016 E78. The index includes books and articles *published* between 1900-1984, which may or may not be the years the author was writing. The sample at

the left cites the *chapter*, "Promised Land," in the *book*, The Confidence Man in American Literature which is a literary criticism *about* The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Other **REFERENCE TOOLS** provide you with summary material about the literary work or the author. Titles which you may find helpful are listed below, with their call numbers:

- Library website **Biography Resource Center**
A full text biographical resource, which may include criticisms of literary works; located under "Databases & Articles" > "By Title"
- R 928.2
S526B **British Writers**
11 volumes, Master Index includes titles, authors, and subjects
- R 928.1
V788C **Contemporary Foreign Language Writers**
Arranged by author and title index
- R 928.1
C77 **Contemporary Literary Criticism**
Contains 94 volumes, arranged by author; including an annual cumulative title index published separately
- Library website **Contemporary Literary Criticism**
Critical essays on the works of authors now living or who died after 1959; located under "Databases & Articles" > "By Title"
- R 809.3
M194C
M195C
M196C **Critical Survey of Long Fiction**
3 sets
- R 809.1
C934
M194C
M195C **Critical Survey of Poetry**
Arranged by author, includes bibliographies; 3 sets
- R 809.33
M194C
M194C2 **Critical Survey of Short Fiction**
2 sets
- R 801.95
E56 **Encyclopedia of Literary Critics and Criticism**
2 volumes
- R 928.1
V787G **Great Foreign Language Writers**
Arranged by author and title index
- Library website **Masterplots Complete 2000**
Contains 21 sets of reference books including plot synopses, character descriptions, and author biographies; located under "Databases & Articles" > "By Title"
- R 928.1
C775 **Nineteenth Century Literature Criticism**
80+ volumes arranged by author with an annual cumulative title index published separately
- R 822.33
Z3I6 **Shakespearean Criticism**
2 volume set arranged by title
- R 809.04
M19S **Survey of Contemporary Literature**
12 volumes arranged by title
- R 928.1
C78 **Twentieth Century Literary Criticism**
91 volumes, arranged by author with an annual cumulative title index published separately