5. Some other Resources and Tips

- **Google Scholar**: scholarly journal articles. Access this through the library’s webpage so you can link to full-text articles!
- In Google, use **Advanced Search**; limit your results within Site or Domain: .edu for reliable scholarly source.
- Google Images also offers some advanced search options.
- Google Books also has an Advanced Search so you can limit your results to items with full view (text) only, that are written in English, etc.

6. Even More!

- **Edward Stevenson Collection of Costume Designs**
  
  [www.isu.edu/library/special/mc111.htm](http://www.isu.edu/library/special/mc111.htm) online or visit the library’s Special Collections dept. in the basement of the library open M-Th. 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- **WorldCat** — Combined library catalogs from many libraries worldwide. Enables you to search for and identify materials that we do NOT have here at Oboler Library.

*We can get most of these items for you via:*

- **Interlibrary Loan. Ask for help** the first time you do this, and see the handout. Currently, this service is **FREE** for students! Books come through the mail and may take a couple of weeks to get here; articles are delivered electronically and get here more quickly.

- **Librarians** are here to help you! Don’t hesitate to contact me.

- **Thanks for your time and attention.** 021216kna

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**Welcome to the Library, Costume History Students!**

As you conduct the research for your paper and presentation this semester, you’ll need to locate and use material from a variety of different resources.

Please see inside this brochure for information regarding some of the best library resources for your theatre projects. These are specialized resources that were designed for university- and professional-level researchers in your areas of study, so they are better than Wikipedia; what I have listed are reliable, accurate, trustworthy resources which will lead you to scholarly works created by experts in the field.

- To find these resources, use the links on the library’s webpage: from “Research Guides” under “Find & Explore” at [www.isu.edu/library/](http://www.isu.edu/library/) , choose **Theatre**, then the tab for this class.
- Also try the Subject pages for **History, Art, English, Dance, etc.**
- When you’re **off campus, login** using your ISU ID number and last name.

I hope you’ll **contact me** if you have any questions about these resources or need any assistance with your research!

--Kristi
1. Find & Use the Library Web Page

Go to the Research Guides pages for Theatre, etc.

Theatre topics tend to be interdisciplinary. Look for information on your topic from many angles in addition to Theatre: History, Music, Art, Literature, Dance, and so forth. Ask for help, advice, new ideas; and don’t wait until the last minute! If we don’t have what you need here, we can get it for you (see Interlibrary Loan handout), but that can take some time; so get started early!

2. Get Some Background Information

A great resource for background information on almost any subject is Oxford Reference Online. It includes the full text of over 365 reference books (like The Oxford Encyclopedia of Theatre and Performance and The Oxford Companion to American Theatre). Other reference databases to try: GVRL (Gale Virtual Reference Library), Encyclopaedia Britannica, Oxford English Dictionary, etc. You can save a LOT of time by getting the information you need to efficiently research your topic: alternate spellings of names, the dates of particular movements or theatrical styles, historical periods, when a specific person lived, etc. Often a bibliography is included which can lead you to additional resources.

3. Next, Find Books in the Oboler Library

There’s a catalog search window right up front-and-center on the library’s home page, or choose “catalog” from the “Library Quick Links” (tip: this works better). Change the search from Title to KEYWORD to run a search using AND, OR, “phrase in quotes,” etc.

Example: bakst OR “ballets russes”

Uniform? AND military

For books about a person, try a SUBJECT search: Bakst L

Don’t forget to check all the subject headings your searches retrieve.

More tips: see Help in the catalog, or ask a librarian.

Remember to think broadly when you are looking for books; for example, a book on British costume may have a big section on Elizabethan dress, but this might not be obvious from the library catalog!

Browse:

PN 2066-PN 2068 (Dramatic Representation: Theatre, Acting)
GT 730-GT 740 (Manners & Customs: Costume, Fashion)
TT 505-TT 507 (Clothing Manufacture)
NK 4700—NK 4890 (Decorative Arts: Costume)

4. Then, Find Scholarly Journal Articles

Use the Research Guides page to explore your topic through different disciplines. Use the Theatre page first.

Some good resources to start with:

- Academic Search Complete
- Humanities International Index
- JSTOR
- MUSE
- America: History and Life
- MLA International Bibliography
- Art Full Text
- Use your imagination!
- Remember that your topic determines which are the best resources to use.