



## VIC191: Artistic Creation & Public Issues Library Research Seminar

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## Research Resources in the Visual and Performance Arts

- **VIC191 Research Guide:**  
<http://uoft.me/vic191/>
- **E.J. Pratt Library:**  
<http://library.vicu.utoronto.ca/>
- **University of Toronto Libraries:**  
<http://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/>

## What is a “Scholarly Journal Article”?

“Scholarly journal articles report on **original research** by experts in a particular academic discipline. Often they go through a **peer-review process**, which means that they are evaluated by reputable scholars in the field before they are published.”

## Reference Sources: Encyclopedias, Dictionaries & Handbooks

- Reference sources contain entries which provide an overview of a specific topic
- They are designed to provide background reading for your own development/refinement of a topic
- They provide such introductory information as definitions, major works and scholars who study the topic, the importance of studying a particular issue or idea, and a works cited list.

## ***Encyclopedia of Early Cinema***

- Early cinema history (the early 1890s to the mid-1910s).
- Techniques and equipment of film production, profiles of the pioneering directors and producers, analysis of individual films and the rapid growth of distinct film genres, and the emergence of the movie star.
- Changes in the nature of film exhibition and the public's reception to films.



Loew's Yonge Street Theatre by Peter Lewicki (<http://www.peterlewicki.com/blog/elgin>).

## **Journal Indexes**

Also known as "journal databases": research tools that contain specific types of research literature not found in the library catalogue.

Depending on the scope, a database can be used to locate the following:

- scholarly journal articles
- popular magazine articles
- newspaper articles
- books and book chapters (print and online)
- book/film/theatre reviews.

## **Searching Journal Indexes**

Journal databases can be searched using:

- a chosen topic (using keywords and subject headings)
- a chosen author
- a known title
- and other parameters.

## Film & Television Literature Index

Includes full-text articles from:

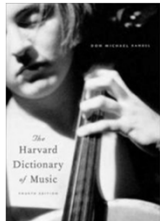
- film and television journals
- international periodicals
- books
- academic papers presented at conferences
- and other scholarly and popular sources in Film and Television Studies.

## Digital Collection: Silent Film Online

The films included in the Silent Film Online collection represent the basis of modern cinematic technique.

It contains full-length, high-quality silent features, serials, and shorts from the 1890s to the 1930s.

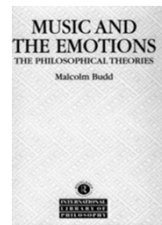
What is music?



How to listen to music?



How music affects us.



## Getting Research Help

  
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
ASK A  
LIBRARIAN**

  
**Ask**  
Chat with a librarian

- In-person research help
- Book a research consultation
- Email research help
- Chat with a librarian.