

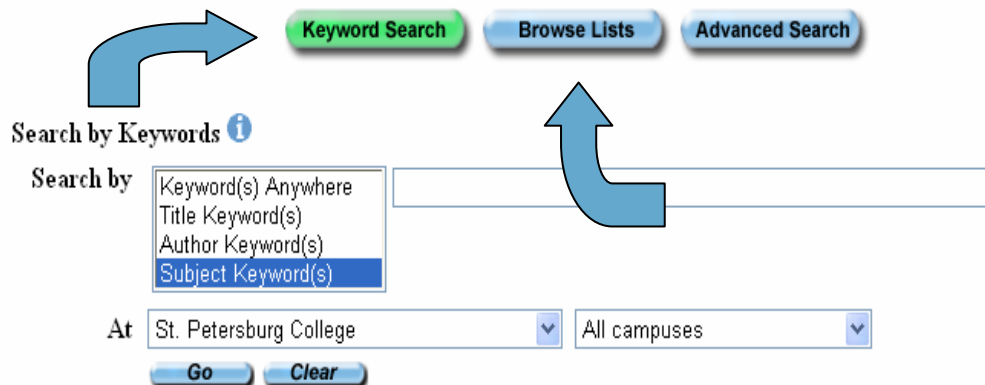
## POETRY RESOURCES

There are many ways to locate poems, criticisms about them, and biographical information on their authors. The following list includes specific resources and strategies for finding often-used library resources.



### LINCC

LINCC, the library's online catalog, is a good place to begin. For a copy of a poem: under **Keyword Search** choose "Author Keyword(s)" from the drop down arrow, type the author's name (last name, first format) and look for poetry collections. For criticism, under "Subject Keyword(s)" perform a search under the author's name. Then go to the shelf and look within located texts. The index in the back of each book is usually a good starting place.



For a breakdown of the subject poetry: under **Browse Lists** type in "poetry" to see categories such as:  
 poetry--modern  
 poetry--criticism and interpretation  
 poetry--19th century  
 poetry--collections

### REFERENCE BOOKS/INDEXES

**LOCATING A POEM IN AN ANTHOLOGY**--Search by author, title, or subject to find an anthology with the text of an individual poem.

*Granger's Index to Poetry* (REF PN1021 .G7) various editions 1962-1982.

*Granger's Index to Poetry* (REF PN1022 .H39) various editions 1986-1997.

**LOCATING SUMMARIES OF POEMS**--Search by keyword, title, or author in index of last volume.

*Masterplots II. Poetry Series.* (REF PN1110.5 M37 2002)

### **LOCATING POETRY CRITICISM**

**Criticism of Poetry.** These sources contain poetry comment and criticism.

*American and British Poetry: A Guide to the Criticism 1925-1978* (2v.) (REF Z1231 .P7 A44 1984) Search by author.

*Critical Survey of Poetry* (8v.) (REF PN1021 .C7 2003)

*Poetry Criticism*. (PC) (REF PN1010 .P499) Search by title/author in last cumulative index.

*Poetry for Students*. (REF PN3330 .S386) Search by title/author in index of last volume

**Explicators.** These sources list criticisms of individual poems in other books and periodicals. (Note that the library does not own all of the books and journals indexed.)

*Guide to American Poetry Explication* (2v.) (REF Z1231 .P7 G85) current through 1989.

*Poetry Explication* (REF Z2014 .P7 K8) 1962 & 1980.

*Guide to British Poetry Explication* (4v.) (REF Z2014 .P7 M34 1991)

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE SOURCES

*American Women Poets* (REF PS147 .A39 1986) American and Canadian women poets.

*Contemporary Authors* (CA) (REF PN771 .C6) Contains brief biographical information.

*Contemporary Literary Criticism*. (CLC) (REF PN771 .C59) Criticism of major contemporary authors.

The index to this series also references materials printed in *Nineteenth Century Literary Criticism*

(NCLC) REF PN761 .N5) and *Twentieth Century Literary Criticism* (TCLC) (REF PN771 .T84y).

*Contemporary Poets* (3rd ed.) (REF PN1021 .C62 1980) (6th ed.) (REF PR603 .C6 1996)

*Dictionary of Literary Biography* (DLB) (REF PN695 .D53) Comprehensive comment and biographical information on selected authors in numerous volumes.

*Encyclopedia of American Poetry* (*Nineteenth Century*) (REF PS316 .E53 1998) (*Twentieth Century*) (REF PS323.5 .E53 2001)

*English Romantic Poetry* (REF PR583 .A83 1991)

*Great Writers of the English Language: Poets* (REF PR503 .V56y) Biographical and critical comment.

*Nineteenth Century American Poetry* (REF PS316 .J37 1989) Bibliography reference.

*Notable Poets* (3v.) (REF PN1021 .N68 1998) Biography and analysis of 110 world poets.

*New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics* (REF PN1021 .N39 1993) Concise listing of world poetries, theories, and traditions.

*Oxford Companion to Twentieth Century Poetry* (REF PR601 .O9 1994) Provides 1,500 encyclopedic entries for 20th century poets.

*Poets: American and British* (3v.) (REF PS303 .P64 1998) Has 72 essays on English-language poets.

*World Poets* (3v.) (REF PN1021 .W67 2000) Life and works of 110 major poets.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Online resources, in the form of various databases, provide articles from popular magazines, professional journals, newspapers, and other proprietary sources and they are accessed via the library's home page <<http://www.spcollege.edu/central/libonline>> Choose #1 from **Top Links** in left navigation box. Login information is available from any SPC campus library.

You might want to try the following databases for full-text articles pertaining to literature.

*Academic Search Premier*

*Expanded Academic ASAP*

*JSTOR*

*NetLibrary eBooks*

*Student Resource Center*

*Biography Resource Center*

*General Reference Center*

*Literature Resource Center*

*MagillOnLiterature*

*WilsonWeb OmniFile Mega*

*American Humanities Index* (not full-text)

## THE INTERNET

Although searching the Internet is not the best way to find critical analysis of short stories, a search by author and/or title sometimes brings unexpected information. (For best results, place quotes around phrases such as the title of a poem or an author's first and last name, e.g. "Edgar Allen Poe" or "The Raven.")