

LITERATURE SUBJECT GUIDE

This guide has been prepared by a Librarian to help you find information on Literature. The information below will help you develop search strategies to find resources on the library catalogue, and information on databases and the Internet. If you need immediate assistance please Call for Help! at 905-653-READ (7323) during regular business hours or visit Global Librarian at <http://www.vaughanpl.info/services/ask.php> for 24 hour reference assistance.

General Information

Catalogue search: Go to www.vaughanpl.info to search the catalogue. Use the subject keyword search terms indicated below, these search terms can be used in both the catalogue and the databases. For catalogue help refer to *How to Search guide*.

Databases: Go to <http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/databases.php> and search the following databases:

- *Literature Resource Centre*: for literary criticism and interpretation
- *Novelist*: for searching novels by theme and for finding author read alike

Websites: Go to <http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/recommendedlinks.php> for library recommended websites, and use the subject categories indicated below to search by subject area under "Books and Literature".

Classics

Search keywords:

To search for novels on a particular topic simply add the word "fiction" to any subject keyword

- psychological fiction
- racism fiction
- male friendship fiction
- suffering fiction

Call numbers:

- YA-PB Classic
- Example: *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding is **YA-PB Goldi Classic**.

Websites: For a comprehensive listing of classic novels visit www.penguinclassics.com.

Book Notes

Book notes provide quick plot summaries, character analyses, and themes for classic novels and plays. Popular book note series include: *Cliff Notes*; *Barron's Book Notes*; and *Coles Notes*.

Call numbers:

- **809 Barro** for *Barron's Book Notes*.
- **809 Coles** for *Coles Notes*

NOTE: Full text versions of *Monarch Notes* are also available online through the *eLibrary Plus Canada* database located on the ELibrary at <http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/databases.php>

Author Biographies

The library does not have a separate biography section because biographies are shelved by subject. For example: A biography on "Picasso" is located in the art section and a biography on "Wayne Gretsky" is in the sports section. Author biographies are located in the non-fiction literature section:

Search keywords:

- Ernest Hemingway biography
- Margaret Atwood biography
- William Shakespeare biography

Call numbers:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American authors begin at 810 Canadian authors begin at 819 English authors begin at 820
Poetry and Short Stories	<p>Databases: Go to http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/databases.php and search the following databases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Litfinder</i> for locating full text versions of short stories and poetry.
Literary Criticism	<p>Search keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ernest Hemingway criticism and interpretation Margaret Atwood criticism and interpretation William Shakespeare criticism and interpretation <p>Call numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American authors begin at 810 Canadian authors begin at 819 English authors begin at 820 <p>Databases: Go to http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/databases.php and search the following databases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Literature Resource Centre</i> <p>Websites: <i>Internet Public Library</i> www.ipl.org/ref/litcrit/ for literary criticism of commonly studied authors and works from pre-1500 to 20th Century Literature.</p>
Themes & Comparisons	<p>Search keywords:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> war fiction time travel fiction utopia fiction racism fiction father son relationships fiction <p>Databases: Go to http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/databases.php and search the following databases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Novelist</i> for searching novels by theme and for finding author read alike.
Shakespeare	<p>Shakespeare's plays and criticism are located beginning at call number 822.</p> <p>NOTE: Because there are so many plays by Shakespeare a different call number has been assigned to each play. For example, <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> will be found at 822.33 P4-J, and <i>Othello</i> will be found at 822.33 E-W. Literary criticism, DVD versions, and interpretation on each play will also be found at these call numbers.</p>
Books and Films	<p>Websites: Visit <i>Based On The Book</i> www.mcpl.lib.mo.us/readers/movies/ for a searchable and comprehensive listing of novels that have been made into movies</p>
Canadian Literature	<p>Websites: Go to http://www.vaughanpl.info/find/recommendedlinks.php for library recommended websites, and use the subject categories indicated below to search by subject area under "Books and Literature" and then "Canadian Literature"</p> <p>For more information on Canadian literature consult the following VPL library guides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrating Canada's Books: http://www.vaughanpl.info/docs/vplguide-canadasbooks.pdf Timothy Findley: http://www.vaughanpl.info/docs/vplguide-canadasbooks.pdf Carol Shields: http://www.vaughanpl.info/docs/vplguide-shields.pdf Vaughan's Local Authors: http://www.vaughanpl.info/docs/vplguide-localauthors.pdf