1. Resources that cover all Francophone literatures

ONLINE CATALOGS

**WorldCat.**
The online catalog of books and other materials, including manuscripts and archives, in almost all US and some European research libraries. Keyword searching by author, title, subject; with capability to limit by language, time period, type of material, etc.

Uses Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). For francophone literature use:
- North African literature (French)
- Belgian literature (French)
- French literature—French speaking countries
- Caribbean literature (French)
- French literature—Foreign countries
- French-Canadian literature

*Web database: Access from Libraries' Home Page*

**Ile-en-Ile : les ressources informatives et culturelles du monde insulaire francophone**
Dossiers d'auteurs, bibliographies, textes en ligne


**Bibliothèque Nationale de France.**
All the catalogues are now online, including access to books, e-texts, special collections, etc.

*Web site: [www.bnf.fr](http://www.bnf.fr)*

**Le Catalogue Collectif de France**
"Une interface d'interrogation unique de trois grands catalogues français, le catalogue des fonds des bibliothèques municipales rétroconvertis, BN-Opale Plus et le catalogue du Système universitaire de documentation. Le CCFr permet ainsi de localiser plus de 15 millions de documents, conservés dans les bibliothèques françaises. C'est également un répertoire des ressources documentaires françaises : il permet la consultation du Répertoire national des bibliothèques et des centres de documentation rassemblant le descriptif complet des bibliothèques et centres de documentations français - 4000 établissements -, ainsi que de leurs fonds."


**Library of Congress Online Catalog**
Catalog of the world's largest library. Access to the Library of Congress is very easy for Hopkins students.

*Online: [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)*
**British Library Catalogue**

One of the largest libraries in the world.

*Printed catalog in A Level Reference* covers all books up to 1955, with supplement volumes covering 1956-1965: *Z 921 .B86*

*Online version complete to 2005: www.bl.uk*

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**DATABASES FOR ARTICLES**

**MLA International Bibliography**

Consists of bibliographic records pertaining to literature, language, linguistics, and folklore, and includes coverage from 1963 to the present. Provides access to scholarly research in over 4,400 journals and series. It also covers relevant monographs, working papers, proceedings, bibliographies, and other formats.

There are some useful Subjects in the MLA: *North African literature, Beur writers, Algerian literature, French Caribbean literature, Sub-Saharan African literature.*

*Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic*

**Humanities Abstracts**

A database of articles that cites articles from English-language periodicals, plus the full text of selected periodicals. Subjects covered: Archaeology, Area Studies, Art, Classical Studies, Communications, Dance, Film, Folklore, Gender Studies, History, Journalism, Linguistics, Literary & Social Criticism Literature, Music, Performing Arts, Philosophy, Religion and Theology.

Use Subjects like: *African literature in French, Caribbean literature in French.*

*Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic*

**Humanities International Index**

A comprehensive database covering journals, books and other important reference sources in the humanities. Indexes over 1700 journals. Provides citations and abstracts for articles, essays and reviews, as well as original creative works including poems, fiction, photographs, paintings and illustrations. Subject terms can be a bit strange. You may have to try several keyword searches.

*Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic*

**Arts and Humanities Citation Index**

A multidisciplinary database covering the journal literature of the arts and humanities. It indexes 1,144 of the world's leading arts and humanities journals, as well as covering individually selected, relevant items from over 6,800 major science and social science journals. Provides access to current information and retrospective data from 1975 forward. Do a Cited Reference Search and Find Related Records, to expand your searching forwards and sideways.

*Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic*
Periodical Index Online
An electronic index to millions of articles published in thousands (over 4500) of periodicals in the arts, humanities and social sciences since 1770. Includes French titles and Francophone topics (a search on “Assia Djebar” retrieved 21 articles).

Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic

Essay and General Literature Index
Cites essays and articles contained in collections of essays and other works published in the United States, Great Britain and Canada. Focus on humanities and social sciences.

Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic

JSTOR
An electronic archive of journal articles that includes backfiles of nearly 60 literary journals (JSTOR adds titles every year). They are completely searchable and include the full-text of articles in several formats. JSTOR does not, however, usually include recent years of journals. But it does go back to the early 20\textsuperscript{th} century in coverage, and thus acts as an index to articles that are not covered in most electronic (and print) indexes.

Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic

Project MUSE
Searches the recent years of online journals of the JHU Press. Full-text of articles now includes other presses as well; including Oxford University, Carnegie Mellon, MIT Press, Duke University.

Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic

PRINT RESOURCES

Bibliographie der französischen Sprach-und-Literaturwissenschaft (the "Klapp").
The best source for French language books, articles, and theses. Each volume has a section on La littérature française hors de France. A bit cumbersome; you have to search a volume for each year, but well worth the effort. Many resources not in any database.

A Level Reference: Z 2171.B56 (1956-present)
Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic

French XX Bibliography
Detailed coverage of French literature from 1885-present. Use the table of contents to orient yourself, as it is organized mostly by genre or literary movement. A section on Francophone literature in each volume. Good for things that slip through the cracks of the MLA.
Current Periodicals: Most recent issues
Libraries Service Center: PH 2035 .M5 (Vol. 3-8: 1959-1988, with a few missing volumes)

Dictionnaire des oeuves du XXe siècle: littérature française et francophone.
Alphabetical by title of work. Short articles on each title, with short bibliographies (Etudes) for some titles. Chronology, Index of authors and titles at back.
A Level Reference: PQ 305 .D53 1995

4-volumes, alphabetical by author. Includes works and writers from the IX century to the present (including Francophone writers). Each article does include a bibliography, usually short. But for major writers, it can be substantial. Index of works cited, and a chronological index of key ideas.
A Level Reference: PQ 41 .B4 1987

The year's work in modern language studies.
D Level 1985-: PB 1 .Y45

Organized geographically, a narrative overview and history of the field. A decent bibliography at the back. No indexes though.
D Level Blue Labels: PQ 3809 .I59 2004

2. Resources by Country or Region

AFRICA

African Studies
Search 16 databases on Africa at once. This database indexes books, periodical articles, pamphlets, maps and music recordings. Literature is one of the topics covered.
Web database: Libraries' Home Page, under Databases by name, or topic

Limag : Littératures du Magreb
Lots of resources, including dissertations and dossiers d'écrivains, base de données bibliographiques.
http://www.limag.refer.org/
Jalons pour un dictionnaire des oeuvres littéraires de langue française des pays du Maghreb.
Alphabetical by title of work. Short articles about individual literary works. Index of Authors, Genres, Titles.

D Level Blue Labels: PQ 3980.A38 J35 2006

Bibliographie de la critique sur les littératures maghrébines. Charles Bonn.
Organized by type of material (Études, Recueils collectives, Numéros spéciaux de périodiques, Anthologies), and alphabetical by author within each. Lists secondary literature on Maghreb literature.

D Level Blue Labels: PQ 3980.B66 1996

Bibliographie des auteurs africains de langue française.
A country-by-country listing of primary and secondary literature. Includes sections on Généralités: Bibliographies, Ouvrages collectives et divers, Histoire et critique, and Disques.


Dictionnaire des oeuvres littéraires africaines de langue française. Pius Ngandu Nkasgama
Divided into 3 sections: Roman-récit-conte, Poésie, and Théâtre. Within each section, alphabetical by author. Gives brief synopsis if each book indexed. Index of authors helps locate works. Index of titles as well. No real critical content.

D Level Blue Labels: PQ 3980.A52 P58 1994

Dictionnaire des oeuvres littéraires de langue française en Afrique au sud du Sahara.
Volume 1: Des origines à 1978
Volume 2: 1979-1989
Alphabetical by title of work. Short articles on each title. Gives first publication information. Index of authors and genres at back of each volume. No bibliographies.

A Level Reference: PQ 3980.A52 K65 1996

Littérature Beur: guide bio-bibliographique. Alec Hargreaves
Articles on individual authors, with primary and secondary (Lectures complémentaires). Also a general bibliography (Études générales) at the back.


A New reader’s guide to African literature
Covers all of Africa but has separate sections on French-speaking, English-speaking, and Lusophone. Includes listing of primary literature and a general bibliography at the front.

A Level Reference: PN 849.A35 Z44 1983

A useful bibliography of earlier criticism on African literature. Sections on Généralités, Le roman, La poésie; and then country by country on individual writers.


Women writers in Francophone Africa.
Chapters on individual female writers and several on more general topics. A substantial bibliography at the back of primary and secondary sources.

D Level Blue Labels: PQ 3980.H58 2000
Canada

Bibliographie critique du roman canadien-français, 1837-1900
Libraries Service Center PH5901 .Z9 H3 1968

French-Canadian authors: a bibliography of their works and of English-language criticism. Mary Kandiuk.
D Level: PH 5901 .9 K35 1990

Canadian writers before 1890. Dictionary of Literary Biography 99
Canadian writers 1890-1920. Dictionary of Literary Biography 92
Canadian writers, 1920-1959. First series Dictionary of Literary Biography 68
Canadian writers since 1960. First series Dictionary of Literary Biography 53
Canadian writers since 1960. Second series Dictionary of Literary Biography 60
Articles on individual writers that include extensive bibliographies of primary literature (including periodical publication) at the beginning of each article, and a list of References (secondary literature) at the end.
D Level: Call numbers vary slightly

Alphabetical by author. Consists almost entirely of primary literature by French-Canadian authors. There is some secondary literature here and there. No index though.
Libraries Service Center PH 5901 .Z99B7 1973

Caribbean

Includes all of the Caribbean, with a section on Francophone literature. Short biographies, lists primary works, and bibliographies of secondary literature.
A Level Reference: PN 849 .C3 C3 1979
This represents only some of the many bibliographic resources on Francophone literature. There are many other, more specialized resources.

- A good way to find such things is to use the "Type of Literature" search. By doing a keyword subject search in a library catalog on types of literature such as:
  - catalogs
  - criticism and interpretation
  - bibliography
  - indexes
  - periodicals
  - sources

... you can exploit the fact that these categories are standardized across US library catalogs, and locate relevant or specialized resources.

For example, to find published bibliographies on Francophone literature, do a subject keyword search on the literature and the word bibliography. This is especially useful at Hopkins, as bibliographies are often in the LSC and cannot be found by browsing the stacks. The search: north African literature French bibliography retrieves 7 titles.

- You may have noticed certain call numbers that are particularly important. Browsing PH 5980 and PQ (Blue Labels) 3980, either in the stacks, or even better, in the online catalog, will turn up some interesting things.

- By reading the introductions and prefaces to the printed works mentioned above, you will find other bibliographies and indexes mentioned. Follow these leads where possible.

- There are several published guides to research in French literature in general. Some include sections on Francophone literature. Here are a few. You can locate them with a subject keyword search on:
  - reference books, French, bibliography, philology, handbooks, manuals