

Literature Online versus EBSCO Literary Reference Center

Content	LION	EBSCO LRC	Comments
Plot summaries, synopses and overviews		10000	Included in commissioned author biographies
Literary Criticism articles	10241 + 38 vols of essays from New Essays on the American Novel	75000	
Author biographies	3000 individual, commissioned biographies	130000 but many are multiple entries, eg 62 for Jane Austen, 60 for Charles Dickens	Not commissioned biographies in EBSCO
Author bibliographies	1400	0	
Literary journals FT	175	300 but a great deal are not 'literary' eg Adult Education, Harvard China Review, and many classified as periodicals are actually one-off publications	
Book reviews		500000	
Poetry	340,000 from 8th to 20th Century	25000	
Prose	2250 works from 1500-1914	1100 short stories and 7500 novels *	*not available until Autumn 06 and planned contents not known.
Author interviews		3000	
Video clips and multimedia	800+ Poets on Screen	0	
Images of key literary figures	in author biographies	1000	
Drama	6000 works from 13th - 20th Century	0	
Integrated MLA	yes	no	
ABELL	yes	no	
Weblinks	5000	0	
<b>Functionality and information centre</b>			
Advanced search screen	3 advanced search screens which provide specific options relating to authors, text, crit and ref	One search screen with long list of options	
Select from a list function	Yes - for many advanced search options, with extensive links	No	
Information Centre	Yes	No	
Searching by genre/movement/literary period	Yes	No	
editorial policy information	Yes	No	
OpenURL, Marc Records	Yes	No	
results returned at publication level	yes	No - returns at article level so can't browse a publication	
Platform	Specialist platform suited to searching primary texts, criticism and reference	Ebscohost journals platform	
<b>Reference Shelf</b>			
	Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms	Websters Encyclopedia of Literature	
	Routledge - Encyclopedia of Post-Colonial Literatures in English	Continuum Encyclopedia of American Lit	
	Columbia Dictionary of Modern Literary and Cultural Criticism	Continuum Encyclopedia of British Lit	
	Dearborn - Encyclopedia of the Novel	Continuum Encyclopedia of Childrens Lit	
	New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics	New Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics	
	Columbia Dictionary of Modern European Literature	Beachams Research Guide to Biography and Criticism	
		Oxford Illustrated History of English Literature	
		Literary Encyclopedia	
	Columbia Companion to American Short Story	Columbia Companion to American Short Story	
	KnowledgeNotes	MagillOnLiteraturePlus	