

SLAV 740 Bibliography and Methods



Research Tools in English (Session 1)
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419 Watson Library (training lab)

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Overview & Goals

- Session 1: Introduction to KU Libraries website, Watson Library's Collections and Services, Watson Reference collections, and Watson Stacks.
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Welcome

- [Contacts, business cards](#)

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Goals (Session 1)

- [Be familiar with structure of the Library's website](#)
- [Be familiar with the Library's services and policies](#)
- [Be familiar with major sections of Watson Library's Reference Collection related to Slavic and Eurasian Studies](#)
- [Know how to exploit the functionality of the library catalog](#)

Methodology

- [Dale's Cone of Experience: http://teacherworld.com/potdale.html](http://teacherworld.com/potdale.html)
- [Hands-on, practical approach to using the library's vast resources.](#)
- [Work through research scenarios/ research problems.](#)

Research Problems (Part I)

[[KU Libraries Website](#)]

1. Take a few minutes on your own to explore the KU Libraries Website.
2. As part of your career development you want to create a professional web profile. You are looking for a web-skills workshop that will help you get started. Where can you go?
3. For a readings course you are compiling an annotated bibliography on a favorite author. This includes identifying major collections of the author's works, bibliographies, significant biographical and critical works (including famous articles), as well as websites. You are having difficulty keeping track of all the resource that you are finding. What kind of reference management software is available to you as a KU student?

- h. Coverage
- i. Writing style
- j. Evaluative reviews

7. Find help with search strategies. Answer the following

- a. What is controlled vocabulary and why is it useful?
- b. Please diagram the following concepts of Boolean Searching

AND

OR

NOT

- c. What is truncation and why is it useful?

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8. Using the Library of Congress Classification Outline identify the subject headings and call number ranges for any two of the following topics. Where in Watson Library would you find books on these topics [Use the stacks map]?

- a. Czech literature
- b. Medieval Russian literature
- c. Translation theory
- d. Folklore of the West Slavs.
- e. Slavic philology
- f. Works by Andrei Bitov
- g. Comparative grammar
- h. Slavic Mythology
- i. History of Serbia

[Library catalog]

9. Select one of the following authors and use Library of Congress Subject headings to find bibliographies of their works in KU Libraries. [They are not perfect, but they are another finding aid within the catalog at your disposal]

- a. Fedor Dostoevsky
- b. Vuk Karadžić
- c. Vladimir Nabokov
- d. Boris Pasternak
- e. Alexander Solzhenitsyn
- f. Leo Tolstoy

10. You just looked at the clock and realized that you have five minutes to get to class, so you don't have time to look at the bibliographies. But you don't want all of your hard work to be wasted. What can you do?

11. You have been asked to read several book reviews in the latest volume of major journals for Slavic Studies. Find the location of one of the following.

- a. [Russian Review](#)
- b. [Russian Language Journal](#)
- c. [Slavic and East European Journal](#)
- d. [Slavic Review](#)
- e. [Slavonic and East European Review](#)

Tour

12. Reference Collection – split collection; show major ref works for Russian literature; browse pull Croucher's *Slavic Studies*: [Call No. Z2483 .S554 1993];

13. Watson Stacks: split collection, overflow

14. Watson Periodicals

15. IAS / Slavic and Eurasian Studies offices

Research Problems (Part II)

16. For SLAV 684, *Main Currents in Russian Thought I*, you wrote a short essay on Russian iconography. You are expanding the work to include FILM and hope to present your paper at the 2009 Central Slavic Conference. You have already searched the KU library catalog and need more material

Homework: Select one of the following tutorials and follow the instructions.

1. Texas Information Literacy Tutorial (TILT) - <http://tilt.lib.utsystem.edu/>
2. Internet Detective <http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/detective/>

Student Surveys