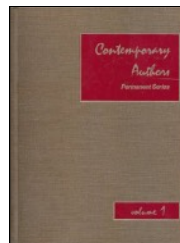


## What is the Literature Resource Center?

The **Literature Resource Center** is an online database subscribed to by the **CCA Libraries** ([libraries.cca.edu](http://libraries.cca.edu)). It is a one-stop shop for background information and scholarly analysis of literary works.

It contains author biographies, literary criticism, book reviews, topic overviews, and other entries related to literature and writing drawn from literary journals, industry magazines, encyclopedias, and other sources.



The encyclopedia *Contemporary Authors Online* tracks 145,000 modern writers.



*American Poetry Review* is one of 500 literary journals and magazines in the database.

## SEARCH STRATEGIES

Good keyword strategies include:

- Names of writers or published works.
- Genres (such as *memoir*) or movements (*modernism*).
- Avoiding long phrases or searches phrased as questions.

## READING RESULTS

The Literature Resource Center divides search results by content types and only shows the user one content type at a time.

The default search results only show content tagged as **Literature Criticism**. Other content types include **Biographies**, **Topic & Work Overviews**, **Reviews & News**, **Primary Sources & Literary Works**, and **Multimedia**. Click the appropriate filter to show those results.

**Pro-tip:** Filtering by **subject** will remove a lot of irrelevant search results.

Each snippet result identifies the **original publisher** of the content and the article's **word count** — a quick way to evaluate the depth and detail of potential sources.

## ACCESS

To use the **Literature Resource Center**, search for it by name on [libraries.cca.edu](http://libraries.cca.edu) or point your browser to [libguides.cca.edu/literature-resource-center](http://libguides.cca.edu/literature-resource-center). For a complete list of CCA databases, visit [libguides.cca.edu/az.php](http://libguides.cca.edu/az.php).

The **Literature Resource Center** is available both on and off campus.