

# Finding Journal Articles on Performing/Staging Hamlet

## A Research Guide from Medicine Hat College Library Services

### Basics about library online databases

- Databases index articles from published items such as journals, books, newspapers and magazines;
- Databases are searchable online;
- Databases provide citation information about the articles, which includes author, title of article, title of publication, publisher, date of publication, subjects, and abstract;
- More and more online databases provide access to full-text articles.

### How to access online databases on or off campus

- Go to the library's homepage at: <http://www.mhc.ab.ca/library>
- Select "Journal, Magazine and Newspaper Articles"
- Select database subject area
- Select database you want to search and click on "Connect to Database"
- If you are on campus, it will take you directly to the database search interface.
- If you are off campus, it will take you to a login page where you need to enter your 9 digit student ID number and then you can get onto the database search interface.

### Suggested print journal

- *Shakespeare Quarterly*
- Available in print format
- Also available online via Project Muse

### Suggested subject areas

- English (Language/Literature);
- General/Multidisciplinary

### Suggested databases

- Literature Resource Center
- The Shakespeare Collection
- Academic Search Complete
- Project Muse

## Suggested keywords and subject terms

Hamlet

**and**

performance or performing or staging or stage-setting

**and**

character or Claudius or Gertrude or Ophelia or Laertes or Polonius

## Database searching tips


- **Use limiters** (full text, peer reviewed, page number, publication title, publication date range...)
- **Use truncation:** Truncation is represented by an asterisk (\*). To use truncation, enter the root of a search term and replace the ending with an \* to find all forms of that word.

For example, perform\* will search for terms such as: performance, performances, performed, performing...

### ■ Using Quotation Marks


When a phrase is enclosed by double *quotations marks*, the exact phrase is searched.

### ■ Use

If an article is not full-text in the database you are searching, use  to see if the journal you want is available full-text in other library online databases or to see if it is available in other formats, such as print.

## Need help?

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- By Instant Messenger: <http://www.mhc.ab.ca/library/im/default.html>
- By Text Message: 403-866-5872