

The Alexander Street platform by ProQuest provides streaming video, audio, and text in the performing arts of music, dance, and theatre. COMPASS added multiple Alexander Street collections starting in Fall 2023. These collections are available for all public districts, charter schools, and local libraries. Some libraries may be able to include records and direct links in their electronic catalog.

Audio Collections

- Audio Drama: The L.A. Theatre Works Collection contains 430 nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first century plays performed by leading actors from around the world, recorded specifically for online listening.
- Music Online: Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries provides a virtual encyclopedia of unique American folk, blues, soul, jazz, and protest songs, as well as a broad range of world music through partnership with Smithsonian Folkways Recordings.

Video Collections

- American History in Video is a varied collection of video content — from primary sources in the late 19th century, to newsreels during WWII, to full documentaries on important historical subjects. Producers include entities like California Newsreel, The History Channel and PBS.
- CNN Video Collection includes special programming on topics that impact today's world: business, economics, technology, environmental studies, health, women's studies, and human rights. Each documentary is less than 30 minutes.
- Music Online: The Quest TV Collection, co-created by Quincy Jones & Reza Ackbaraly, offers valuable materials for music history and cultural studies through the preservation of diverse live performances, representing jazz, funk, soul, hip-hop, folk, indie, electronic, blues, and other eclectic world genres.
- Dance Online: Dance in Video is a collection of performances, instructional materials, documentaries and interviews showcasing high-caliber performances from dance companies and performers worldwide, including traditional ballet to hip hop, street dance, and modern dance. Hundreds of dance instruction videos were added in 2024.
- Broadway On Demand includes plays, musicals, and dance performances along with behind-the-scenes series, documentaries, instructional videos, and more.
- National Theatre Collection provides contemporary video productions and modern reinterpretations of classic plays — all featuring acclaimed actors and directors along with behind-the-scenes archival content.

- The Royal Shakespeare Company Collection contains high-definition recordings of top Shakespearean actors and directors, along with supplementary teaching materials designed to help bring Shakespeare to life in the modern age.
- Theatre in Video offers access to hundreds of significant plays, documentaries and instructional materials, as well as interviews with prominent directors, designers, writers and actors, providing an authentic behind-the-scenes look at various productions.
- Classical Music in Video provides influential performances and documentaries demonstrating the development of classical music, spanning eras from past masters to modern composers.
- Opera in Video offers a wide curated selection of opera performances featuring top artists, conductors, and venues.
- Additional resource: The Black Freedom Struggle resource features select primary source documents related to critical people and events in African American history, compiled by academic experts.

Drama Text Collections

Ten collections of dramatic works are available for all schools and local libraries to use for performing arts instruction, English language arts, and social studies and Ethnic Studies.

General Collections

- Twentieth Century Drama contains published plays from throughout the English-speaking world, covering the history of modern drama from the 1890s to the present day, with authors from North America and Canada, Britain and Ireland, India, Africa, Australia and the Caribbean. (on the ProQuest platform as an eBook collection)
- Twentieth Century North American Drama contains 2,050+ plays from the United States and Canada, and students can explore subjects like the Depression, the role of women, the Cold War, and more through these texts.
- North American Women's Drama brings together plays by female playwrights, giving these works well-deserved attention that was not recognized in the past.
- Contemporary World Drama examines the richness and diversity of contemporary theatre and drama from a global context, bringing together new work from established and up-and-coming contemporary playwrights from around the world. This is a growing collection and contains very recent works.

Ethnic Specific Collections

- Asian American Drama brings together more than 250 plays, along with related biographical, production, and theatrical information, from prominent Asian American playwrights.
- Black Drama contains the full text of more than 1,700 plays written from the mid-1800s to the present by more than 200 playwrights from North America, English-speaking Africa, the Caribbean, and other African diaspora countries.
- Latin American Drama contains hundreds of plays written by Latin American playwrights in the 19th-21st centuries.
- North American Indian Drama brings together 250+ full-text plays representing the stories and creative energies of American Indian and First Nation playwrights of the twentieth century.

Historical Collections (provided via the ProQuest platform as eBook collections)

- American Drama contains more than 1,500 dramatic works from the colonial period to the beginning of the twentieth century.
- English Drama contains more than 3,900 plays in verse and prose from the late thirteenth century to the early twentieth.

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