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**Reference Books**

- **African-American Poets**
  R 811.009896 P454a
- **American Authors and Books, 1640 to the Present Day**
  R 015.73 B9178a, 1972
- **American Nature Writers**
  R 810.936 Am355
- **American Writers**
  R 810.9 Am358
- **Chronological Outline of American Literature**
  R 810.202 R63c
- **Contemporary American Dramatists**
  R 812.5409 C7612
- **Contemporary Women Poets**
  R 811.54099287 C7665
- **Contemporary American Women Fiction Writers**
  R 813.5099 C7672
- **Contemporary Literary Criticism**
  R 928 C768
- **Contemporary Southern Writers**
  R 810.997503 C767 1999
- **Cyclopedia of Literary Characters**
  R 810.927 C992 1998
- **Dictionary of American Literary Characters**
  R 813.0092703 D561 2002
- **Dictionary of American Literature in English**
  R 810.3 D561
- **Dictionary of Literary Biography**
  R 928 D561
- **Dictionary of Literary Terms**
  R 803 Sh26d
- **Dictionary of Pseudonyms**
  R 929.403 R674d3
- **Drama Criticism**
  R 016.822 C67d
- **Encyclopedia of American Poetry**
  R 811.509 En195
- **Encyclopedia of Southern Literature**
  R 810.997503 Sn525e

- **Handbook to Literature**
  R 803 H731h6
- **Literary Research Guide**
  R 016.82 H229L, 1989
- **Masterplots**
  R 808.8 M272m 1996
- **Merriam-Webster's Encyclopedia of Literature**
  R 803 M551
- **Modern American Women Writers**
  R 810.99287 M72
- **Native American Literatures: An Encyclopedia of Works, Characters, Authors, and Themes**
  R 810.9897 W617n
- **Oxford Companion to African American Literature**
  R 810.80896 Ox255 1997
- **Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Literature in English**
  R 820.3 Ox258 1996
- **Oxford Companion to Women's Writing in the United States**
  R 810.99287 Ox255
- **Oxford Encyclopedia of American Literature**
  R 810.3 O984
- **Poetry Explication; A Checklist of Interpretation Since 1925 of British and American Poems, Past and Present**
  R 016.821 K963p 1980
- **Thesaurus of Book Digests**
  R 803 H32t

**Books**

| 800 | Literature & Rhetoric |
| 803 | (Literary) Dictionaries & Encyclopedias |
| 809 | Literary History & Criticism |
| 810 | American Literature in English |
| 811 | (American) Poetry |
| 812 | (American) Drama |
| 813 | (American) Fiction |
| 814 | (American) Essays |
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

LC  Library of Congress

Articles

Article databases can be found at (http://www.swosu.edu/library/)

- JSTOR
- LION: Literature Online Complete
- Literary Reference Center (EBSCOhost)
- MLA International Bibliography
- Naxos Spoken Word Library
- Project Muse
- Wilson Biographies Illustrated
- WorldCat

For a complete list of periodicals owned by the library, look at the Periodical List (http://www.swosu.edu/library/)

Internet Resources

- ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS  
  http://www.poets.org/
- ALEX: A CATALOGUE OF ELECTRONIC TEXTS  
  http://www.infomotions.com/alex/
- AMERICAN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE ASSOCIATION  
  http://www.acla.org
- AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION-BANNED & CHALLENGED BOOKS  
  http://www.al.org/bbooks/
- AMERICAN LITERATURE ARCHIVE  
  http://www.en.utexas.edu/amlit/
- AMERICAN LITERATURE ASSOCIATION  
  http://www.calstatela.edu/academic/english/ala2/
- AMERICAN LITERATURE SITES  
  http://www.wsu.edu/~campbelld/amlit/sites.htm
- AMERICAN TRANSCENDENTALISM WEB  
  http://www.vcu.edu/engweb/transcendentalism/index.html
- AMERICAN WOMEN'S DIME NOVEL PROJECT: DIME NOVELS FOR WOMEN, 1879-1920  
  http://chnm.gmu.edu/dimenovels/
- CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA  
  http://www.bartleby.com/cambridge/
- DATABASE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN POETRY  
  http://www.letrs.indiana.edu/daap/
- D. H. LAWRENCE: STUDIES IN CLASSIC AMERICAN LITERATURE  
  http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/LAWRENCE/lawrence.html
- DE GRUMMOND CHILDREN'S LITERATURE COLLECTION  
  http://www.lib.usm.edu/%7Ededgrum/
- EARLY AMERICAS DIGITAL ARCHIVE  
  http://www.mith2.umd.edu/ead/
- ELECTRONIC TEXTS FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN CULTURE  
  http://xroads.virginia.edu/~hyper/hypertext.html
- IPL-LITERARY CRITICISM  
  http://www.ipl.org/div/litcrit/
- LANGUAGE OF THE LAND: JOURNEYS INTO LITERARY AMERICA  
  http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/land/
- MARK TWAIN IN HIS TIMES  
  http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/railton/
- MODERN AMERICAN POETRY  
  http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/index.htm
- PAL: PERSPECTIVES IN AMERICAN LITERATURE A RESEARCH AND REFERENCE GUIDE-AN ONGOING ONLINE PROJECT  
  http://www.csustan.edu/english/reuben/pal/table.html
- POETESS ARCHIVE  
  http://unixgen.muohio.edu/~poetess/
- POETRY AND LITERATURE CENTER (LIBRARY OF CONGRESS)  
  http://www.loc.gov/poetry/
- PSYCHEDELIC 60'S: LITERARY TRADITION AND SOCIAL CHANGE  
  http://www.lib.virginia.edu/small/exhibits/sixties/
- PULITZER PRIZES  
  http://www.pulitzer.org/
- SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY WRITERS OF AMERICA  
  http://www.sfwa.org
- STORYTELLERS: NATIVE AMERICAN AUTHORS ONLINE  
  http://www.hanksville.org/storytellers/
- WESTERN LITERATURE ASSOCIATION  
  http://www.usu.edu/westlit/
- WESTERN WRITERS OF AMERICA  
  http://www.westernwriters.org
- WRIGHT AMERICAN FICTION, 1851-1875  
  http://www.letrs.indiana.edu/web/wwright2/