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How to Locate Plays and Monologues at the University of Wyoming Libraries

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If you have a specific play title, do a Keyword search in the UW Libraries catalog for the title. The following reference books will help you find plays by subject matter, cast number, playwright, award winners and more.

Indexes

1/2/3/4 the Show

Coe Ref PN 6120. O5 H465 1995 (2 vols.)

To locate small cast (four or less actors), one act (can stand alone, but usually performed as part of a larger billing) plays. Indexed by title and author--under title organized by required characters ex. two males, one male, one female etc. 80 plays in the back of the volume have script analysis.

Best Plays of...

Coe Ref PN 6112. 45

Published annually, lists select award winning plays for that year with synopses and excerpts. Index, and cumulative index on pp. 470-492. Also provides information about long runs on Broadway, past New York Drama Critics Circle winners, Tony Award winners, etc.

Complete Catalogue of Plays Dramatists

Coe Ref PN 1601. D7 2005/2006

Provides synopses for contemporary plays available from Dramatists Play Service Inc.

Drury's Guide to Best Plays

Coe Ref PN 1655. D8 1987

Covers dramatic, non-music plays from ancient through 1985. Award winners and commercial successes are included. Organized by playwright, cast index, select subject, prize winners, popular plays for high schools and amateur groups. The index is by title.

Index to Plays in Periodicals

Coe Ref PN 1721. K4 1979

Over 250 periodicals indexed through 1987.

Ottmiller's Index to Plays in Collections

Coe Ref PN 1655.08 1988

An author and title index to plays appearing in collections published between 1900 and 1985.

Play Index

Coe Ref Z 5781. P53 (through 2002).

Indexed by play author, title, and subject. Gives a brief summary and citation where the work appears. The back part of the volume lists plays by cast analysis (# of characters of men, women, boys, girls and extras needed). Published every five years.

Samuel French Basic Catalogue of Plays and Musicals

Coe Ref PN 1601. S25 2006

Plays available from Samuel French, gives cast analysis.

Ultimate Scene and Monologue Book

Coe Ref PN 2080. H665 1994

Useful for audition material--provides examples of 1,000+ monologues and scenes by gender.

World Cat

This database contains library holdings worldwide, including plays. An interlibrary loan may be placed directly from this database.

Select Books with Monologues and Scenes

The Audition Book PN 2071. A92 H6 2000

Audition Sourcebook: Do's, Don'ts, and an Online Guide to 2,100+ Monologues and Musical Excerpts MT 956. R56 2002

Audition Speeches for Men PN 2071. A92 M374 2001

Audition Speeches for Women PN 2071. A92 M375 2001

The Best Women's Stage Monologues of 1998 PN 2080. B478 1998

Classical Audition Speeches for Men PN 2080. M352 1996

Classical Audition Speeches for Women PN 2080. M355 1996

Classical Monologues from Aeschylus to Bernard Shaw PN 2080. C58 2000 2 vols.

Contemporary American Monologues for Men PN 2080. C645 1998

Contemporary American Monologues for Women PN 2080. C646 1998

Contemporary Scenes for Actors: Men PN 2080. C6489 1999

Contemporary Scenes for Young Men (1985-2000) PN 4305. M6 C668 2000

Contemporary Scenes for Young Women (1985-2000) PN 4305. M6 C669 2000

Editor's Choice: Audition Monologues for Men PN 2080. E357 2006

Editor's Choice: Audition Monologues for Women PN 2080. E358 2006

Leading Women: Plays for Actresses II PS 627. W66 L43 2002

Methuen Audition Book for Men PN 2080. M488 2002

Methuen Audition Book for Women PN 2080. M489 2002

Methuen Book of Classical Monologues for Men PN 4305. M6 M384 2005

Methuen Book of Classical Monologues for Women PN 4305. M6 M386 2005

The Monologue Audition PN 2071. A92 K64 2000

Monologues for Actors of Color: Men PN 2080. M535 2000

Monologues for Actors of Color: Women PN 2080. M536 2000

Outstanding Stage Monologues and Scenes from the 90s PN 2080. O88 2000

Play the Scene: The Ultimate Collection of Contemporary...Monologues PN 2080. P59 2004

Shakespeare for One: Men, The Complete Monologues and Audition Pieces PR 2771. N48 2002

Shakespeare for One: Women, The Complete Monologues and Audition Pieces PR 2771. N49 2002

She Speaks: Monologues for Women PN 2080. S54 2006

Theatre Arts Audition Book for Men PN 2080. T47 2003

Theatre Arts Audition Book for Women PN 2080. T48 2003

Ultimate Scene Study Series PN 2080. U49 2001 4 vols.

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