

# Resources for Drama

**Contact details are available at the end of this guide.**

The resources in this guide will help you learn more about your subject. The best place to start your search is **Discover**, which provides you with easy access to thousands of books, eBooks, journal articles and much more. You can access Discover and other key resources via the Library website, LJMU student homepage and MyLJMU portal.

Remember, your modules also have reading lists in Canvas with links to recommended books, e-books, journal articles and other subject resources.

## Books and eBooks

There is an extensive collection of books and eBooks on all aspects of **Drama**. You can browse what is available in your subject area or look for specific titles by searching **Discover**.

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Type a book title or keywords and select the search icon
- From the results screen, you can filter your results by selecting **Books**
- Select a book title to see more details and availability
- eBooks will have links to view online
- Print books will show number of copies and location

Print books have a class number and are organised numerically by that number on the shelves. A range of relevant class numbers are shown below:

Acting	792.028
Costume + make up	792.026
Drama	792
History of theatre	792.09
Performance art	709.04
Performing arts	709
Plays: American	812.54
Plays: British	822.914
Scenery	792.05
Screenplays: writing	808.23
Shakespeare	822.33
Theatre	792
Theatre criticism	792.015
Theatre design	792.05

## **DVD collection**

An extensive collection of feature films, documentaries and TV series on DVDs is in the Aldham Roberts Library. You can browse the collection or use **Discover** to find what you want. Many of the films are not available on streaming services.

## **Special Collections and Archives**

The LJMU Special Collections and Archives contains unique primary resources including the archive of the Everyman Theatre and the extensive personal archive of celebrated Liverpool playwright Willy Russell. You can consult the collections by contacting the LJMU Archivist.

Other archives include

- Liddell-Hart Collection – fashion archive collection
- Keith Medley archive - e.g., 1950s photos of New Brighton that capture fashions, weddings, portraits and news (1930s - 1987)
- England's Dreaming Punk Archive - Catalogued - spreadsheet has list of photos, fanzines etc.
- Eric's club - a range of materials from the influential punk/new wave music venue
- Everyman theatre – about designers and photos
- Femorabilia inc magazines for young girls, for example Jackie

For more information see the Special Collections and Archives webpages:

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/special-collections-and-archives>

## Journals

Journals are published on a regular basis and contain up-to-date information. Journals contain articles focussing on specific topics written by subject specialists.

To find individual journal titles on your subject area:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Journals** option
- Type a journal title you wish to access and select the search icon
- Select a journal title to see more details and availability
- eJournals will have links to view online
- Print journals will show number of issues and location

A selection of relevant journal titles is shown below:

Contemporary Theatre Review

Modern Drama

NTQ New Theatre Quarterly

PAJ: A Journal of Performance & Art

Performance Research: A Journal of the Performing Arts

Screen International

The Stage

TDR: The Drama Review

Theater

Theatre Journal

## Databases

You can search for journal articles using **Discover** or via individual databases. There are different types of databases. For example:

- **Full-text databases** provide access to full-text information such as journal articles, book chapters, reports, standards, statistics and legislation.
- **Abstracting and Indexing Databases** are searchable indexes, you can view the abstract or summary for each resource. If full-text is available follow the link, if not you can request an Inter-library loan.

To access a database:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Databases** option
- Select **Drama** to see suggested databases or type the name of the database in the search box and select the **search icon**
- Select the database title to see more details and note any log-in requirements
- Select the database link

A selection of relevant databases is shown below:

### **Bloomsbury and Faber Screenplays and Criticism**

Brings together a wide range of materials to support studies of the moving image. It offers searchable access to screenplays presented in industry-standard studio format; introductory overview articles with expert analysis of selected themes; and critical and contextual books on cinema, including coverage of practical techniques for filmmaking and screenwriting.

### **Digital Theatre Plus**

Covers classic, contemporary and international theatre. The collection contains theatre histories, context, language analysis, and practical techniques.

### **Drama Online**

A collection of full text plays from ancient, modern and contemporary playwrights. Content is organised by plays, playwrights and practitioners, context and criticism, and theatre craft, and includes books, filmed live performances, audio recordings and study guides. Includes The National Theatre Collection 1 + 2.

### **Entertainment Industry Magazine Archive**

Contains important primary sources for studying the history of the film and entertainment industries, from the era of vaudeville and silent movies through to the 21st century.

### **Film and Television Literature Index with Full Text**

Important resource for film and television, providing a comprehensive, balanced collection of full-text and bibliographic coverage from scholarly and popular sources, and spanning the entire spectrum of film and television studies.

### **International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance with Full Text**

An important database for theatre and dance studies. In addition to comprehensive indexing of the International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance (IBTD), it contains full text for top performing arts journals and books.

### **JSTOR**

Provides access to more than 12 million academic journal articles, books and primary sources in 75 disciplines.

### **MLA International Bibliography**

Contains detailed bibliographic information on scholarly publications from around the world and across a broad range of topics including literature from many countries and in many languages, literary theory and criticism, dramatic arts (film, radio, television, and theater), folklore and linguistics.

### **Popular culture in Britain & America, 1950-1975: Rock and Roll, Counterculture, Peace and Protest**

Explores the dynamic period of social, political and cultural change between 1950 and 1975. The resource offers thousands of colour images of manuscript and rare printed material as well as photographs, ephemera and memorabilia from this exciting period in our recent history.

### **Web of Science**

A powerful research platform and global citation index including over 161 million records for books, peer-reviewed scholarly journals, and conference proceedings across 254 disciplines. It includes access to the Arts and Humanities Citation Index (1975- ), Science Citation Index Expanded (1970- ), Social Sciences Citation Index Expanded (1970- ).

## News and media related

### Academic Video Online

A range of video materials with academic relevance: documentaries, interviews, performances, news programs and newsreels, and more. Including Academy, Emmy and Peabody award winning films, plus content from National Geographic, HISTORY, BroadwayHD and much more.

### Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

Provides access to an archive of over one million programmes radio and TV & Radio programmes from 2007 onwards, including all the main free-to-air TV channels. You can link, make clips and playlists of content.

### Gale NewsVault

Users can search or browse across the Times Digital Archive, the 17th and 18th Century Burney Collection, The Financial Times Historical Archive, 19th Century U.S. Newspapers, and many more. Providing access to millions of digitized facsimile pages, Gale NewsVault provides a fascinating window to the past.

### Kanopy

Kanopy provides access to one of the most unique collections of films in the world. Films include award-winning documentaries, indie films, must-see classics and theatrical releases.

### PressReader

Connects you to the world's newspapers and magazines. This includes over 7,000 newspapers and magazines from over 90 countries in over 50 languages in full colour, full-page format. App and webpage

### TRILT

Television and Radio Index for Learning and Teaching (TRILT) is one of the best sources of UK television and radio broadcast data available on the web, including listings for more than 560 TV and radio channels with data from 1923 onwards. More than a million records are added to TRILT every year.

## Websites

The content of websites is unregulated, so it is important that you check the quality and accuracy of information on the internet to ensure that it is reliable, accurate and of an academic standard. There are selected websites or search engines that you can use to help find appropriate information online, for example Google Scholar. If you find details for a relevant resource on the internet, you can check if LJMU has full-text access.

## Further Help

The Librarian who supports **Drama** is:

Michael Stores [m.stores@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:m.stores@ljmu.ac.uk)

Please contact him with questions or to arrange a one-to-one appointment

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