Dance Reference Guide

This guide is designed to help you find information about dance. Use this as a starting point or browsing tool. As always, consult library catalogs for complete holdings information, and when uncertain, ask for help! Related reference guides include Musical Theatre, Performing Arts Careers, and Theatre.

Selected Print Titles (listed alphabetically)

**Biographical Dictionary of Dance**  
Ref. GV1785.A1 C58 1982  
Profiles 2,900+ figures spanning the past four centuries of dance history, representing a wide range of genres.

**Dance Words**  
Ref. GV1585.P74 1995  
Glossary of terminology relating to dance as an art form as well as its administration, education and critical interpretation.

**The Dancer's Survival Manual**  
Career GV1597 .H68 2009  
In-depth look into dancing professionally with sections on hair, skin & body care along with audition tips and resume advice.

**The Grey House Performing Arts Directory**  
Ref. PN1561 .G74 7th ed. (2011/12)  
Listings of current dance companies, programs, festivals and facilities by state.

**International Dictionary of Modern Dance**  
Ref. GV1585.B46 1998  
Comprehensive entries on roles, works, and dancers in the field of modern dance, as well as major movements and styles. Includes bibliography of relevant publications.

**International Encyclopedia of Dance**  
Ref. GV1585.I586 1998 v. 1-6  
6-volume definitive source that documents all types of dance around the world and throughout history with illustrations.

**Oxford Dictionary of Dance**  
Ref. GV1585.C78 2010  
Entries relate to concert dance, dancers, companies and works. Includes dance terminology.

**Writing About Dance**  
Ref. GV1594 .O45 2010  
Overview on writing about dance and the research and writing process; includes informal exercises and writing samples.

**Note:** Reference titles (“Ref.”) are non-circulating and are located in the Performing Arts Library Reading Room.

Selected DVD/VHS Titles (listed alphabetically)

- **Ballet Miniatures**  
  DVD-P 1448
- **A Conversation About Dance: Children & Dance**  
  DVD-P 1538
- **Dance Black America**  
  VHS-P 1423
- **Dance Criticism**  
  DVD-P 1598
- **Dance for camera**  
  DVD-P 1477
- **Dancetime! 500 Years of Social Dance**  
  VHS-P 1436
- **For Dancers : The Alexander Technique**  
  DVD-P 1613
- **Free to Dance**  
  VHS-P 1440 v. 1-3
- **Historical Dance, Parts 1 & 2**  
  VHS-P 1473 – VHS-P 1474
- **Jazz Dance, Impulse Dance Company**  
  DVD-P 1521
- **The JVC Video Anthology of World Music and Dance**  
  DVD-P 1067 v. 1-10
- **Living American Theater Dance!**  
  VHS-P 1425
- **Making Dances: Seven Postmodern Choreographers**  
  DVD-P 1682
- **Martha Graham Dance on Film**  
  DVD-P 1717
- **Retracing Steps: American Dance Since Postmodernism**  
  DVD-P 1275
- **The Spirit moves: a history of Black social dance on film, 1900-1986**  
  DVD-P 1447 v. 1-3
- **Women's Work**  
  DVD-P 1568

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Websites (All links below are live @ http://goo.gl/oXYFW)

American Dance Therapy Association: http://www.adta.org/
International Association for Dance Medicine and Science: http://www.iadms.org/
National Dance Education Organization: http://www.ndeo.org/
Society of Dance History Scholars: http://sdhs.org/
Stage Directors and Choreographers Society: http://www.sdcweb.org/

Call Numbers for Shelf Browsing

Below are general call number ranges. More about call numbers @ http://goo.gl/2R556.

GV1580-1835  dance (comprehensive range)
GV1585-1587  dictionaries
GV1588    philosophy
GV1589    study and teaching
GV1597    dancing as profession
GV1600    criticism
GV1645-1728  history and biography
GV1746-1771  social dancing
GV1781-1795  choreography and theatrical dancing
GV1786-1790  ballet (comprehensive range)
M1450    dance music
M1520-1526  ballets (full scores, piano scores, excerpts)

Subject Headings for Searching Library Catalogs

To find material on a specific topic, type in one of these subject headings to get a list of relevant titles. Access KentLINK subject heading search @ http://kentlink.kent.edu/search/d.

African American dance  Dance criticism  Dancers
Ballet  Dance -- Dictionaries  Dancing injuries
Ballet dancing  Dance -- History  Jazz dance
Ballets  Dance -- Philosophy  Modern dance
Ballets -- Scores  Dance -- Production and direction  Modern dance -- History
Choreographers  Dance -- Social aspects  Modern dance -- United States
Choreography  Dance -- Study and teaching  Movement, Aesthetics of
Dance  Dance -- United States  Movement, Psychology of

Journals (listed alphabetically)

Dance Chronicle
Dance Magazine
Dance News
Dance Research

Dance Research Journal
Dance Teacher
Dance Today!
Journal of Dance Education

Research in Dance Education
Writings on Dance

Electronic Research Databases

Use this link for the following online music databases: http://goo.gl/FLjZc

- Find Articles - Humanities International Complete, International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance, JSTOR, Medline Complete, SPORTdiscus, Web of Science Core Collection
- Encyclopedias & Dictionaries - Oxford Music Online, Oxford Reference Online - Performing Arts
- Online Listening - Classical Music Library, Contemporary World Music, Jazz Music Library, Naxos Music Library, Smithsonian Global Sound

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