Performing Arts

WVC Library’s Performing Arts Subject Page:
http://commons.wvc.edu/library/Subject_Performing_Art/Home.aspx

One stop shopping for current information and articles utilizing the following sources:
- Academic OneFile
- CQ Researcher
- Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center
- Proquest Research Library
- Ebrary

Facts and Figures
Top Performing Arts sources from CREDO reference books:
- Chambers Film Fact Finder
- Shakespeare’s Theatre: A Dictionary of His Stage Context
- The Cambridge Guide to Theatre
- Encyclopedic Dictionary of Women in Early American Film

Examples of available Print Reference and other material in the stacks:
- In the stacks:
  - The Biographical Encyclopedia & Who’s Who of the American Theatre
    Call # 792.0922 R567b
  - Balanchine’s New Complete Stories of the Great Ballets
    Call # 7922.84 B171b
- Reference
  - The Oxford Companion to the Theatre
    Call # 792.03 H330
  - Kobbe’s Complete Opera Book
    Call #R782.1

Find Books & E-Books
Click on Search all WVC books on the library’s homepage to find all books owned by WVC. Your results will give you both electronic and print sources.

Sample keyword search terms:
- Acting
- Ballet
- Dancing
- Opera
- Circus Arts
Selecting Search Terms:
When selecting terms to search, you usually want to come up with a list of related terms, some that are broader and some that are narrower and more focused for those terms. For example – If I were looking for resources about the best college for performing arts….

Write out the topic of interest:
I would simplify the topic I selected above and I would only be interested in the key words of the phrase, which are: **best, college, performing arts**. You should leave out common words like the, and, how, if, and so on. If you are having a difficult time coming up with related terms for your keywords, try using a thesaurus. You can also try typing your keywords in a Word document and using the thesaurus feature (Shift + F7).

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When typing your keywords into the search box, only enter the key terms you are searching for. For example, do not enter: *Something about…*

*If you are still stuck, feel free to ask a librarian for help!*

Controlling Your Search:
You can use the words AND, OR and NOT to help you control the material that your key word searches pull up.

**Operas OR Musicals**
This search would find documents that discuss either operas or musicals. **OR** *broadens* a search. **OR** should be used when you have very few search results, making your search more general.

**Operas AND Musicals**
This search would find documents that compare operas and musicals. **AND** *narrows* a search. **AND** should be used when you have too many search results, making your results more specific.

**Operas NOT Musicals**
This search would find documents that are only about operas, not about musicals. **NOT** always *leaves out* records with the specified term.