

### Library of English Literature

(also known as Microbook Library of English Literature or LEL)

The Library of English Literature is a collection on microfiche containing thousands of titles relating to all aspects of English literature from its beginning to the early twentieth century. Most of the works of major writers are included, along with some materials for textual study.

#### **Access to the LEL**

This set is fully cataloged and available through Addison. The basic call number for the set is PR1101 L5, followed by the letters LEL and a number. The material is housed in the microfiche area in its own cabinet and arranged by LEL number.

Paper indexes for author, title, and shelf list (numeric order) are available on the index table in Microforms. These are classified in PR1101 L52 (author), L53 (title), and L54 (shelf list).

#### **Reading and copying**

Because LEL is an microfiche set, there are special requirements for reading and copying. A clearly posted read-only fiche reader is located near the set.

Copying requires a special lens, which is available at the Circulation Desk, where assistance can be requested.

### Early English Books

Early English Books is composed of two microfilm sets: *Early English Books, 1475-1640* and *Early English Books, 1641-1700*. These sets contain microfilm copies of books printed in Britain and its colonies, and books in English printed worldwide before 1700. Major subjects covered include the English Renaissance, the Civil War and Restoration, the exploration and settlement of North America, and the development of empirical science and secular philosophy. Most major authors are included.

#### **Access to Early English Books**

The sets located in the microfilm area and are classified in two call numbers: Z2002 U575 (for 1475-1640) and Z2002 U577 (for 1641-1700). Only a few of the individual titles are cataloged in Addison. Both sets are based on short-title catalogs:

Pollard, Alfred W., and G. R. Redgrave. *A Short-title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, & Ireland and of English Books Printed Abroad, 1475-1640*. Located in the Reference Room: Z2002 P77. This is usually referred to as "STC." Items are listed alphabetically by author or, in anonymous, by title. STC numbers are continuous serial numbers.

Wing, Donald Goddard. *Short-title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and British America, and of English Books Printed in Other Countries, 1641-1700*. Located in the Reference Room: Z2002 W5. This title is usually referred to as "Wing." Items are listed as in the STC, but Wing numbers are serial within each initial letter.

The easiest way to search Early English Books is to use the English Short Title Catalogue database, which covers titles from the beginnings of print to 1800. If the title is in the Early English Books collections, there will be a citation to the reel number and location on the reel. This database is updated daily.

The nine-volume paper index, *Early English Books, 1641-1700 : A Cumulative Index to Units 1-60 of the Microfilm Collection*, is shelved in the Reference Room: Z2002 U587 1990.

### **English Linguistics, 1500-1800**

English Linguistics, 1500-1800, consists of 365 works selected from the literature of linguistics published in Great Britain. The titles include textbooks of rhetoric and logic, early grammars of English and most Indo-European languages, dictionaries, and studies in language theory, pronunciation and style. The microfiche set reproduces the facsimile reprints of the original volumes. Bibliographic and historical notes are included.

#### **Access to English Linguistics**

This microfiche set is classified in PE25 E5 and is located in the fiche section of Microforms. The individual titles, which are filed alphabetically by author, are *not* accessible through Addison. The final fiche in the set, no. 1131, is the index. A paper copy of the index, also classed in PE25 E5, is kept in the Reference Room. Before using the material, be sure to read the "Introductory note" at the beginning of the index.

### **Early British Periodicals**

This collection is comprised of 168 British periodicals published primarily in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. These titles cover literature and other topics as diverse as slavery, religion, psychology, and popular science.

#### **Access to Early British Periodicals**

This microfilm set is classified in AP4 E15 and is located in the film section of Microforms. The library owns the latter portion of this set, beginning with reel 749. All owned titles are fully cataloged in Addison. Paper reel guides are available in the Reference Room, classed in AP4 E151.

### **English Literary Periodicals**

English Literary Periodicals, a microfilm set, consists of bibliographic records for 341 periodical titles published in Great Britain during the seventeenth through nineteenth centuries. The most predominant type of literary magazine published during this period was the literary review, which make this set a good source for both reviews and for information on the cultural life of the times. Almost all important writers of the period can be found as contributors or editors.

#### **Access to English Literary Periodicals**

These journals are classified in various call numbers, and very few are fully cataloged in Addison. The best access is through the printed guide: *Accessing English Literary Periodicals : A Guide to the Microfilm Collection*, which is classed in Z692 S5 U56 1981 and shelved in the Microforms area. The list is by title, and includes all the title variations. Call numbers for each title owned have been written into the list.