

Subject guide

Drama Education

What should I do first?

- Do you understand your topic? Ask your lecturer or tutor for help if you do not.
- For assistance with formulating a search strategy, refer to the **Library Research Tutorial**.

Getting Started

For an overview of your topic or to find definitions of terms, try some of the following reference resources.

They can include general and specialised dictionaries and encyclopedias in both printed and electronic format. You can search for these titles using the **Griffith University Library Catalogue**.

- Concise Oxford Companion to the Theatre
- Encyclopedia of Education
- Oxford Companion to American Theatre
- The Cyclopedic Education Dictionary

Finding More Information

There are a variety of resources that can provide background and more detailed information on your topic. Search the library catalogue using keywords to locate books and other resources such as audiovisual material. When you find an item that looks relevant, look at the subject headings assigned to that record to provide ideas for other keyword searching.

Browsing the library shelves can also be a useful strategy. Here are some specific classification numbers to browse.

Subject Heading	Call Number Ranges
Acting	PN2055 - PN2062/ PN2071 - PN2075
Directing and Producing	PN2053
Drama in education	PN3171-PN3191
Drama therapy	RC489. P
Drama - Australia	PN3011 - PN3018

Drama – study and teaching	PN1701
Plays – Australia	PR8083 - PR8095/ PR8164 - PR8170/ PR8261 - PR8264

Locating Up-To-Date Information

Journal or newspaper articles are a valuable source of information as they are more up-to-date than books.

Articles may be available online or in print. If the full text article is not available online, search the library catalogue using the title of the journal to see if it is held in the periodical/newspaper collections in the library.

The best way to search for articles is to use databases such as those listed below. You can access these through the Library Resources section of the library website.

Database Name	Database Info
ProQuest Education Journals	Mostly full-text journal articles and US content
ProQuest Research Library. Arts Module	Mostly full-text journal articles and US content
ERIC	US Department of Education; mostly US content; contains both ERIC Documents (EDs) and ERIC Journals (EJs); indexes resources from 1966 onwards; full text of most EDs from 1993 onwards.
A+Education	Australian content; indexes journal articles, conference proceedings, theses and other resources from 1978 onwards; partial full-text from 2000 onwards
Project Muse	Full-text journal articles and US content; university publishers
AusStage	A database of information on resources on Australia's performing arts heritage. Its primary aim is provide information on where research resources might be located and to provide a gateway to performing arts sites
Expanded Academic ASAP	Broad social sciences; mostly full-text journal articles and US content.

Ensure that you use relevant keywords when searching databases. Subject thesauri may be useful to find keywords.

For assistance using databases, ask Library and IT Help or use the database help guide.

Surfing the Web

Use the Web to supplement the information you have already found.

The quality of websites varies and each must be evaluated according to criteria such as:

- Authorship - what are the credentials of the author?
- Origin - who hosts the site e.g. university or commercial enterprise?
- Reliability - is the website stable?
- Currency - when was the website last updated?
- Accuracy - does the author cite the sources used?

A selection of scholarly Internet websites for your topic is listed below. Please note that the links below will open in a new window.

Web Resource
Australian Association for Educational Research http://www.aare.edu.au/index.htm
Drama education.com – learning in, with and through drama http://www.drama-education.com/site/
Brief guide to Internet resources in theatre and performance studies http://www.stetson.edu/csata/thr_guid.html#Intro
Drama in education http://www.kentaylor.co.uk/die/
Drama in education site http://www.cdli.ca/~mcoady/
Education Network Australian (EDNA Online) http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/page1.html

Internet resources for drama education http://www.library.unisa.edu.au/resources/subject/dramaed.asp
QLD Dept of Education and the Arts http://education.qld.gov.au/
QLD Studies Authority http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/
Voice of the shuttle – drama, theatre and performance arts studies http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=782
WWW virtual library for theatre and drama http://vl-theatre.com/

Specialised Information

Depending on your topic, you may need to use information found in specialist sources and formats.

Education Queensland

Education Queensland's 'AccessClub Basic' provides access to electronic resources via the Professional Exchange and Curriculum Exchange. Topics in the Professional Exchange include school management, teaching practice, student issues, IT issues and skills and educational trends. Curriculum Exchange sections include Hot Topics, Rich Task Resources and Productive Pedagogy Resources.

Many of the resources are password controlled. In the library catalogue, perform a *Title Search* for AccessClub Basic, select the *Full Record* and then the *Click here to Access* link for the current username and password.

Curriculum Collection

The Curriculum Collection provides resources for use on your professional practice, in lesson planning, assignments and evaluating and reviewing curriculum resources.

The Curriculum Collection contains a variety of resource materials from early childhood to secondary. Teacher's activity and ideas books and photocopiable blackline masters are also included in this collection as are Education Queensland syllabuses, sourcebooks and curriculum guidelines. The Curriculum Collection is housed separately and contains fiction and non-fiction materials, big books, posters, audiovisual materials and kits.

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