

Database Guide – MLAIB (Modern Language Association International Bibliography)

MLAIB is a detailed bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations in literature, language and linguistics, folklore, literary theory & criticism. UNC's electronic version of the bibliography dates back to 1926.

Searching by Subject

MLAIB assigns at least three subject headings to most records about literature: national literature, literary period, and subject author. National literatures are listed in adjectival form, e.g. **English literature**. Literary periods are displayed as years of a century, e.g. **1700-1799**.

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: [New Search](#), [View Folder](#), [Preferences](#), and [Help](#). Below this, there are buttons for [Basic Search](#), [Advanced Search](#), and [Choose Databases](#). The [UNIV OF NORTHERN COLORADO](#) logo is on the right. A green bar at the bottom contains links: [Sign In to My EBSCOhost](#), [Keyword](#), [Thesaurus](#), [MLA Directory of Periodicals](#), [Names as Subjects](#), and [Indexes](#).

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The screenshot shows the 'Refine Search' section. It has two tabs: 'Refine Search' and 'Results'. Under 'Refine Search', there's a section 'Limit your results:' with links for [Limiters](#), [Expanders](#), and a [Reset](#) button. The options include: 'Linked Full Text' (checkbox), 'Publication Date' (Month dropdown, Yr: 1925 to Month dropdown, Yr: 1930), 'Publication Type' (All dropdown), 'Language' (text input), and 'Peer Reviewed' (checkbox). Below this is another section 'Expand your search to:' with links for [Limiters](#), [Expanders](#), and a [Reset](#) button. The options include: 'Also search for related words' (checkbox) and 'Automatically "And" search terms' (checkbox).

MLAIB: Titles of literary works are **not** included as subject headings **before 1981**, except for the works of Chaucer and Shakespeare. Since 1981 the **title** and **genre** of the literary work are listed in the subject headings. Titles of literary works can be searched in the **Subject-All** field or in the **Author's Work** field. Titles of literary works normally include date(s) of creation.

Searching by "Names as Subjects"

You can perform a search for books and articles about a specific author, like Daniel Defoe or Pablo Neruda. This search is also used to find works about literary critics, linguists, folklorists, film directors, and so on. Indexers enter the name of each subject person into the *Bibliography* in a single, preferred form, regardless of how the name appears in the document. Variants are searchable in the names thesaurus.

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Limiting by Publication Type

Each record is described as one of the following publication types. A search can be restricted to one type.

- **Journal article.** An article, essay, bibliography, or interview in a journal. Special issues, special sections, and monographic issues of a journal are also coded as journal articles.
- **Book monograph.** A single, unified work in book form, by one author or jointly written by multiple authors. An edition or translation of a literary work is considered a monograph, even if the requisite critical apparatus is by a number of contributors. A collection of essays by one author, an anthology by multiple contributors on one theme, and a reference book (such as a dictionary, literary history, or encyclopedia) are also labeled book monographs. Beginning with 2003 publications, the table of contents is provided for each title, as appropriate.
- **Book collection.** A book of articles or a Festschrift containing independent scholarship by diverse authors. A record for the book as a whole is provided when it contains three or more articles falling within the scope of the bibliography that are also indexed.
- **Book article/chapter.** An article or essay in a book collection.
- **Dissertation abstract.** A summary of a doctoral dissertation that was printed in an issue of *Dissertation Abstracts International*. Summaries of doctoral dissertations found in other journals are not indexed. Non-UNC dissertations are often available through inter-library loan (WebZAP)

Limiting by Language

The *MLA International Bibliography* includes material written in over seventy languages. You can limit your search to one or more of these languages.

Limiting by Year of Publication

By typing a four-digit year into the appropriate box, you can limit your search to books or articles that were published in that year.

RSS Feeds and Journal Alerts

If you prefer to view your search or journal alerts via an RSS reader, one-step alerts offer a quick and easy way to obtain the alert syndication feed, which you can then copy into your RSS reader.

Note: Be sure to add the feed to an aggregator within one week of its creation. A one-step alert will not expire unless the aggregator does not automatically update results (extremely unlikely) supplied by the feed for two months.