



**Resources for FYSP 018: Staging the Present: The Contemporary Russian Theater**  
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**REFERENCE WORKS – FINDING OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

*Historical Dictionary of Russian Theater.* Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2007.

Main Reference PN2721 .S46 2007

*Historical Dictionary of Russian Literature.* Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2013.

Main Reference PG2940 .S76 2013

*Historical Dictionary of Russian and Soviet Cinema.* Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2009.

Main Reference PN1998.2 .R578 2009

*The Modern Encyclopedia of Russian and Soviet Literatures.* Gulf Breeze, FL: Academic International Press, 1977-2002. 11 vols. [covers the letters A-I only, see especially articles under "Drama"]

Main Reference PG2940.M6

*Encyclopedia of Russian History.* New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004.

Main Reference DK14 .E53 2004 (4 vols.)

*The Cambridge History of Russia*, v. 2. Imperial Russia, 1689-1917, v. 3. The twentieth century, 2006.

e-book, connect from OBIS (3 vols.)

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**FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS**

**OBIS** is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online borrowing is available through the **OhioLINK Library Catalog**, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through **SearchOhio**, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

*Potentially useful subject headings:*

Theater -- Russia [to 1917]  
Theater -- Soviet Union [1917-1991]  
Theater -- Russia (Federation) [after 1991]  
Actors  
Dramatists, Russian  
Russian drama  
Theatrical producers and directors

☆ **Note:** *individuals can be searched as authors AND subjects:*  
Bulgakov, Mikhail, 1891-1940  
Chekhov, Anton Pavlovich, 1860-1904  
Chekhov, Michael, 1891-1955  
Gogol', Nikolai Vasil'evich, 1809-1852  
Stanislavsky, Konstantin, 1863-1938  
Moskovskii khudozhestvennyi akademicheskii teatr

**Exercise: search OBIS for books**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
2. Select the CATALOG tab, change the drop-down search option to Author; search: chekhov anton
3. Change the drop-down search option to Subject and search again: chekhov anton
4. Next try a subject search for: theater russia

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**USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS**

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use "360 Link to Full Text" or "Find It!" where available in research databases, or search **Journal Finder** from Library home page or the Quick Links pull-down menu

☆ *Academic Search Complete*

Indexes articles from general and academic periodicals in all disciplines; over 80% of the journals indexed are peer-reviewed; almost 60% include full text

*American Bibliography of Slavic and Eastern European Studies*

Indexes scholarship on all aspects of Eastern European life and culture

*Eastview Universal Databases*

Included is *Current Digest*, first published as *The Current Digest of the Soviet Press* (1949-1991), followed by *The Current Digest of the Post-Soviet Press* (1992-2010), and now *The Current Digest of the Russian Press*. Each week the *Current Digest* presents a selection of Russian-language press materials translated into English.

*Film and Television Literature Index*

Indexes articles from both popular media as well as film-specific publications

*Historical Abstracts*

Indexes articles from journals covering world history and culture

☆ *International Bibliography of Theatre and Dance*

Indexes journal articles on all aspects of theater, dance, and performance, plus indexing for selected books, book chapters, and dissertations

☆ *MLA International Bibliography*

Indexes books and periodical articles in world literature, folklore, and modern language

☞ **Exercise: search *Academic Search Complete* for scholarly journal articles**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library>
2. Choose the Databases tab; under the “by subject” drop-down search option, choose Any Subject/Multidisciplinary; find and select Academic Search Complete
3. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept, each connected by “or”
4. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, each connected by “or,” and click Search
5. Refine results by choosing “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals”

**SUMMON – first (and default) tab on library home page search box**

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- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, *but not all*, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- Subject-specific databases are generally better for complex or comprehensive searches
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don’t lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably *do* have access

☞ **Exercise: search Summon for additional publications**

1. Start at library home page, <http://www.oberlin.edu/library/>
2. Choose the Summon tab; in the Search box, type: russia censorship theater
3. Refine your search with the option “Limit to articles from peer-reviewed publications”

**CITING YOUR SOURCES**

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*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. 8th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2016.

Main Reference LB2369 .G53 2016

*Purdue Online Writing Lab* (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using APA, MLA, and Chicago citation styles.

## HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

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### OhioLINK/SearchOhio

- how it works: 115 Ohio library systems lend materials (primarily books) to each other
  - ✉ *does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL*
- to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
- Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID (*not* your T-number)
- how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
- loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

### Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)

- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; journal articles are usually sent as scanned pdfs
- to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan” from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks, though many articles arrive much more quickly
- loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies

## HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

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### ***Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:***

- ✓ *Help focus and define research topics*
- ✓ *Find information for papers and projects*
- ✓ *Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials*
- ✓ *Develop effective search strategies for online databases*
- ✓ *Identify useful web sites and internet resources*
- ✓ *Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources*
- ✓ *Track down facts and statistical data*
- ✓ *Learn how to use the library and its resources*

### **Drop-in help at the Research Desk.** Just stop by and tell us what you need

Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight

Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm

Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

**IM.** Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

**Phone.** 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

**Email.** [reference@oberlin.edu](mailto:reference@oberlin.edu) – any time

**Research appointment.** Sign up online from the library home page