This selected guide to serial bibliographies covering English language literature is based on an essay bibliography by David E. Pownall. Other bibliographies of serial bibliographies which were consulted include "A Reference Guide to English Studies," "Periodicals Containing Reviews and Bibliographies," "Serial Bibliographies in the Humanities and Social Sciences," and "Serial Bibliographies for Medieval Studies." The guide also includes materials published since these bibliographies made their appearance. Selections are arranged under the following main headings: comprehensive bibliographies, period bibliographies, national literature lists, topics and genres, relations of literature with other subjects, and author bibliographies. (HOD)
ENGLISH LITERATURE: A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO SERIAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

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Chapter VII - Periodicals Containing Reviews and Bibliographies, a selective list with brief annotations.


A comprehensive but unannotated bibliography.


A valuable tool for the student in medieval studies, a comprehensive, evaluative and annotated bibliography.

The guide also includes material published since these bibliographies made their appearance. Arrangement is under the following main headings:

I. COMPREHENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHIES
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IV. TOPICS AND GENRES
V. RELATIONS OF LITERATURE WITH OTHER SUBJECTS
VI. AUTHOR BIBLIOGRAPHIES
I. COMPREHENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHIES


Approximately 1,100 journals, including a few foreign language ones, are screened to provide brief summaries of articles dealing with English, American and English Commonwealth literature. Contains excellent issue and annual subject indexes.


For English language and literature this is the most thorough of the comprehensive bibliographies. It covers English, American and Commonwealth English literature and includes some materials not found in MLA International Bibliography. It is unannotated but its book review citations are very useful. It appears sometimes two and sometimes three years after coverage date.


This journal devoted to English language and speech, including American English, covers all periods. Two annual bibliographic essays have been featured since 1935, Current Literature in prose, poetry and drama and Current Literature in criticism and biography.

Modern Language Association of America. MLA International Bibliography of Books and Articles on the Modern Languages and Literature, 1921- N.Y., 1964- Library has 1921- 27006 M64 Ref. Index Stands.

Reprint of the annual bibliography which was issued as a supplement to the Association's Publications (PMLA). This is the bibliography that is most commonly used and most generally useful. For full description ask for MLA Leaflet at the Reference Desk.


An author listing of books and monographs on English, American, French and German Literature. Reprints are included. The list is not annotated.


This journal which covers all periods concentrates on detailed and critical book reviews. Each issue contains, as well, a Summary of Periodical Literature, an unannotated listing of articles selected from better known literary periodicals.

Studies in English Literature 1500-1900. Houston, v. 1, 1961- Library has v. 1, 1961- PRL S82

A highly selective bibliography, with evaluations and summaries, appears in each issue. Entitled Recent Studies, it covers one of the following fields: English Renaissance; Elizabethan and Jacobean Drama; Restoration and Eighteenth Century; Nineteenth Century.


An evaluative bibliography and highly selective. Articles are cited and books are summarized. Since 1958 it has included a section on American literature.
II. PERIOD BIBLIOGRAPHIES - Old English and Medieval


An extensive yet selective bibliography which omits popular and fantastic works. It lists book reviews and articles with brief critical annotations. It is limited to medieval Arthuriana.

Cahiers de Civilization Medievale: X-XII Siecles. Poitiers, v. 1, 1958-
Library has CB3 C3.

Includes "Bibliographie" in each issue. Contains more foreign than English literature entries. Not annotated but books and dissertations are cited.


Lists non-periodical items including reprints and translations in the Western languages throughout the world.


"Articles recently published chiefly in Europe and North America concerning all aspects of the middle ages with emphasis on Western Europe from the sixth to the fourteenth century. Contains frequent descriptive annotations and an extensive subject index, cumulated annually."


An extensive bibliography of articles and books recently published throughout the world "concerning the history and civilization of Europe from the accession of Diocletian to the end of the fifteenth century."


Lists non-periodical items including reprints and translations in the Western languages throughout the world.

Bibliography of Critical Arthurian Literature appeared annually from 1940-1963. Listed books, reviews and articles on the literature of the Arthurian cycle.


Contained the following lists, some of which are still useful to Medieval and Renaissance scholars: List of Active Medieval and Renaissance Scholars; Doctoral Dissertations; Papers Read at Meetings of Learned Societies; Books in Press.

Speculum: Journal of Medieval Studies. Cambridge, Mass., v. 1- 1926- Library has v. 1, 1926- PN661 S6

Beginning with v. 9 (1934) each issue contains a Bibliography of American Periodical Literature arranged by subject. Bibliographies are brief and are concerned with medieval society and culture in Europe and the Middle East.

PERIOD BIBLIOGRAPHIES - Renaissance


An extensive annual bibliography of articles and books published primarily in Europe and North America concerning Humanism and the Renaissance broadly interpreted. It covers the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries. The bibliography appeared from 1958 through

Lists books and monographs and covers European history from the fifteenth to the seventeenth century. Literature entries are included selectively.


Books appears in each issue and contains a list of recently published books chiefly on Europe and North America. In addition contains signed bibliographic essays, discussing recent publications on a given topic.

Studies in English Literature 1500-1900. PR1 S82
For its annual bibliography, the Renaissance, see entry under Comprehensive Bibliographies.

Studies in Philology. Chapel Hill, N.C. v. 1, 1906- Library has v. 1, 1906- P1 S7x.

Literature of the Renaissance. An extensive bibliography which began in 1923 and was contained in one number of each annual volume. Reviews were noted and some titles had brief annotations. The bibliography did not appear in v. 67 (1970) and so far has not appeared in 1971.

PERIOD BIBLIOGRAPHIES - 1600-1800

Johnsonian Newsletter. New York, v. 1, 1940- Library has v. 1, 1940- P1 J64.

A news sheet devoted to recent publications on Samuel Johnson and eighteenth century literary topics. Each issue contains a brief listing Some Recent Articles. Since 1970 there has been an added feature Work in Progress.

Philological Quarterly: a Journal Devoted to Scholarly Investigation. Iowa City, v. 1, 1922- Library has v. 1, 1922- P1 P55

One of the most comprehensive and thorough of the annual serial bibliographies, The Eighteenth Century: a Current Bibliography first made its appearance with the July 1971 issue. Lists books, articles and reviews with frequent critical annotations and covers all aspects of the eighteenth century. The format and subject matter does not differ greatly from the bibliography which appeared annually in the same journal from 1926-1970 entitled English Literature 1660-1800, except that it is limited now to eighteenth century descriptions. Two compilations of this bibliography have appeared under the editorship of Ronald Crane and covering the scholarship for the years 1950-62. ZWY45 C82 Ref.


by Carl Stratman


Each issue contains Foreign Reviews a bibliography covering books and periodical articles in many languages - a selective list with lengthy critical annotations. It also contains Recent Articles (confined to English scholarship) with critical annotations and finally a section of book reviews.

Seventeenth Century News. N.Y. v. 1, 1942- Library has v. 12, no. 2, 1954- PR1 S47.
Since 1942 contains in each issue a brief but useful Abstracts of Recent Studies which summarizes articles on Milton, Donne and Herbert and other seventeenth century figures. Seventeenth Century Americans and Neo Latin News are other bibliographies appearing in this journal.

Studies in English Literature, 1500-1900. For its annual bibliographies on Elizabethan and Jacobean Drama, and Restoration and Eighteenth Century see Comprehensive Bibliographies.

PERIOD BIBLIOGRAPHIES -Late 18th Century and Victorian

The September Supplement to English Language Notes is devoted to this comprehensive bibliography with descriptive and sometimes fairly lengthy critical annotations. Includes books on continental and English romanticism. Book reviews are noted.


Studies in English Literature 1500-1900. For bibliography Nineteenth Century see Comprehensive Bibliographies.

Victorian Newsletter. New York, no. 1, 1952- Library has no. 2 (1954); 6-17; 19; 21; 23-24; 26- PR1 V5x
Each issue contains Recent Publications, a Selected List which supplements the fuller annual list in Victorian Studies. Items are annotated and reviews are noted.

The Year's Work in Victorian Poetry has appeared annually since the journal began. A comprehensive annotated survey.
Victorian Bibliography is an annual list which has appeared since the journal started. From 1933-1956 the bibliography was published in Modern Philology. Lists books, articles, dissertations with brief non-evaluative annotations. Book reviews are noted. As well as literature, other aspects of Victorian life are covered. The bibliographies for the years 1932-1954 have been collected in W.D. Templeman's Bibliographies of Studies in Victorian Literature for the Thirteen Years, 1932-1944. ZWX 45.T246 Ref. and in Austin Wright's Bibliographies of Studies in Victorian Literature for the Ten Years 1945-1954. Urbana, 1956. ZWX45.W93b Ref. and in Robert Slack's Bibliographies of Studies in Victorian Literature for the Ten Years 1955-1964. Urbana, 1967. ZW013.B59.

PERIOD BIBLIOGRAPHIES - Twentieth Century Literature


Current Bibliography has appeared in each issue since its beginning. A very extensive coverage which abstracts periodical articles, primarily English, American and European. Its early listings make this a most important searching tool for up-to-date material. Each issue also contains a checklist on a twentieth century writer e.g. April 1971 issue contains "William Golding Checklist".


Each issue features a bibliography of avant-garde writing on either a subject e.g. surrealism or a writer e.g. October, 1970 issue contains Earle Birney, A Bibliography in Progress, 1923-1969.

III. NATIONAL LITERATURE LISTS

NATIONAL LITERATURE LISTS - American


A selective annotated bibliography of books and current criticism on American literature. Essay survey type of bibliography.


Articles on American Literature Appearing in Current Periodicals has appeared in each issue since 1931. It gives an extensive coverage with brief annotations and lists some articles from foreign language journals. Additionally there is a Research in Progress section. Two compilations of the American Literature Bibliography have been made by Lewis Leary. Articles on American Literature 1900-1950. Durham, 1954. Articles on American Literature 1950-1967. Durham, 1970. T 1225.L492 Ref.


"Contains non-evaluative summaries and appears semi-annually. Abstracts are divided chronologically according to the period of the literature covered".
Articles on American Studies has appeared in the summer issue since 1955. It is an annotated selective bibliography. Another annual feature is "American Studies Dissertations" which contains both works in progress and finished dissertations.

NATIONAL LITERATURE LISTS - Canadian

Canadian Literature. Vancouver, v. 1, 1959- Library has v. 1, 1959- PS8001 C25x

Canadian Literature (year) is the title of this annual bibliography issued with the spring number. An unannotated listing with books predominating. There is a brief section on periodical literature mentioning articles from the more important periodicals. There is also a bibliography on French Canadian Literature. Theses in English Canadian Literature is another annual feature of this review. A cumulative is Inglis Bell's and Susan Port's A Complete Checklist of Canadian Creative and Critical Writings in Both French and English for the Years, 1959-1963. Z 1375 B4. A further cumulative is stated to appear in late 1972.

University of Toronto Quarterly: a Canadian Journal of the Humanities. Toronto, v. 1, 1931- Library has v. 1, 1931- AP5 U55

Since 1935 Letters in Canada has appeared in the July issue. This is a bibliographic essay containing long review articles on the past year's work in Canadian literature. It includes poetry, fiction, humanities, social studies, livres en français. Periodical articles are not listed in the bibliography.

NATIONAL LITERATURE LISTS - Commonwealth Literature


Annual Bibliography of Commonwealth Literature (year) appears in the December issue. Brief essays at the beginning of each bibliography on Australia, Canada, Ceylon, Pakistan, African countries, India, West Indies, New Zealand, Malaysia and Singapore single out and comment on the most important books of the year. A comprehensive listing follows these introductory essays.

NATIONAL LITERATURE LISTS - Scottish


Beginning with 1970 the periodical has published a supplement entitled Annual Bibliography of Scottish Literature. A selective unannotated listing of books, reviews, essays and articles in the more important periodicals and newspapers.


Since the journal's first year it has contained Scottish Studies (Year): An Annual Bibliography. Covers a wide range of research including history, folklore and literature.
IV. TOPICS AND GENRES

TOPICS AND GENRES - Bibliography

Studies in Bibliography. Charlottesville, Virginia. v. 1, 1948/49-
Library has v. 1, 1948/49- 21003 V55.

A selective checklist of Bibliographic scholarship consisting of two sections: Part I: Incunabula and Early Renaissance. Part II: Later Renaissance to the present. Two compilations of this bibliography have appeared. Studies in Bibliography v. 10 published in 1957 is a compilation of the first six years of the bibliography, 1949-1955. The second compilation A Selective Checklist of Bibliographical Scholarship (Series B) 1956-1962 was issued as a separate publication in 1967 under the editorship of Howell J. Heaney and Rudolph Hirsch. On order for Ref.

TOPICS AND GENRES - Comparative Literature

Journal of English and Germanic Philology. Urbana, Ill., v. 1, 1897-
Library has v. 1, 1897- PDI J7

Anglo-German Literary Bibliography (year) has appeared annually since 1935, an unannotated list of books and articles which are concerned with the relations between German and English, and German and American literature. The cross-cultural bias of this bibliography causes it to be helpful for translations and dissertations.

Revue de Littérature Comparée. Paris. v. 1, 1921-
Library has v. 1, 1921- PN851 R4

Bibliographie: Livres et Periodiques appeared quarterly from the beginning of the journal until 1960. Journals indexed are mainly from the Romance Languages.

Romanic Review: A Quarterly Publication. N.Y., v. 1, 1910-
Library has v. 1, 1910- PCL R7

From 1938-1948 published an annual bibliography Anglo-French and Franco-American Studies: A Current Bibliography. An annotated list which included books, articles, and reviews.

Yearbook of Comparative and General Literature. Chapel Hill, N.C.
v. 1, 1952-
Library has v. 1, 1952- PN851 Y4 Ref. Index Stands.

Each annual volume includes Bibliography of Comparative Literature an extensive, unannotated listing of articles and books published throughout the world concerning the comparative study of the ancient, medieval and modern literatures of the world. It supplements and follows the same arrangements as Friedrich Baldensperger's Bibliography of Comparative Literature, N.Y. [1960, 1950] ZWZ B19 Ref. Another feature of the Yearbook is List of Translations limited to English translations of foreign literature published in the United States for a given year. The volume for 1969 (published 1970) lists 404 translations.

TOPICS AND GENRES - Computer Studies

Computers and the Humanities. Flushing, N.Y. v. 1, 1966-
Library has v. 1, no. 1, 1966- QA76 C6x Music Library and Library Science.

Contains Annual Bibliography for (year) two sections of which are the most relevant for English studies: I. General. II. Language and Literature. Also appearing twice yearly is Directory of Scholars Active which report studies planned or in progress.
TOPICS AND GENRES - Criticism

The Explicator. Richmond, Va., v. 1, 1942- Library has v. 1, 1942- PRL E9


Has included an annual Bibliography since the beginning of the journal; an unannotated listing of interpretations and criticism on short fiction in English. Besides articles, books are also analyzed. Continues Warren Walker's Twentieth Century Short Story Explication: Interpretations 1900-1966 of Short Fiction since 1800. 2d ed. Hamden, Conn. 1967. 25917 SW33 Ref.


Criticism: a Review, an essay review which commented on books relating to contemporary British and American literature, appeared in this periodical from 1964 - Fall 1967 when its title was changed to Contemporary Review. Also appearing in this periodical from 1962- Fall 1967 was the bibliography Poetry, an evaluative bibliography which commented on books of poetry of the previous year. Contemporary Review does not carry these features.

TOPICS AND GENRES - Ethnic Literature

Studies in Black Literature. Fredericksburg, Va., v. 1, 1970- Library has v. 1, 1970- AP2 S76x

Only three issues were available for examination, but each issue contained a bibliography. In the summer, 1970 issue appeared Bibliography of Afro-American Fiction 1853-1970 an alphabetic listing by author of books for this period. In summer, 1971 issue appeared Richard Wright: a Bibliography of Secondary Sources. In Autumn, 1971 issue appeared a Bibliography of Ralph Ellison's Published Writings, so it would appear that bibliographies are to be a regular feature of this periodical.

TOPICS AND GENRES - Fiction


From 1955 until 1968 contained twice a year, Modern Fiction Newsletter a bibliographic essay with extensive comments on new books in British, American and continental fiction. Since 1968 this has been replaced by Recent Books on Modern Fiction. Until 1968 two issues a year were devoted to individual authors and included a Selected Checklist of Criticism of the authors studied.
This journal covers history and criticism of the English and American novel. There is a brief Abstracts section in each issue, which abstracts current books in the field. In addition, two special numbers (summer and winter) feature individual novelists or genres. These include extensive bibliographies of books, articles and dissertations.


A major concern of this periodical is "the publishing of bibliographies of primary works, or abstracts of writings about authors of the period, and manuscript location lists". Since 1964 "Special Series" on individual authors have appeared irregularly. Presently, each issue features a bibliography of a late 19th or early 20th century writer in the Bibliography Notes and News section.

TOPICS AND GENRES - Folklore


TOPICS AND GENRES - Literary Periodicals

Gerstenberger, Donna

The Directory gives brief non-evaluative descriptions of the periodicals covered and indicates the type of articles (length, etc.) which will be included.


Two listings of interest. Quarterly record contains all small press items except periodicals, Mags: new/received new presses lists new magazines that did not appear in the immediately preceding Directory of Little Magazines. El Cerrito, v. 1, 1965- Library has v. 4, 1969-


From its beginning has included a Directory of Little Magazines; in later years entitled The Chronicle: an Evolving Directory. The 1970 volume used New Listings. A useful directory as it gave titles of Canadian little magazines as well as English, American and Australian.
TOPICS AND GENRES - Theatre & Drama


Doctoral Projects in Progress in Theatre Arts has appeared in the journal since 1953. Theatre in review, an additional feature, contains lengthy signed critical reviews of current productions including Canadian.

Modern Drama. Lawrence, Kansas. v. 1, 1958- Library has v. 1, 1958- (missing issues) PN1861 M55

Modern Drama: a Selective Bibliography of Works Published in English was a feature of this journal from 1965-1968. The bibliography listed articles and books on modern drama which had appeared the previous year.


Bibliographie has been published in each issue since vol. 12, 1960. Lists both biographical and critical articles on American and British dramatists, as well as European, from the earliest times until the present. Mainly devoted to theatre as distinct from drama.


Each issue contains bibliographical articles on theatre subjects, indexes of valuable theatre books or collections, a Scholarly Works in Progress section and an annotated survey of New Publications.


Each issue features Current Bibliography, a listing of all books on drama and theatre published or reprinted in the English language. This feature began with the first issue of the periodical. Also contains Theatre Facts, a chronological listing of events and productions.

V. RELATIONS OF LITERATURE WITH OTHER SUBJECTS

Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism. N.Y., v. 1, 1941- Library has v. 1, 1941- N1 J6 Blackader.

Contains the annual feature Selective Current Bibliography for Aesthetics and Related Fields, which first appeared in 1946. It lists "publications which are considered important for the philosophical scientific or other theoretical study of the arts and related phenomena". An unannotated listing of books and periodicals with some analytics for books. Its entries are under the following headings: (1) General Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art; (2) Literature (over 300 entries listed in the bibliography); (3) Music and Musicology; (4) Psychology (many entries in this section have literary connotations); (5) Visual Arts and Architecture.

Literature and Psychology: a Quarterly Journal of Literary Criticism as Informed by Depth Psychology. Teaneck, N.Y., 1951- Library has v. 17, 1967 only. PN49 L5 (later issues on order).

Bibliography, an annotated checklist, has been an irregular feature of this journal. Starting 1969 it appears as a regular feature.
Symposium: a Journal Devoted to Modern Languages and Literature. Syracuse, N.Y., v. 1, 1946- Library has v. 1, 1946- PB1 S9


VI. AUTHOR BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Blake Newsletter. Berkeley, Calif. v. 1, 1968- Library has v. 2 (no. 3) 1969- PR4147 B47 R.B.D.

A Checklist of Blake Scholarship appeared in the Fall 1970 issue but has not appeared since. In the May 1970 issue Works in Progress was included but has appeared irregularly since. The Newsletter is a useful supplement to Blake Studies, an annual. PR4147 B48.

Browning Newsletter. Waco, Texas, no. 1, 1968- Library has no. 6, 1971- PR4229 B78

Two issues a year are published. Each issue contains A Checklist of Publications. Each checklist contains a list of books and periodical articles and there is also a section devoted to reviews. Also includes an essay review of the Year's Research on Robert and Elizabeth Browning.

Conradiana. Abilene, Tex., v. 1, 1968- Library has v. 1, 1968- PR6005 04256x

Each issue since the periodical started contains Conrad Bibliography: a Continuing Checklist. Designed to supplement the published book bibliographies, it includes items both current and retrospective not recorded in the book bibliographies. It is a comprehensive unannotated listing.


Annual features since its beginning are Chaucer Research, the work almost entirely of American Chaucerians, and Publications, listing books and articles which have been taken from M.L.A. Bibliography.


An annual feature is The Checklist of D.H. Lawrence Criticism and Scholarship. The checklist for 1970, including books and periodicals, is chiefly the work of English and American critics on Lawrence and his circle. It is divided into 5 sections General Poetry, Individual Works of Fiction, Non-fiction Prose and Drama.

Dickens Studies Newsletter. Carbondale, Ill., v. 1, 1970- Library has v. 1, 1970- PN4579 D5x

The Dickens Checklist is a feature in each quarterly issue. Under Dickens' Works, new and translated editions of Dickens are given. The checklist notes both books and articles and some material not included in Victorian Studies checklist.

James Joyce Quarterly. Tulsa, Okla. v. 1, 1963- Library has: v. 6, 1968- (earlier issues on order). PR6019 Oq2637

Supplemental J.J. Checklist supplements the PMLA bibliography and the previous J.J.Q. lists, a feature contained in the periodical since its beginning.
Menckeniana; a Quarterly Review. Baltimore, V. 1, 1962- Library has V. 20, 1966- PS3525 E43 M4x
Each issue contains Bibliographic Checklist, an annotated checklist including some quite lengthy annotations on Mencken and his circle.

Milton Quarterly. Athens, Ohio, v. 1, 1967- Library has v. 4, 1970- PR3579 M5x
Each number contains Abstracts, which are abstracts of periodical articles, Books of Interest, an annotated checklist and Articles of Related Interest which is also annotated.

Each number contains Literary Survey, a running commentary on current Shaw writings and events, including productions of his plays.

The Shaw Review. University Park, Pa., v. 1, 1957- Library has v. 8, 1965- PR5366 A15
"The Shaw Review's perspective is Bernard Shaw and his milieu, its personalities, works, relevance to his age and ours". Each number contains either A Continuing Checklist of Shaviana (an annotated list of books, pamphlets, periodical articles and dissertations) or a specialized checklist e.g. in May 1971 issue A Shaw/Shakespeare Checklist appeared.

Contains the following features: Books, Reviews and Notices; Articles, Abstracts and Notices; Completed Dissertations; Work in Progress. A supplement coverage given in MLA Bibliography.

Thoth. Syracuse, N.Y., v. 1, 1959- On order for MCL 1971-
The Thoth Annual Bibliography of Crane Scholarship has appeared since 1964. "Reported in the bibliographies are editions of Crane, books, articles in books, journal articles internationally gathered in addition to American doctoral dissertations".

Whitman: a Current Bibliography appears in each issue, an unannotated listing of books and periodical articles. Reviews are noted.

Each issue contains Current Bibliography, a briefly annotated checklist of periodical articles and reviews. Two other features are Work in Progress and Recent Dissertations. The dissertations have been taken from the latest volume of Dissertation Abstracts.

Shakespeare:

Shakespeare Bibliographie was an annual listing since the periodical began. In 1965 it was transferred to
Shakespeare Bibliographie is an extensive bibliography which reports books, articles and dissertations in many languages and locates reviews. In 1969 the Jahrbuch did not contain the bibliography but the editors have promised that it will be resumed.

Useful chiefly as a supplement to scholarly Shakespeare journals. Special features include Dissertation Digest and Review of Periodicals.


This annual report of the Modern Language Association of America Conference includes an annotated "Shakespearean Work in Progress".

International in scope, this scholarly survey has included from its beginning The Year's Contributions to Shakespearean Studies. It is divided into three sections (1) Critical Studies; (2) Shakespeare's Life and Times; (3) Textual Criticism. These are highly selective, evaluative essay bibliographies which cover the important scholarship of the year.