

Finding books and eBooks for English Literature, Creative Writing and Drama

1. How do I search for books & eBooks?

Use **LibrarySearch** on the Library home page at <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/>. Type in the type in the author, title or subject that you are interested in and click Search. Here is a search for the book *Technology, Literature and Culture* by Alex Goody. There's no need to type in all these details; the author surname and a few words from the title should be enough:

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Search



Books will usually come up at the top of your search results, but you will also find articles and other resources. To see only the book results, scroll down the **Search Tools** box on the left of the screen. To see only the book results, scroll down the filters on the left of the screen. Look for the **Format** option and tick the box next to **Book**.

Click on the blue title link to find out more about a specific book

The screenshot shows the library search results for the book *Technology, literature and culture* by Alex Goody. The page is annotated with numbered callouts:

- 1:** View eBook button in the Access Options section.
- 2:** Call number 809.93356 GOO in the Access Options section.
- 3:** Place Hold button in the Access Options section.
- 4:** Reading Lists section, including links to ENGL5005 Posthuman Futures, ENGL5007 Robots, Cyborgs and Digital Worlds: Special Topics (Genres), and New books for English Literature, Drama and Creative Writing.
- 5:** Cite, Share, and Save buttons at the top right of the book details.

1. **View eBook:** Connect to the eBook (Brookes student number & password required).
2. **809.93356 GOO:** Print books have a **call number** which this tells you where the book is shelved in the Library.

3. **Place Hold:** If the book is on loan to another user or at one of our other libraries, you can put a hold on it. If it's on the shelves, it's quicker for you to go and get it yourself.
4. **Reading lists:** View reading lists that recommend this book
5. **Cite and Save options:** You can copy the citation but always check Cite Them Right Online before putting it in your written work. Find out more from **3 tips for improving your referencing – and your marks!** at <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources-and-services/course-resource-help/english-literature-and-creative-writing/reference-with-mhra>

2. How do I borrow books?

- Use the self-service machines to borrow books (you'll need your student card).
- Undergraduates may borrow up to 20 books (Postgraduates, staff and researchers may borrow up to 30) for 1 week.
- Most items will be automatically **renewed** on the date they are due to be returned. Loans that have been reserved by someone else will not be automatically renewed and must be returned.
NB Check your Brookes emails to keep track of your loans and renewals. We will only contact you if you need to do something.
- Find out more from our guide How to Borrow and return books: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/how-to/borrow-and-return-items>

3. If I want to browse the Library shelves, where should I go?

In the Headington (JHB) Library, the main sections for English Literature, Drama and Creative Writing are on **Level 4**. Books on a similar subject will be shelved together, making it easier for you to browse. Here are some useful sections of the Library:

Literary studies		Creative writing	
801	Literary theory	808.02	Creative writing
808	Anthologies	808.06692	Writing biography
809	History and criticism of literature	808.1	Writing poetry
810	American literature: general	808.2	Writing drama
811	American poetry	808.3	Writing fiction
812	American drama	Theatre	
813	American fiction	791	Performing Arts
820	English literature: general	791.43	Film
821	English poetry	791.437	Film adaptations
822	English drama	792	Theatre
822.33	Shakespeare's plays	792.0233	Theatre directing
823	English fiction	792.025	Theatre design, scenography
832	German drama, e.g. Brecht	792.026	Costume & make-up
839.8226	Norwegian drama, e.g. Ibsen	792.028	Acting
891.723	Russian drama, e.g. Chekhov	792.0941	British theatre

In the literature section, each number is further divided by time period e.g. Elizabethan and Jacobean drama 822.3 Contemporary drama 822.92 Victorian fiction 823.8 Modern fiction 823.92

Individual authors, such as Dickens, have their own works followed by critical works and biographies e.g.

823.8 DIC for Dickens - *Great Expectations*

823.8 DIC/P for Lyn Pykett's *Charles Dickens: critical issues*

At Headington we have an extensive collection of books by and about Shakespeare, so these are arranged in a particular way:

- The Shakespeare section is at 822.33
- The call number for individual Shakespeare plays include the beginning of the play title in brackets, e.g. *Titus Andronicus* 822.33 SHA (TIT) *The Winter's Tale* 822.33 SHA (WIN)
- The call number for biographies and critical works about Shakespeare's plays includes part of the author's name, e.g. *Titus Andronicus: critical essays*, by Philip C Kolin 822.33 KOL
Will in the world: how Shakespeare became Shakespeare, by Stephen Greenblatt 822.33 GRE
- The *Shakespeare Survey* series publishes annual collections of essays on specific topics. You can [browse a list of the annual editions on the Cambridge University Press website](#). The books are shelved at 822.33 SUR. NB We don't have online access to this series.

Open access special collections

- Oxford Brookes Poetry Centre Collection – Level 4. A collection of contemporary poetry books from the UK and beyond. All the books can be borrowed. You can find out more about this collection online at: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources-and-services/course-resource-help/english-literature-and-creative-writing#poetrycollection>
- Booker Prize shortlisted titles (reference only) – Level 4
- Africa Publishing Collection – Level 2, Mobile Shelving.

4. Further help for English Literature, Creative Writing and Drama

- If you would like further help, please contact the Academic Liaison Librarian for English Literature, Joanna Cooksey by emailing jcooksey@brookes.ac.uk
- Check the **Course resource help for English Literature and Creative Writing** at: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources-and-services/course-resource-help/english-literature-and-creative-writing> for links to key-e-resources, guides and much more.

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