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Dance Research Starters

Reference Department
Albert S. Cook Library

Dance Resources in the Library Catalog

The library catalog lists materials available in Cook Library as well as other libraries in the University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI). All formats are listed including musical CD's, DVD's, scores, and electronic books.

To access catalogs, go to: <http://cooklibrary.towson.edu> – **Research – Library Catalogs**

****Cook Library Catalog** – lists items owned by Cook Library

****USMAI Combined Catalog** – lists items in entire University System of Maryland Libraries (all campuses)

****Worldcat** – lists items at private schools, i.e., Peabody Institute, as well as library holdings across the country

Browse types of searches will take you to an alphabetical list of choices close to what you have typed for you to select the search terms that match what you entered.

- **author beginning with** (type in author last name)
- **title beginning with** (type in first words of title, ignoring “A” “An” or “The”)
- **subject beginning with** (type in the word that best describes the subject)

Advanced Search allows you to limit results by **format** (AV items – DVD's and VHS tapes, CD's) to see videotapes and discs on dance and sound recordings.

Location of Materials in Cook Library



Stacks = books you can check out and take home (floors 4 & 5)

Reference = materials that must be used in the building (floor 3)

Media items (CD's, videocassettes, DVD's) are all in **Media Resource Center** (floor 2)

Reference and Circulation service are available on Floor 3

Subject Gateway for Dance

The subject gateway for dance groups electronic resources for dance together in one spot on the library web site. Go to **Subject Gateways – Dance** to see the listing of resources.

You will find a variety of electronic products, like those listed below, to assist with research.

To locate journal articles about dance: try these databases which index the content of journals and in many cases deliver the full text of the article right on your computer:

International Bibliography of Theatre and Dance

International Index to the Performing Arts

Academic Search Premier

Humanities Abstracts

JSTOR

Physical Education Index

To locate information about a choreographer or dance company: try these two electronic encyclopedias for full text reference book articles:

Biography Resource Center

International Encyclopedia of Dance

To watch films about dance and dance productions: try these two databases to stream clips from films or entire dance documentaries or filmed productions on your computer:

Dance on Video

Films on Demand Academic Collection

To find and stream musical recordings: try these two databases to search for and stream musical selections of either an individual track or an entire recording of dance music:

Naxos Music Library – mainly classical music, including lots of ballet music

Smithsonian Global Sound – world and ethnic music spanning the globe

To search for electronic books: the library subscribes to a number of databases which contain electronic books. You can view the content of these books directly on your computer and even print pages from them. Try these databases to search for electronic books:

Ebrary Academic Complete

Netlibrary

Off-campus Access to Databases and Electronic Research Tools

You can access the electronic products listed above from home, but you need to enter through RESEARCHPORT for off campus access. Follow this path:

- Go to **Cook Library web page – Quick Tools - Off Campus Log-in**
- Choose **Towson University** as your institution
- Input **14 digit TU Onecard number and last name**



You can either browse by **subject category (Dance)** or **type in directly** the name of the database that you want. If you search by subject, after highlighting “**Dance**,” select “**All databases**” and choose your database from the list.

Also search the dance research related **websites** listed under the **Subject Gateway for Dance** but be aware these are internet web sites that often are without any editorial control.

Citation Help for Creating your MLA Style Bibliography

Go to the **Research – Citing Sources** link and scroll down to see the MLA help guides created by Cook Library. Be sure to check out the link to the web site *Research and Documentation Online* by Diana Hacker which contains sample papers in MLA style and a wide variety of bibliography examples.

For further information, consult my **Wozworld Quick Guides to Library Research** illustrated guides. Check them out on my web page or blog listed in the box below. If you need additional assistance, call to schedule a research appointment.

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