



## GETTING REVIEWS FOR BOOKS, FILMS, DRAMA, etc.

- Go to the **Library Website** <http://library.edgewood.edu>
- Under **Resources by Subject** select **General and Interdisciplinary**
- Select one of the following resources:

### ProQuest Research Library

ProQuest

- Scholarly & popular periodicals from multiple perspectives from 1985- present, many with full text

The screenshot shows the ProQuest Research Library interface. At the top, there are tabs for Basic, Advanced, Topics, Publications, and My Research (0 marked items). Below the tabs, it says "Databases selected: Research Library". The "Advanced Search" section is active, showing three search fields with "AND" operators. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: Citation and abstract, Citation and document text (highlighted), Abstract, Document text, Document title, and Author. A yellow callout box points to the dropdown menu with the text: "Default is Citation and abstract OR Look for your search terms in these specific fields".

- To search for word variations with unlimited characters use truncation symbol \*:  
*litera\** gets *literary, literature, literatures* as well as *literal, literally*
- To search for single character variations use ? : *wom?n, colo?r,*
- To search for phrases: two words are searched as a phrase: *global warming* For three or more words or for common words use quotation marks: *"the sound and the fury" "that was then"*

Click on the More Search Options tab to search in specific titles or for specific types of articles

The screenshot shows the "More Search Options" interface. It has a "More Search Options" tab and a "Hide options" link. There are two search fields. The first field is labeled "Publication title:" and contains the text "[America; New York(PMID: 29002)] or [T". The second field is labeled "Document type:" and has a dropdown menu open showing a list of review types: Review, Arts/exhibits review, Audio review, Book review, Dance review, Film review (highlighted), Opera review, Performance review, Product review, Restaurant review, Television review, Theater review, and Video review. There are links for "Browse publications" and "About".

- Publication title – use browse and find titles **Add to Search** to limit to articles in that title
- Can add multiple titles
- Use Document type to limit to film review, book review, and other specific kinds of articles



## Academic Search Complete

- Enter words from title or name of author and title words in search boxes
- When using author's name do not change search field to "Author" – that will find reviews or articles *written by your author* – not about their book
- Below the green Search Options bar is a section to Limit Your Results
- Select **Document Type** – **Book Review** or **Entertainment Review** as appropriate

A screenshot of a dropdown menu titled "Document Type". The menu is open, showing a list of options: "Book Review", "Case Study", "Directory", "Editorial", and "Entertainment Review". The "Book Review" option is currently selected and highlighted.

- Consider also limiting to Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals
- Checking Full Text limits search to full text in Ebsco and will not show [Check for full text availability](#) that links you to full text articles in other (non-Ebsco) library resources.

## LexisNexis® Academic

another General & Interdisciplinary resource

- Under **Newspapers** click on **LexisNexis**
- Click on **News**
- Select the Source: **Book, Movie, Play and Video Reviews**

A screenshot of the LexisNexis Academic search interface. At the top, there are tabs for "Search" and "Sources". Below these are navigation tabs for "General", "News", "Legal", "Business", and "People". The "News" tab is selected. Below the navigation tabs is a search area with the following elements:

- A "Search terms" section with two radio buttons: "Terms and Connectors" (selected) and "Natural Language".
- A search input field.
- A "Search" button.
- Two dropdown menus for search scope, both set to "Anywhere in the document".
- A dropdown menu for "Sources" set to "Book, Movie, Music, Play, and Video Reviews".
- A dropdown menu for "Specify date" set to "Previous 3 months".

Two black arrows point to the "Sources" and "Specify date" dropdown menus.

**Specify Date** searched as needed. Default is always latest 3 months – select two years, five years or other time depending on when book or film was published or first came out. You may also find a review if a new edition, paperback, or DVD is released.