



SLAV 148 Introduction to Slavic Folklore

Library Research Session 2: Finding books & articles

"Baba Yaga was riding in a mortar, using a pestle to urge it on, and sweeping away her tracks with a besom."
http://myths.e2bn.net/library/1157818026/babayaga_flying.teach.jpg

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Welcome, Attendance, Review & Goals [2 min.]

- During the first session we learned how to use basic reference works to explore a topic
- We learned how to use the library catalog and then how to locate materials on the shelf.
- In this session you will learn how to research topics on Slavic folklore in bibliographies, databases, and using internet search engines.

Part 1: Bibliographies [20 min.]

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Bibliographies in Reference Works:

RUSALKA

- [Encyclopedia of Folklore and Literature](#) / Mary Ellen Brown and Bruce A. Rosenberg. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 1998, has best entry and an excellent article in bibliography.
 - Kononenko, Natalie. "Mermaids (*Rusalki*) and Russian Beliefs about Women." In [New Studies in Russian Language and Literature](#), ed. Anna Lisa Crone and Catherine V. Chvany, pp. 221-238. Columbus, Ohio: Slavic Publishers, 1986.
- [Greenwood Encyclopedia of World Folklore and Folklife](#). edited by William M. Clements ; Thomas A. Green, advisory editor. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 2006.
 - Ryan, W.F. [The Bathhouse at Midnight. An Historical Survey of Magic and Divination in Russia](#)
 1. Worobec, Christine D. "Witchcraft Beliefs and practices in Pre-revolutionary Russia and Ukrainian Villages," [The Russian Review](#), 54, 1995, pp. 165-187.
 2. Zguta, R. "The Ordeal by Water (Swimming of Witches) in the East Slavic World." [Slavic Review](#), 36, 1977, pp. 220-230.

PROBLEM 1: Choose one article (either no. 1 or no. 2 immediately above). Search for the article using citation linker? In which database(s) is the article available? Describe (write down) the process you went through to get the article. [10 pts.]

Specialized Bibliographies: Kulikowski, Mark. [A Bibliography of Slavic Mythology](#) (Mark Kulikowski), Columbus, OH: Slavica, 1989.

225. Gimbutas, Marija. "Religion." in her *The Slavs*. New York: Praeger, 1971. pp. 151-170.

PROBLEM 2: Using the library catalog, find out whether KU has this book? If so, describe how would you get a hold of this book? [10 pts.]

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Part 2: Article Databases [20 min.]

Sample research Topic: LIFE RITUALS OF THE SLAVS

PROBLEM 3: Referring to the research topic above, provide thorough answers to the following questions?. [10 pts.]

What does this refer to? What kinds of rituals are we talking about?

What other terms can we come up to use in our search?

Databases: [Databases come in various shapes and sizes. Some Dbs are citation only; others are full-text only. Some Dbs index articles and books \(MLA\); other just index books \(Library catalog\) others just index articles \(ABSEES\).](#)

Scholarly and popular content

- [Academic search premier \(scholarly, analytical, and popular\)](#)
- [Expanded Academic ASAP \(scholarly, analytical, and popular\)](#)
- [ProQuest Research Library \(scholarly, analytical, and popular\)](#)
- [Wilson Omnifile \(scholarly, analytical, and popular\)](#)

Scholarly content

- **American Bibliography of Slavic and East European Studies (scholarly)**
- **Historical Abstracts (scholarly)**
- **JSTOR (scholarly)**
- Anthropology Plus (scholarly – some in English)
- MLA International bibliography (scholarly)
- eHRAF World Cultures (scholarly)
- Project Muse (scholarly, analytical)
- Biography and Genealogy master Index (scholarly tool – no full text)
- Google Scholar (why does it work? – b/c we subscribe to Dbs. Does not work with all Dbs.)

Search ABSEES

Advanced search

- funeral rites > All Text
- death custom > All Text

- Cite this article (icon)
- KU Link (button)

PROBLEM 4: Select one article and write down the citation in MLA citation style. Then write down how you would get a copy of this article [10 pts.]

Search JSTOR

Advanced search > Limit to Article

- Russia, death, belief, peasant, folk > full-text = "Russian Peasant Beliefs..."

Part 3: Finding Articles on the WWW [5 min.]

Google site Search:

- *Folklorica: Journal of the Slavic and East European Folklore Association*
funeral rites site:<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/SEEFA/>

PROBLEM 5: Select one article and write down the citation in MLA citation style [5 pts.]