



Richard Bland College Library Guide to Finding Literature Resources

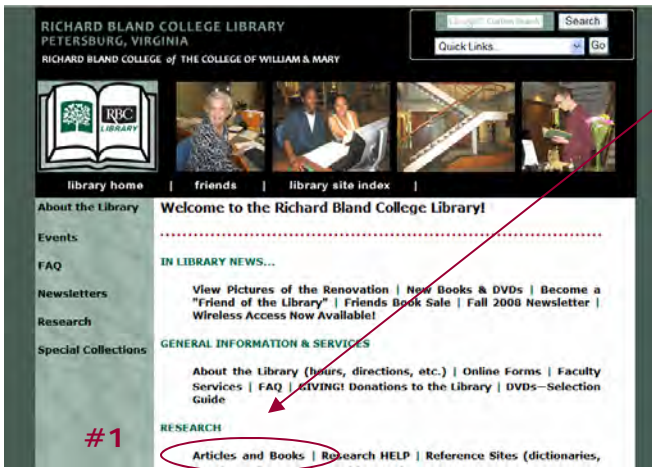
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OBTAIN GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT WORKS OF LITERATURE

Use the *Masterplots* print series for short summaries and brief criticisms of major literary works. The *Masterplots* series is available in the Ready Reference Collection — REF PN 44 .M33 1996. This twelve-volume set lists works alphabetically by title. An index is available at the back of volume 12.

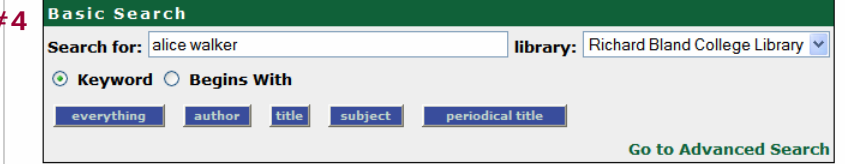
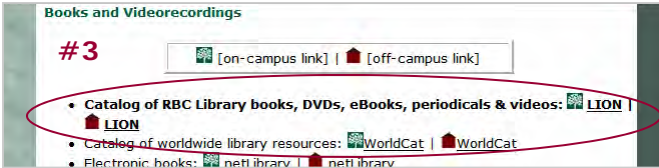
FIND PRIMARY & SECONDARY SOURCES

To look for books by and about your author in the library collection, use **LION** (the library catalog).



Accessing LION

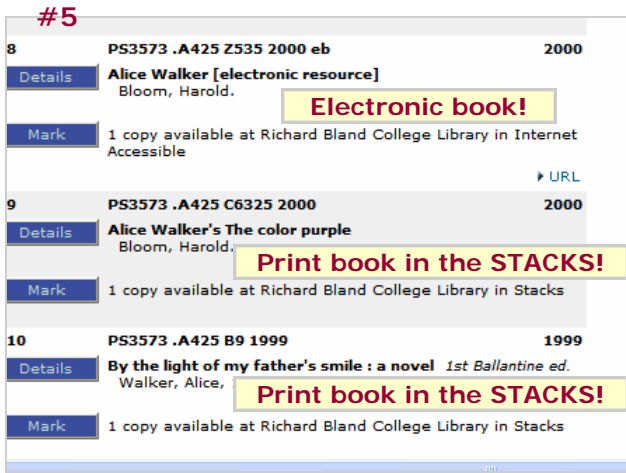
1. From the library home page at www.rbc.edu/library, select **Articles and Books**.
2. Select **Books and Videorecordings**.
3. Select the appropriate link for **LION**. Note that there are two links: an on-campus link and an off-campus link. *For the purposes of database access, students in the residence halls are considered off-campus.* Logging in when off-campus is similar to logging into Blackboard/email.



Searching LION

4. IN LION, enter search terms and click **EVERYTHING**.
5. Browse results.

Within the results to the right, titles 9 and 10 are print books which can be retrieved from the STACKS on the 2nd floor of the Library. Use the call number to located a specific book on the shelf. Title 8 is an eBook which can be accessed online.



Need more books? In step 4, change the default library from **Richard Bland College Library** to **ALL** to access titles available in other College of William & Mary Libraries. Books from other libraries can be ordered for you using Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Interlibrary Loan forms can be completed online at: <http://www.rbc.edu/library/Forms/loanform.htm>. Allow one to two weeks for delivery.

ACCESS LITERATURE RESOURCES FROM GALE DATABASE THROUGH VIVA

1. Begin at the library web page: www.rbc.edu/library. Select **Articles and Books** listed under RESEARCH.
2. Select **Article Databases from VIVA**.
3. Select **HUMANITIES**.
4. Select **Literature Resources from Gale**. Note that there are two links: an on-campus link and an off-campus link. *For the purposes of database access, students in the residence halls are considered off-campus.* Logging in when off-campus is similar to logging into Blackboard/email.

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Article Databases from VIVA - Assorted databases with access to articles from journals, magazines and newspapers. Many articles are available in full-text format.

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Articles from Journals, Magazines & Newspapers and Other Online Documents

Most of these databases are made available by the [Virtual Library of Virginia!](#)

In addition to articles, other documents such as book chapters, essays and reference information are also available here. Interdisciplinary databases are listed first; scroll down for links to subject-specific databases, Find it Virginia, and additional VIVA links.

[on-campus link] | [off-campus link]

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DATABASE CATEGORIES: Academic and General Interest | Health and Medicine | Humanities | Science and Quantitative Methods | Social Sciences | Spanish Language Databases | Additional Periodical Resources

Academic and General Interest Information in All Subject Areas

Humanities (English, History, Literature, Philosophy and Religion)

Cambridge Journals Online | Cambridge Journals Online - Includes online literary journals.

CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online (Columbia University) | CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online (Columbia University) - Full-text database of international information including books, journals, working papers, country maps and country information.

Duke University Press | Duke University Press - Full-text articles published by Duke University Press including the journal *American Literature* and *Theater*.

EBSCO's History and Government Databases | EBSCO's History and Government Databases - Simultaneously search *Academic Search Complete*; *America: History and Life*; *Historical Abstracts*; *Humanities International Complete*; *Legal Collection*; *Military & Government Collection*; and *Newspaper Source Plus*.

HarpWeek | HarpWeek - Full-text database of *Harper's Weekly* articles from 1857 to 1877.

LexisNexis Academic & Library Solutions | LexisNexis Academic & Library Solutions - Selected full-text access to congressional and legislative information.

Literature Resources from Gale | Literature Resources from Gale - Full-text literary information including biographies and criticism. Includes *MLA International Bibliography*.

MLA International Bibliography | MLA International Bibliography - Literary database with partial full-text.

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Literature Resources from Gale

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Advanced Search

Select index(es) and enter term(s) to search (*indicates a browseable index)

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Searching in *Literature Resources from Gale*

Enter the title of your work in the 2nd text box and the name of the author in the 3rd text box.

Click **Search** to view the results.

Viewing the results in *Literature Resources from Gale*

Click on the large tabs to access different types of information pertaining to the author and work. With the exception of resources in the *MLA International Bibliography* section, full-text is available.



The screenshot shows the Gale Literature Resources interface. At the top, it says 'Richard Bland College' and 'VIVA-Richard Bland College'. The main header is 'Literature Resources from Gale'. Below this are navigation tabs: 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Person Search', 'Works Search', 'MLA International Bibliography', and 'Gale Literary Index'. The search results are for 'Advanced Search' with terms 'WO (awakening) And PZ (kate chopin)'. On the left, there is a search box with 'bird*' entered and a 'GO' button. Below the search box, there are options to narrow results by subject and limit to 25, 50, or 100 results. The search results list includes 'Literature Criticism (60)', 'Biographies (5)', 'Topic & Work Overviews (5)', 'Reviews & News (3)', 'Primary Sources & Literary Works (0)', 'Multimedia (0)', and 'MLA Int'l. Bibliography (303)'. The results are sorted by 'Relevance'. The first result is '1. Recent Novels: 'The Awakening'' from 'Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism', edited by Sharon K. Hall, Vol. 5, Detroit: Gale Research, 1981, p96. A yellow box highlights the 'Full-text' link and a message that says 'Full-text is available!'. The second result is '2. Un-Utterable Longing: The Discourse of Feminine Sexuality in The Awakening' by Cynthia Griffin Wolff, from 'Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism', edited by Janet Witalec, Vol. 127, Detroit: Gale, 2002, p3-.

SEARCH TIP!

You can enter additional search terms to further narrow your search. For instance, if you were writing a paper on the symbolism of birds in Kate Chopin's *The Awakening*, you could type *bird** (for bird/birds) in the **Search...within these results** box. Note that you have to apply this technique within each tabbed section. Then click **GO**.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Access author biographies, interviews, reviews and obituaries from *The New York Times*. Access these resources online at: www.rbc.edu/library/Subjectguides/LiteratureSG.htm. Note that registration is required. Past issues of *The New York Times* are also available on microfilm in the Library. Please see a librarian for assistance.
- Access print resources in the "P" section of the Ready Reference Collection. In addition to *Masterplots*, you'll find the following: *Drama for Students*, *Epics for Students*, *Novels for Students*, *Poetry for Students*, *Short Stories for Students* and *Shakespeare for Students*. Other important series include: *Contemporary Authors*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism* and *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*. For volume and page information related to Gale publications, search the *Gale Literary Index* online at <http://www.galenet.com/servlet/LitIndex>.
- In addition to *Literature Resources from Gale*, you may also use the VIVA databases *Project Muse* to find more articles and *WorldCat* to find more books.
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