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Bibliography of French Literature-Online

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Introduction

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ONLINE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF FRENCH LITERATURE

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History

The Bibliographie de la littérature française (BLF) was originally integrated (from 1894) into the quarterly issues of the Revue d'Histoire littéraire de la France (RHLF), and since 2002, has been an annual directory published in special editions. It gathers together the references of the French-speaking literature from the sixteenth century to the present day.

The BLF was published by Armand Colin publishers until 1997 and from then on by Presses Universitaires de France. It is often referred to as the ‘Rancoeur’ by specialists and librarians, the name of the custodian who signed the lists in each edition of the RHLF between 1949 and 1995 and, from 1986, whole volumes.

Since 1996, the online BLF has been the result of the work of the team at the Bibliothèque nationale de France, who are in charge of its creation, and the help of the Société d’histoire littéraire de France. The digital publisher of the BLF, Classiques Garnier Numérique, ensures the updating of the database as well as the multilingual search interface.

The online BLF: A daily updating

The online BLF is updated daily, in line with the rate of publications. Thanks to this, it constitutes a unique work instrument for researchers, teachers, students, and all those who are seeking to inform themselves about French literature, on writers, subjects or periods.

More than 150,000 detailed notices from 1998 to the present day are currently online, about 17,000 summaries, to which 72,000 articles from collected works are added (see in particular the ‘commentary’ part of the notice).

Earlier years (1997-1979 and 1948-1894) are the object of a programme of retrospective conversion which over the next few years will add more than 500,000 references to the bibliography.
The simple search is the first page accessed by the user.

In the default display screen, the search bar allows the user to conduct a general search in all fields ('writers', 'critical authors', 'title', 'review', 'subjects') of all notices.

The drop-down list, three filters (by type of document, century of study, and year of publication), and search operators allow the user to refine requests and combine multiple criteria of selection.

The rubric «Conseil de recherche»/'Search tips' to the right of the screen guides and helps the user.
The formula for advanced search makes a range of searches possible: search by keyword, presented in an open search field, thematic search with multiple criteria and index, and bibliographic searches made up of multiple fields with an index.

The dynamic character of the formula and its organisation at many levels (fields and groups of fields) allows the user to create complex crossed searches very easily. The possibilities for searches, increased even further by truncation and logical operators, are thus superior to those enabled by a classic, static formula.

A drop-down list, to the right of each search bar, allows the user to determine which field of notices the word or expression searched for is located within. In the «Conseil de recherche»/‘Search tips’ panel, the user will find a list of easy and quick search options.
The presentation of notices has been thought through down to the smallest detail. Also, a user will find a distinction between primary and secondary authors (academic editors and group editors) for each notice, as well as mentions of summaries of the titles cited.

Bibliographic references identified in the BLF can be converted into various bibliographic formats and recuperated in text format. The interface lets the user export notices in Dublin Core, Mods, EndNote, RefWorks and Zotero format.
Bibliographic Notice

The BLF online allows movement between notices in the case of linked titles.

Notice of a contribution drawn from a collected volume with a link to the monograph concerned:
Results can be classified according to multiple criteria: increasing or decreasing date, increasing or decreasing alphabetic order of authors or titles, type of documents (books, articles, etc.).

The display can be personalised so that each user can increase the number of results per page.

The user can also select results, add notices to his or her selection, save them, and export them in numerous formats (Html, Dublin Core, Mods, EndNotes, RefWorks, etc.). An exported bibliographic notice, whether of the entirety of results or a personalised selection of notices, can be downloaded or sent by email.

Tools for the selection or de-selection of groups of results or lines of notices (select a tick-box) allow each user to create a full bibliographic list established from multiple isolated searches.

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Search History

This page presents the list of all searches carried out during the session.

By consulting past searches it is possible to modify the contents and register chosen searches in the user’s account so as to find them again during future consultations, and continue previous searches if desired.

It is even possible to create ‘favourite’ requests which the user wishes to use regularly.

All the information, attached to the user’s account, is conserved, without any limit or expiry date, on the Classiques Garnier Numérique platform.
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Conditions of access and licence for use

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