

The LLRC highly recommends the “...for Students” series of books when doing literary research. You will find *Short Stories for Students*, *Poetry for Students*, *Drama for Students* and *Novels for Students* in our Reference collection, and a second copy of *Short Stories for Students* and *Poetry for Students* in the circulating collection (available for check-out). These books are also available full text in the *Virtual Reference Center* database.

Finding Print Sources for Literary Criticisms

To find which book within a series contains literary criticisms about the short story or poem you have chosen, use the Cumulative Author/Title Index in the last volume of the series (Vol. 24). You can look for either the title of your work, or the author’s name. If the work has been included in this series, it will be listed here. You will be referred to the volume within the series that contains an analysis, context and criticism of the work. (The full text of short stories are **not** reprinted within *Short Stories for Students*, but the full text of a poem **is often** reprinted within *Poetry for Students*.) After you go to the volume which includes your story, use the Table of Contents to see on which page the section starts.

Example from *Short Stories for Students*, Vol. 24

Cumulative Author/Title Index

Poe, Edgar Allan

The Cask of Amonillado, V1

The Fall of the House of Usher, V2

The Masque of the Red Death, V8

The Purloined Letter, V16

The Tell-Tale Heart, V4



Finding Online Sources of Literary Criticisms

1. Go to the library’s homepage at <http://www.pbcc.edu/library>
2. Click on **Articles & Databases**
3. A new window will open with all of our databases listed. Scroll down until you come to *Virtual Reference Center* (Gale). If you are working on campus, select the “On Campus” link. You will be taken directly into the database and can proceed with your search. (Step 5)

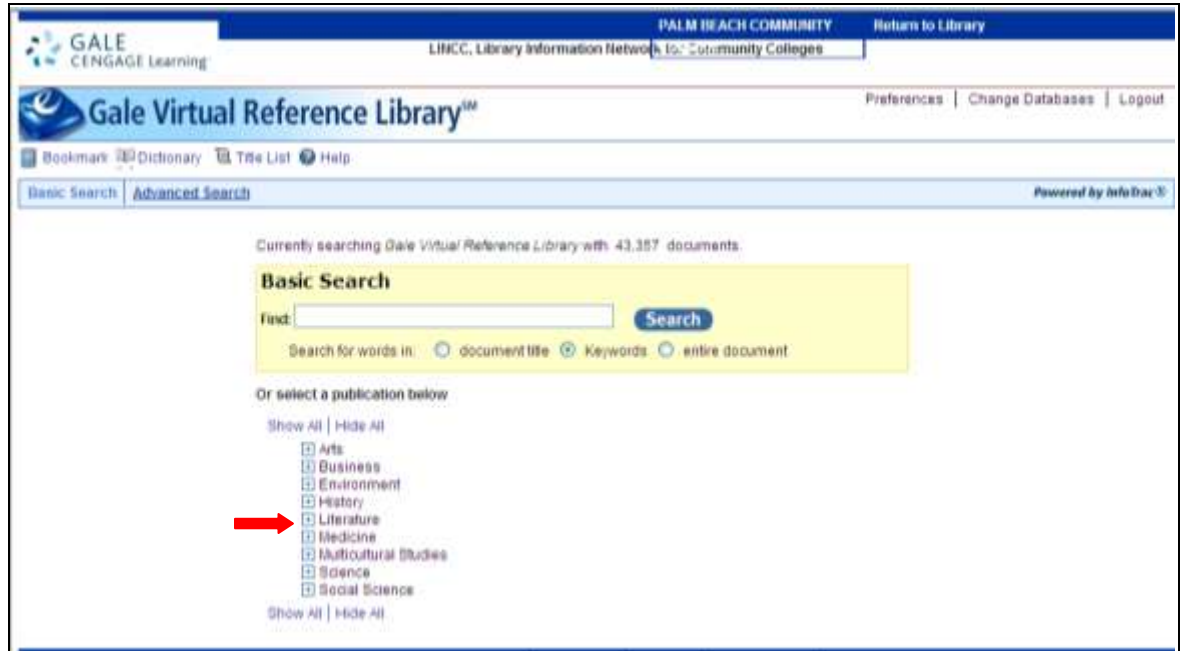
If you are not on campus, click on “**Off Campus**” beside the database name.

A new window will open with a login screen.

- Enter your 14 digit library card number from the back of your Panther Card as the **Borrower ID**. (the number starts with 24901)
 - Your **PIN** will be 4 digits long. It will either be the last 4 digits of your social security number, or 2 digits for your birth month and two for your birth year—MMYY. Example: If you were born on March 5, 1986, your PIN would be 0386.
4. Click on Log On. Another window will open which says you are leaving LINCCWeb and will be connecting to a vendor provided web site. Click “continue.”

5. Searching *Virtual Reference Center for Short Stories for Students* or *Poetry for Students*:

At the Basic Search Screen, click on the “ + ” beside Literature.



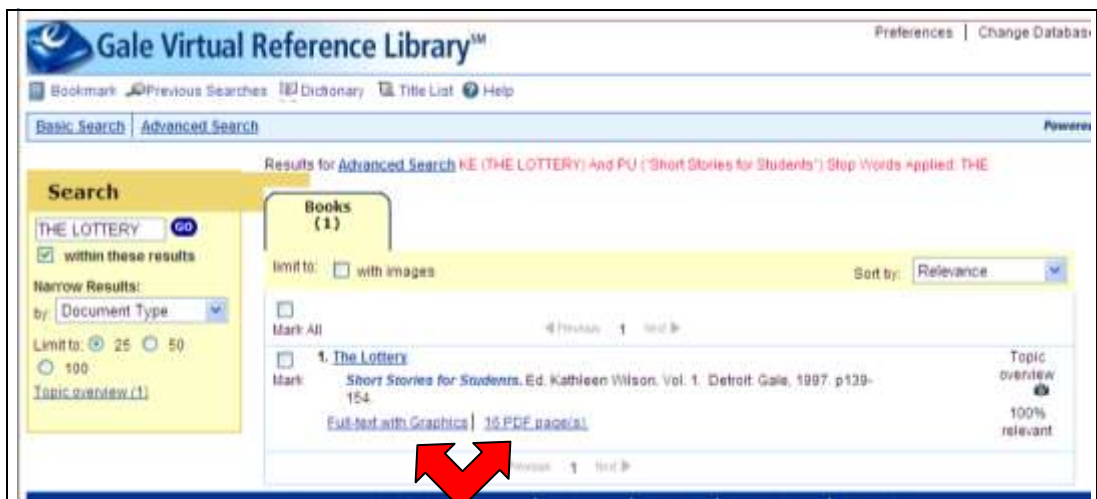
A menu will appear listing each volume and each series, starting with Volume 1 of Drama for Students, and ending with Vol. 24 of Short Stories for Students.



If you are looking for literary criticisms of a short story, click on **any one** of the volumes in the *Short Stories for Students* series. If you are looking for poetry criticisms, click on **any one** of the volumes in *Poetry for Students*. Another window will open with information about that particular volume, but also a search box on the upper left side. In that search box, type the name of the short story (or poems if searching Poetry for Students). Make sure that the box is checked next to “within this publication.”



If your chosen short story or poem is included in any of these volumes, those results will appear on the next screen. Click on either Full text with Graphics or PDF version to see the exact text as it appears in the print version of the book.



Finding Other Online Sources of Literary Criticisms

1. Follow steps 1-2 above. Scroll down the database list until you find Literature Resource Center, and click to open
2. When Literature Resource Center opens, choose **Author Search** and type in the name of your author.

Author Search

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3. On the next screen, choose your author (If more than one is listed. Browse the **Literary Criticism, Article** and **Work Overview** tabs for results about your particular work. Tip: Look in Gale Literary Index first to make sure there are enough criticisms on your work, especially if it is a poem.

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