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Bibliography of French Literature

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Introduction

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History

The *Bibliographie de la littérature française* (BLF) was originally part (from 1894) of the quarterly issues of the *Revue d'Histoire littéraire de la France* (RHLF), and since 2002, has been an annual volume published in special editions. It gathers together references of French and Francophone literatures from the 16t^{h} century to the present day.

The BLF was published by Armand Colin until 1997; then by the Presses Universitaires de France; and since 2017 by Classiques Garnier.

Since 1996, the BLF has been the result of the joint work of a team at the Bibliothèque nationale de France, who is in charge of the indexing, and the Société d'histoire littéraire de France. The digital publisher of the BLF, Classiques Garnier Numérique, ensures the technical management and udpates of the database.

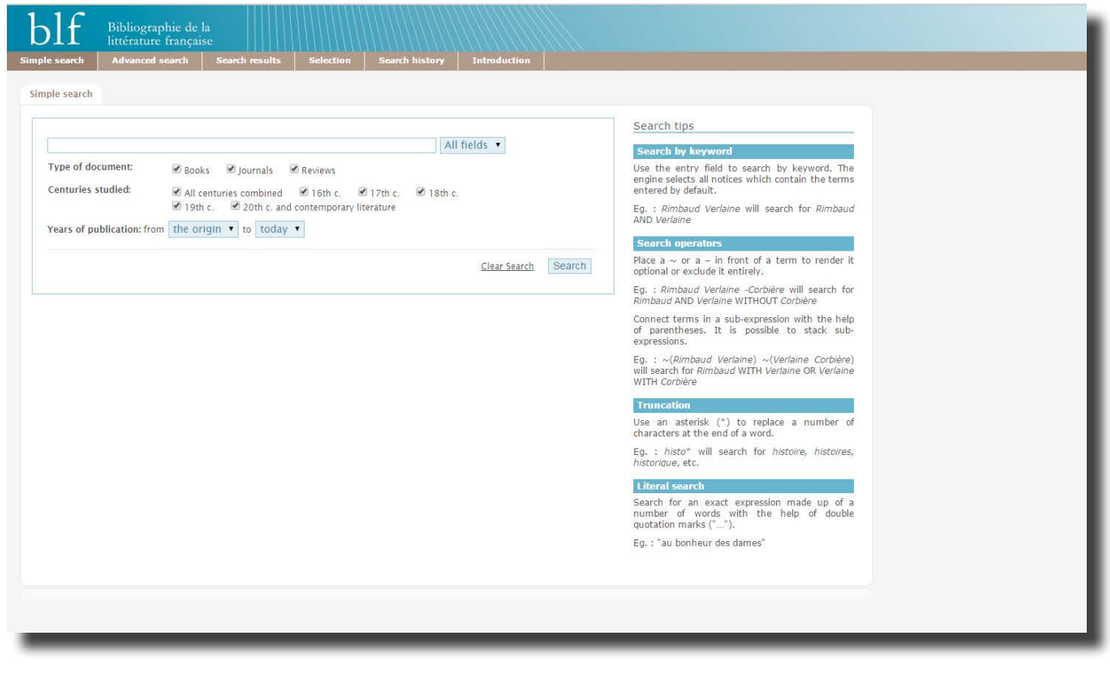
The BLF: A daily updating

The BLF is updated daily, as soon as new publications are indexed. Thanks to this, it constitutes a unique tool for researchers, teachers, students, and all those who are seeking to inform themselves about French literature, writers, subjects or periods.

More than 200,000 detailed records from 1998 to the present day are currently online, including 105,000+ book chapters; 75,000+ journal aticles; and 28,000+ reviews.

Earlier years (1984-1997) are currently being digitized through a multi-year program which will add more than 300,000 records to this online bibliography.

Simple Search



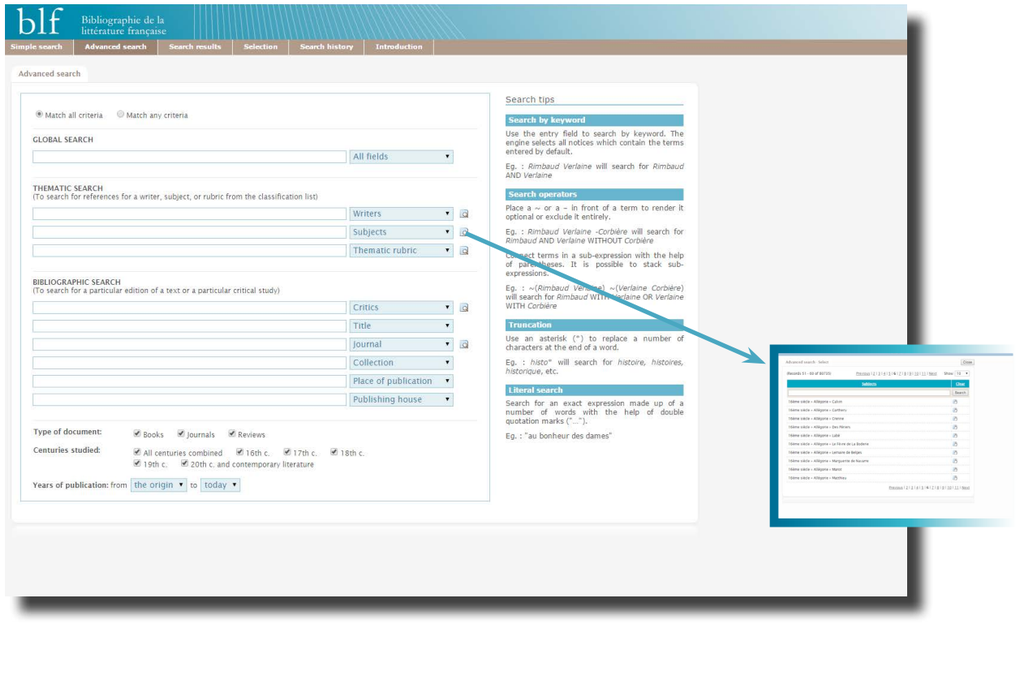
The simple search is the first page accessed by the user.

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 records.

The drop-down menu, 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 window «Conseil de recherche»/'Search tips' to the right of the screen gives the user basic search advice.

Advanced Search

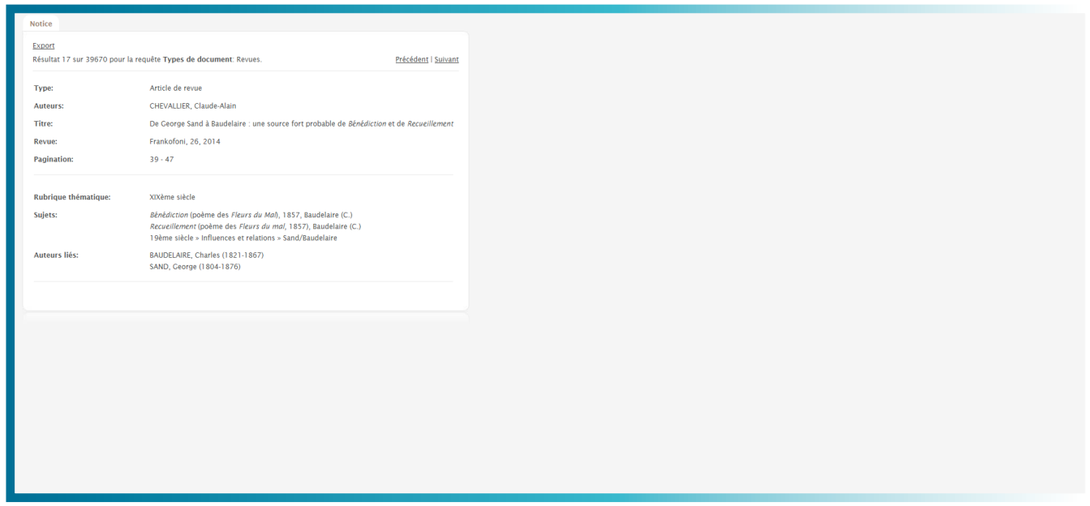


The advanced search form offers additional search options: search by keyword, presented in an free text field, thematic search with multiple criteria and indexes, and bibliographic searches made up of multiple fields with an index .

The dynamic character of the search form and its organisation at many levels (fields and groups of fields) allows the user to create complex queries very easily. The possibilities of searches, increased even further by wildcards and boolean operators, are thus superior to those enabled by a simple query.

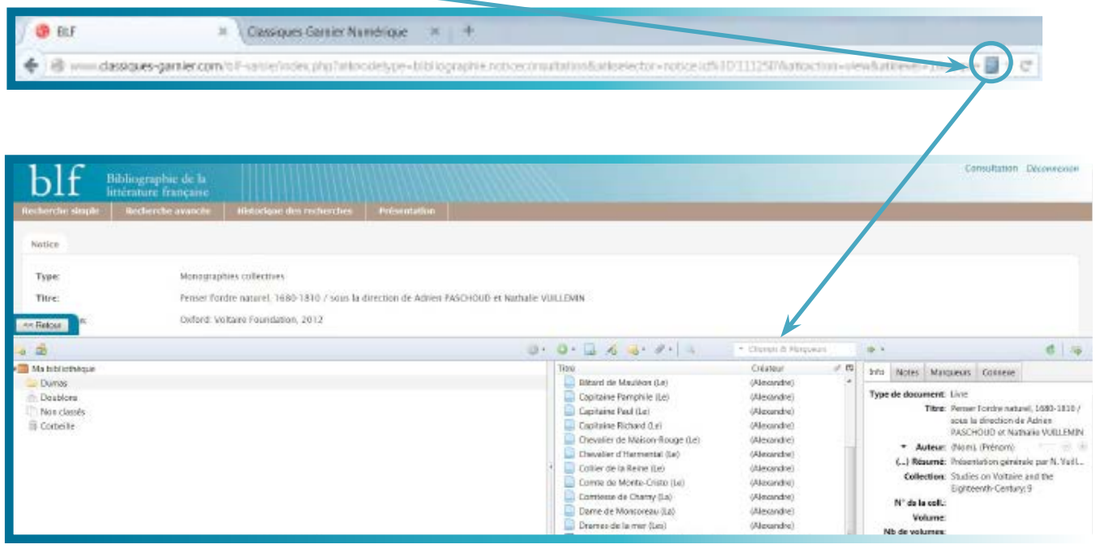
A drop-down menu, to the right of each search bar, allows the user to select which field of the records the word or expression is to be searched. In the «Conseil de recherche»/'Search tips' window, the user will find a list of easy and quick search options.

Bibliographic Record



The record presentation 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 record, as well as mentions of summaries of the titles cited.

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



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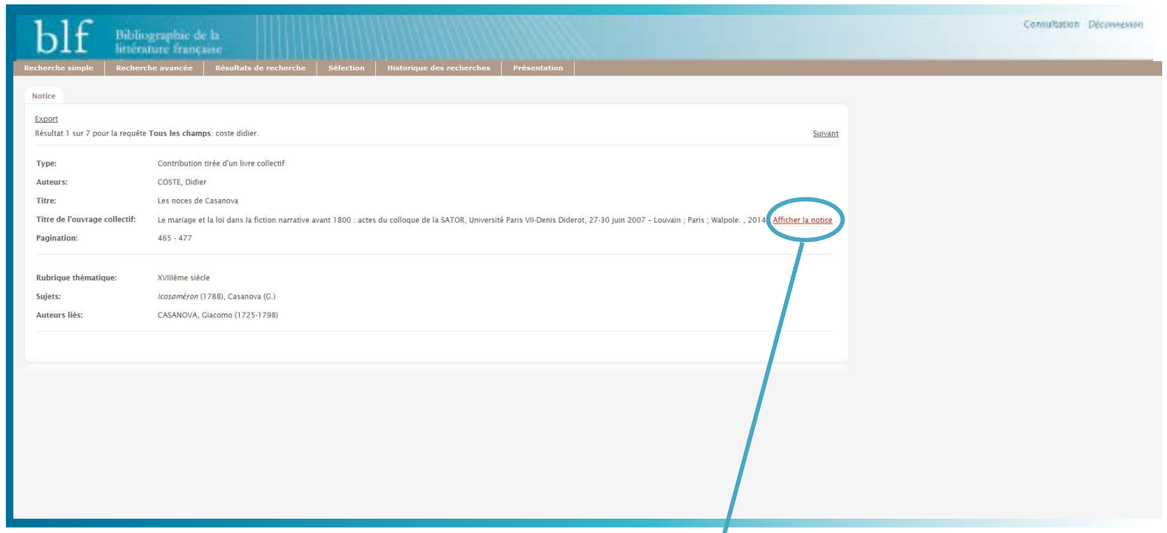
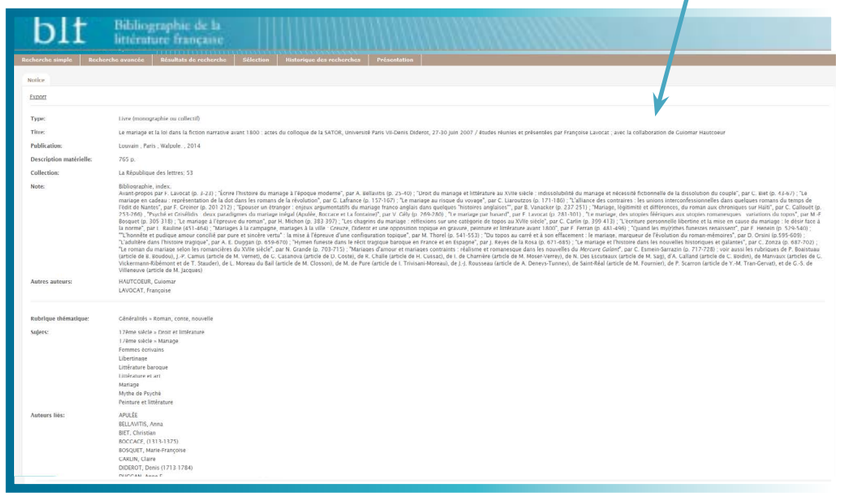
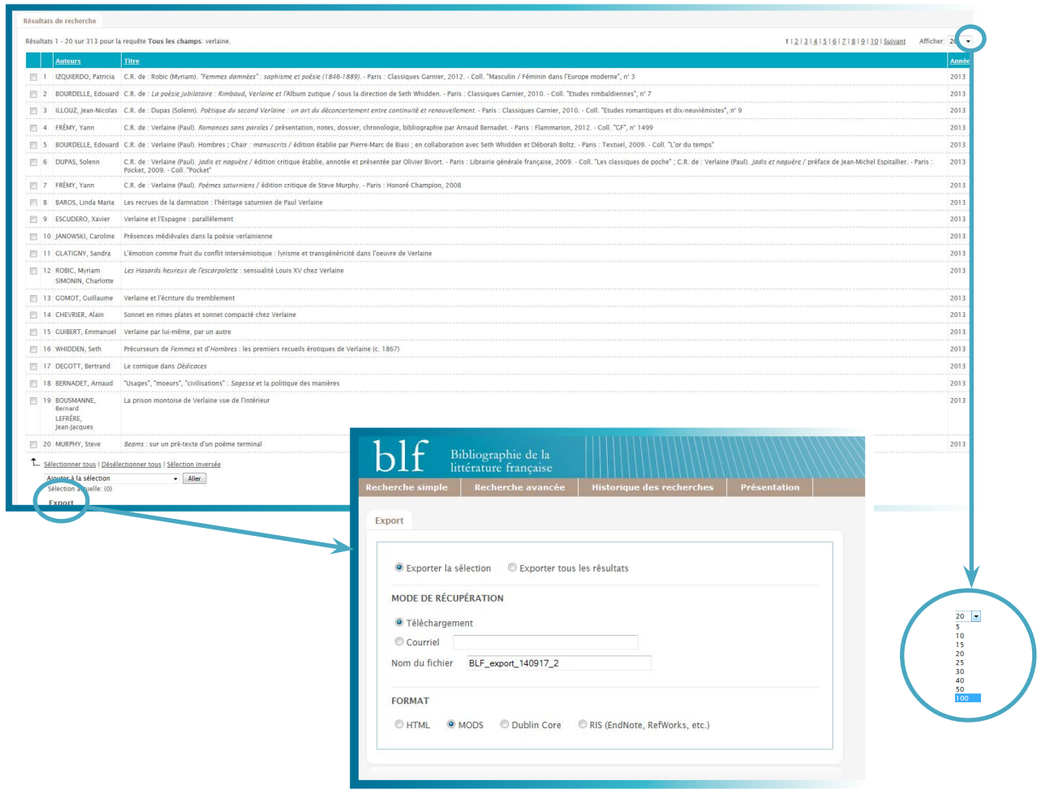


Record of a contribution drawn from a collected volume with a link to the original monograph:



Search Results



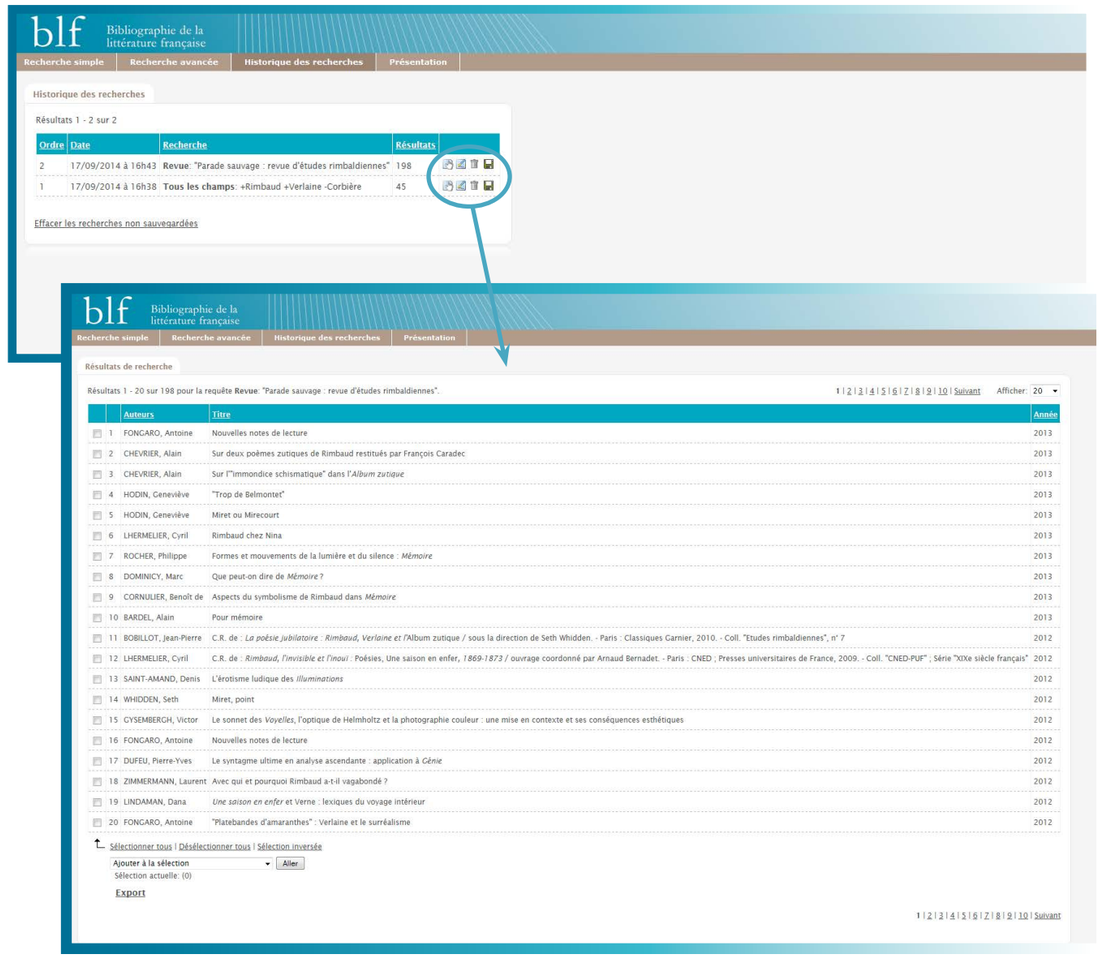
Results can be sorted out according to multiple criteria: increasing or decreasing date, increasing or decreasing alphabetic order of authors or titles, type of documents (books, articles, etc.).

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

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

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

Search History



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

While viewing past searches it is possible to modify the contents and register specific searches in the user's account so as to find them again afterwards, 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 saved, without any limit or expiry date, on the Classiques Garnier Numérique platform.

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