Using Literature Resource Center

Literature Resource Center is a Gale database that unites literary criticism, author biographies, work overviews, reviews, and definitions of literary terms in one convenient source. Articles in Literature Resource Center may come from books or from periodicals.

Access

You will find a link to Literature Resource Center on the library's main Database Page. If you are off campus, you will need to enter your My Chemeketa user name and password.

Searching

The default screen is the Advanced Search. The screen provides many options, but for most searches using one or two lines of the search form at the top of the page is all that's needed.

The search for Garcia Marquez, Gabriel with Person-By or about selected in the dropdown menu following the search space brings up numerous articles of criticism, biography, and other information.

You can filter your search results by Content Types to choose a particular type of article, for example, literary criticism or biography.
Let's say you want to make your search more specific by looking for something about humor in the writings of Garcia Marquez. You might add a term, “humor*,” on another line of the search form with **Keyword** selected in the dropdown menu. The asterisk character at the end of the search term tells the computer to find any word that starts with those letters: humor, humorous, humorously, and so on. This search finds several articles.

If more articles are needed, you can change the search for “humor*” from a Keyword search to a search through the whole text of the article.

Just pull down the menu that says **Keyword** and click on **Entire Document**. Now when you click the **Search** button you will find additional articles.

Click on the title of an article to see more information. Most articles full text available. A toolbox on the article page contains links to print, e-mail, or generate a citation.