

The Yocum Library

Resources for Literature Courses



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Books in the Circulating Collection, Floor 3

The Yocum Library has more than 40,000 books that you can check out of the library. They are arranged by subject headings, ranging from A to Z, each letter or letter combination representing a subject (e.g.: BF, E, PS, or RM). You can browse the shelves or search on the [online catalog](#) located on The Yocum Library homepage.

You will find most books for literature courses in the Ps. The largest collections are British literature in the PRs and American literature in the PSs.

Each literary author's works, biographies, criticism and more are arranged together. For example everything by and about the author James Baldwin would be in the section PS3552 A45.

Keep in mind that not all information for literature will be grouped with a particular author. Research for a story by James Baldwin, for example, could be researched in an historical context located in the Es. Another example would be researching women's history in the HVs to research the feminist poetry of Marge Piercy. Explore the Library of Congress Subject headings posted on the ends of each bookshelf.

Books in the Research Collection, Floor 2

The Library has a collection of print books on floor 2 for library use only. These are the "Reference" or "Research" Collection. *These research books are arranged in the same order as the circulating books on floor 3.*

One large section of the Research Collection are the multivolume *Gale Literary Criticism* series located in the PN771s. Examples of note are *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism-TCLC*, and *Short Story Criticism-SLC*.

There are also research books for many genres of literature, such as American literature, women writers, Asian-American women writers, African-American writers, and Latino/a writers.

Just as with the circulating collection on the 3rd floor, your research may delve into other reference works, such as the multivolume works of *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States* E184.S75 O97 2005, *The Encyclopedia of African American Culture and History* E185 .E54 2006, or *American Popular Culture* E169.1 .G7555 2002. Explore the Library of Congress Subject headings posted on the ends of each bookshelf, or search on the [online catalog](#) located on The Yocum Library homepage.

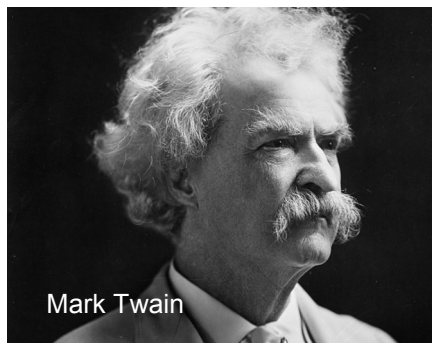
The Yocum Library Electronic Resources for Literature Courses Online Databases

The Yocum Library has dozens of databases for almost any subject available via the Library website located under [Online Databases](#)—Literature-specific databases are located under [Literature and Philosophy](#).

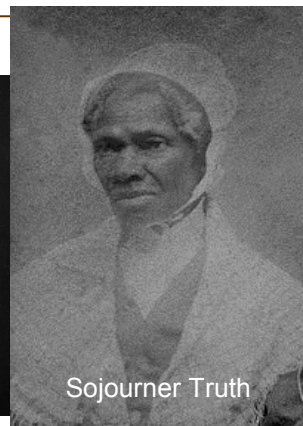
Remote access passwords are found on the homepage of your ANGEL LEARNING.

Depending upon your research focus most of the databases are open to exploration, however a few databases of note for literature courses are:

- **ProQuest's Literature Online**—Literary criticism and poetry videos.
- **Gale's Literature Resource Center**—Full-text articles from scholarly journals and literary magazines are combined with critical essays, work and topic overviews, full-text works, and biographies.
- **The Shakespeare Survey Online**—Over 60 E-books of essays on Shakespeare from the Cambridge University Press.
- **Project Muse**—Prestigious humanities and social sciences journals. Narrow your “research area” to “Literature” to browse literary journals such as *American Literary History* and *Arizona Quarterly: A Journal of American Literature, Culture, and Theory*.
- **EBSCO's E-Book Collection**—Source of E-books on literature and more.
- **Proquest Central**—Although a multidisciplinary database of magazines, journals, newspaper articles, this collection also contains many literary journals. Under the “Basic Search” tab go to “Search subject areas” and choose “Literature and Language.”



Mark Twain



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Useful Internet Links

While books and scholarly journals are still a vast storehouse of information for literature courses, the Internet has a wide variety of reliable resources. The Yocum Library has a list of Useful Internet Links for literature:

www.racc.edu/Yocum/UsefulLinks/literature.aspx

Try these links for a start:

[*The Cambridge History of English and American Literature*](#)

[*Romanticism on the Net*](#)

[*Modern American Poetry*](#)

[*Literary Criticism - The Internet Public Library*](#)

[*American Literature - Voice of the Shuttle*](#)

[*The Literature Resource*](#)

[*PAL: Perspectives in American Literature - A Research and Reference Guide*](#)

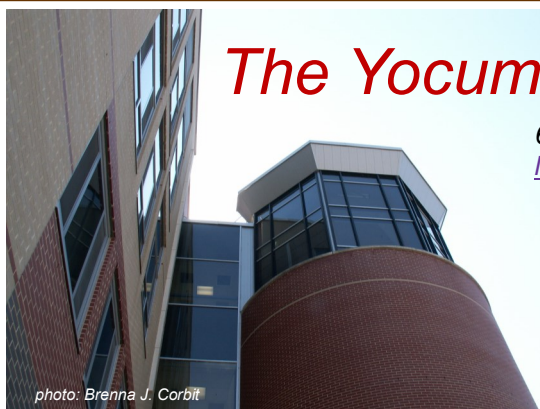


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