

Project Muse

What is Project Muse?

Project Muse is a database of over 380 full text scholarly journals in the arts, humanities and social sciences from over 70 (mainly university press) publishers. It allows you to search across the full text of this large collection of journals. Full text coverage will vary dependent upon title, with some material dating back from 1900 to current. To find out the availability of a particular title check the journals list in Project Muse.

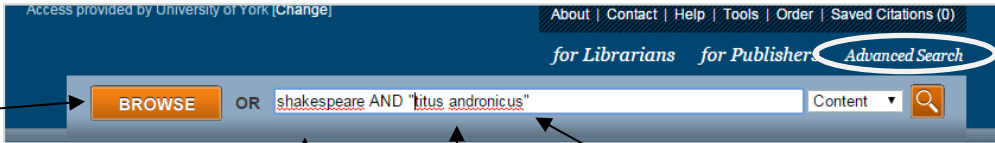
Accessing Project Muse

Project Muse is accessed via the **E-resources Guide**.

1. To open the E-resources Guide, go to: <http://subjectguides.york.ac.uk/e-resources>
2. When the E-resources guide has opened select the **P** tab from the A-Z list at the top of the screen. An alphabetical list of resources is then displayed.
3. Click on **Project MUSE**. You may be asked to log in with your IT Services username and password. The resource will now open in a new window.

Searching Project Muse

Project Muse has two search options **Simple Search** and **Advanced Search**, we recommend that you use the **Advanced Search**.



The screenshot shows the Project Muse search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About', 'Contact', 'Help', 'Tools', 'Order', and 'Saved Citations (0)'. Below this, there are tabs for 'for Librarians' and 'for Publishers', and a highlighted 'Advanced Search' tab. The main search area contains a 'BROWSE' button, an 'OR' operator, a search box with the text 'shakespeare AND "titus andronicus"', a 'Content' dropdown menu, and a search icon. Three callout boxes provide instructions: one points to the 'BROWSE' button and search box area, another points to the search box, and a third points to the search terms.

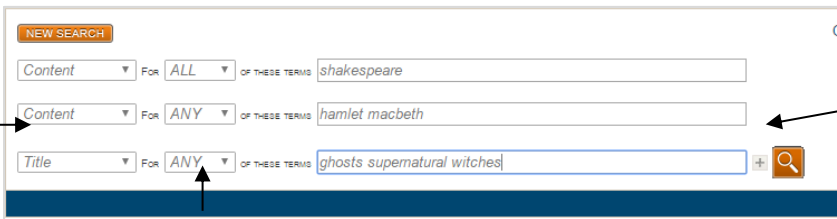
Browse the collection by research area, title or publisher.

Enter keywords into the search box.

Combine search terms with AND (must be capitalised). Use quotation marks around phrases.

Advanced Search

In the Advanced Search you are able to perform more complex searches, i.e. to combine a number of different search terms and to specify where in the record they occur.



The screenshot shows the Project Muse Advanced Search interface. It features a 'NEW SEARCH' button and three search boxes. Each search box has a dropdown menu for the search field (Content, Title, Author, or Publisher), a dropdown for the search operator (ALL, ANY, NONE*), and a text input field for search terms. The first search box is set to 'Content' with 'ALL' and contains 'shakespeare'. The second is set to 'Content' with 'ANY' and contains 'hamlet macbeth'. The third is set to 'Title' with 'ANY' and contains 'ghosts supernatural witches'. A search icon is located to the right of the third search box. Three callout boxes provide instructions: one points to the dropdown menus, another points to the search operator dropdown, and a third points to the search boxes.

The drop-down menus allow you to search specific fields e.g. content, title, and author.

Multiple search boxes allow you to build up your search. Use a separate box for each concept.

Search for ALL, ANY or NONE* of the search terms in a box.

* ALL – automatically combines terms (with AND) to search within Content, Title, Author or Publisher.

ANY – automatically inserts OR between the search terms.

NONE – excludes content with any terms types in the search box following None.



Viewing your search results

Your results will display as a list of references:

The screenshot shows a search interface with several callouts:

- Top Left:** Search History, Export Saved Citations, and a sidebar with facets for Access, Content Type, Research Area, Author, and Publisher.
- Search Bar:** A 'NEW SEARCH' button and three search input fields. The first field contains 'shakespeare', the second 'hamlet macbeth', and the third 'ghosts supernatural witches'. A 'Quick Search Guide' link is in the top right.
- Callout 1:** 'Edit your search if you find too many or too few results.' points to the second search field.
- Results Bar:** Shows 'Results 1-10 of 11', 'ITEMS PER PAGE: 10', and 'SORT BY: Relevance'. A 'NEXT' button is on the right.
- Search Results:** A summary line reads: 'Search Results For: The term [shakespeare] in Content, and any of the terms [hamlet] [macbeth] in Content, and any of the terms [ghosts] [supernatural] [witches] in Title'. Below this is a 'SAVE ALL CITATIONS' button.
- Callout 2:** 'The save all citations link enables you to select citations to export.' points to the 'SAVE ALL CITATIONS' button.
- Result 1:** 'The Sounds of Supernatural Soliciting in Macbeth' by David L. Kranz. Includes a 'Download PDF (200.2 KB)' link.
- Result 2:** 'Staging Shadows/Seeing Ghosts: Ambiguity, Theatre, Gender, and History in Griselda Gambaro's La señora Macbeth' by Sharon Magnarelli. Includes 'HTML' and 'Download PDF (393.6 KB)' links.
- Callout 3:** 'Click on the HTML or PDF link to view the full-text' points to the 'Download PDF (393.6 KB)' link.
- Callout 4:** 'Use the facets down the left of the screen to limit your search results.' points to the sidebar facets.

Search tips

Project Muse is a full text database so if you use the default options you will be search across the entire content of the articles, this can often result in you retrieving too many results. If you do get too many results you can use the following commands and filters to improve your search.

Limit Search Results

You can limit your search results using the facets down the left of the Advanced Search screen and the Results screen. From this menu you can limit results by Content Type, Research Area, Author, Publisher, Journal Name, Language and Year.

Phrase searching

Use quotation marks round phrases to only retrieve results where two or more terms appear next to each other if they are a phrase.

Search Field

You can limit the search field so that you only retrieve results where your search terms are located in a particular field e.g. Content (all the content), Title, Author or Publisher.

