



## **Dance 321**

### **Library Resources for Dance Research**

Reference Department  
Albert S. Cook Library

**The Library catalog** lists materials available in the **Cook Library** as well as other libraries in the University System of Maryland. It can be searched by **TITLE**, or by **NAME**, or by **SUBJECT**. The **Advanced Search** screen enables you to combine author and title fields for a very targeted search as well as utilize format type (video, CD, etc.) and date limiters.

Find the library's home page at: <http://cooklibrary.towson.edu>

Open the library catalog by clicking on the **Research** link, then **Library Catalogs**

**Cook Library Catalog** – lists items found at Towson University's Cook Library

**Combined USMAI Catalog** – lists items in entire state university library system

**Worldcat** – lists items in local private, school, and public libraries

Location of materials in Cook

**Stacks** = materials you can check out and take home/bound journals – Floors 4 & 5

**Reference** = materials that must be used in the building – Floor 3

**Media Resource Center** (Audio/visual materials) – Floor 2

Best bet **basic catalog searches**:

**Browse by subject beginning with...** (type in the word that best describes the subject, or a person's last name)

**Advanced Search** – allows you to search by topic and limit by format (videos/films)

To transfer a book from one USMAI school library to another, you **place a request** on a book. When the **full record** is displayed, click on **Availability** link, then the **Request** button and have borrower barcode ready.

**Worldcat** – lists print and AV materials in local libraries. You can check out print materials from the libraries at Goucher College, Loyola/Notre Dame, and Stevenson Universities. You can also view their DVD/VHS tapes by visiting their libraries.

**To request the transfer of Non-USMAI books and any AV items to Cook Library:** in **Worldcat**, search for your DVD or book. Use the **Find It** button link to open the ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan form. Register for a free ILLiad account and complete form to request AV items be sent to Cook Library.

### **Electronic Dance Resources**

To view the following resources, on **Cook Library web site**, go to – **Subject Gateways – Dance**

#### **Recommended Journal Article Databases**

##### **International Bibliography of Theater and Dance (IBTD)**

- Large amount of full text
- Always go to **Advanced Search**

##### **International Index to the Performing Arts (IIPA)**

- Good amount of full text



- Click on **Search Articles** tab to get started
- Use **Keyword** or **Narrow Subject** boxes
- 4 simultaneous users

### ***NDEO Dance Education Literature and Research descriptive index (NDEO DELRdi)***

- Use keyword search and limit by document type or target population
- No full text in database
- Search for journal titles in Cook Library Journal List and books/reports in *Worldcat* or web

### ***Humanities Abstracts***

- Combines dance with other artistic disciplines
- Good bit of full text
- Always start on Advanced Search

### **JSTOR**

- Contains only full text articles
- Use Advanced Search and combine terms in boxes



### ***ERIC (EBSCO)***

- Good for dance education topics
- Full text through Find It button, ERIC links, and ED # microfiche
- Use Advanced Search to combine topics

➤ Use **Find It button** to see other electronic subscriptions to journals or print subscriptions housed at Cook Library

➤ For articles in journals not owned by Cook Library, make an **ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan Request** for a copy of the article to be sent to your ILLiad electronic mailbox.

## **Recommended Full Content Biographical Reference Sources**

### ***International Encyclopedia of Dance***

- Full text multivolume encyclopedia of dance topics and personalities
- Results can be printed out or emailed

### ***Biography Resource Center***

- Full text reference book articles
- Full text magazine articles
- Results can be printed or emailed
- 4 simultaneous users



## **Recommended Streaming Visual Content**

### ***Dance in Video***

- Filmed productions of dance and dance documentaries
- Browse by ensemble
- Browse by people
- Sign in to save favorite films to playlist
- Four simultaneous users

### ***Films on Demand – Academic Complete***

- Filmed documentaries
- Use keyword/basic search and input key names and topics
- Sign in to save clips to favorites folder
- See separate help guide on Lisa's web site for more tips

## Multidisciplinary Databases

Remember to use databases beyond dance to find historical/cultural/political information in multidisciplinary databases and electronic resources. Other databases/electronic resources that could be useful for you to investigate include:

- ***New York Times/New York Times Historical*** databases – full text access to *NYT* newspaper from the present day to the 1800's, some illustrations blocked due to copyright
- ***Social and Cultural History: Diaries and Letters Online*** – full text electronic versions of letters and diaries that note major historic events
- ***St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture*** – 5 volume electronic book that includes social and cultural phenomena of American history
- ***Oxford African American Reference Center*** – full text documents that include all aspects of African American life and history
- ***Oxford Music Online*** – includes *Grove Music Online*, the authoritative source for biographical information on composers, musical periods, and genres
- ***Encyclopedia of Clothing and Fashion*** – full text reference book articles on everyday clothing as well as theatrical costume pieces
- ***Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600–2000*** – includes full text electronic documents reflecting various topics involving women and US history

### ***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 clicking “Dance,” select “**All databases**” and choose your database from the list.

### **Confused? Need more help?**

I have developed a series of illustrated step by step guides for many basic research tasks. To see them, visit my blog or website and click on the link for ***Wozworld Quick Guides to Library Research***.



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