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Have Questions?

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AIM: [Newkenlib](#) or [Jglo728](#) (Chat via IM directly through the library homepage)

Blissell Library Homepage <http://www.libraries.psu.edu/psul/newkensington.html>

The screenshot shows the website for Elisabeth S. Blissell Library at Penn State New Kensington. The header includes the Penn State logo and the library name. A navigation bar contains links for 'The CAT', 'Course Reserves', 'Databases', 'Hours', 'InterLibrary Loan', and 'My Library Account'. A sidebar on the left lists services such as 'About the Library', 'Hours', 'Faculty Services', 'Media Collection', 'Course-Specific Resources', 'Local Newspapers', and 'Government Information'. The main content area features a 'Research' section with links for 'Try These First', 'Background Information on Your Topic', 'Books at Penn State (The CAT)', 'Find Articles and Databases by Subject', 'Find Articles and Databases by Title', 'Google Scholar', and 'Citing Sources'. A 'Questions' chat window is open on the right, showing a message from 'newkenlib' and a search input field.

Production Histories

- Start with the Internet Broadway Database www.ibdb.com
- Search for your play to find the New York production dates, casts and crews
- Search the New York Times Historical database for a review of the production you are interested in (available through the library, Find Articles and Databases by Title). Search for your play the day after it debuted.
- Playbill.com has a playbill archive which contains contextual information related to past performances of famous plays.

Biographical Information

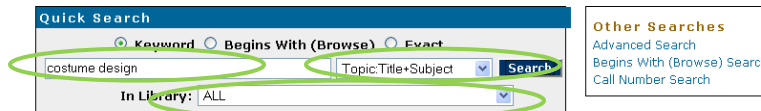
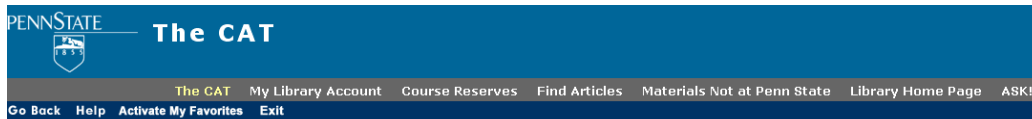
From the Penn State New Kensington Library homepage, click on Background Information on Your Topic. Choose Biographies.

The most appropriate resources to try are:

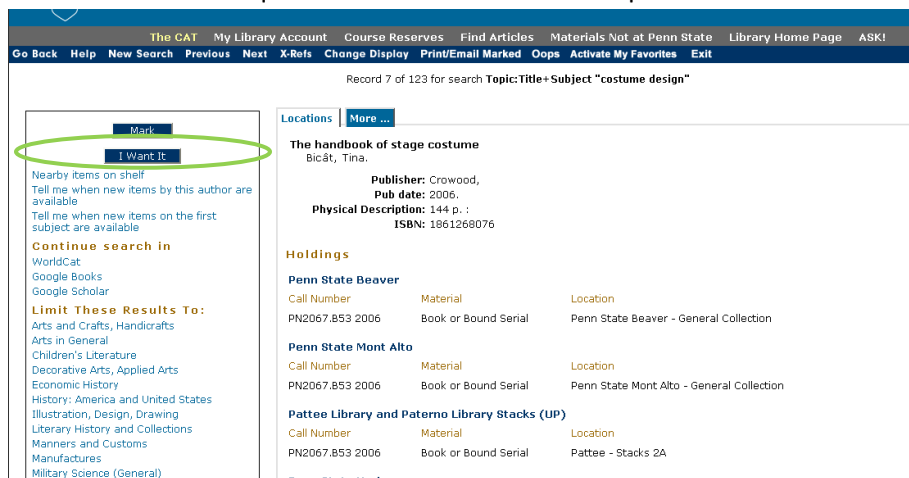
- American National Biography Online
- Contemporary Authors (playwrights only)

Find Books on your Topic by searching the CAT

- The CAT is the online catalog of all books and materials owned by Penn State. You have access to materials throughout the system.
- Try searching by "TOPIC: TITLE + SUBJECT." This will be narrower than a keyword search.



- Use the I WANT IT button to request a book from another campus.



- Try using Subject headings (on the More tab) to find similar books.

Find articles from theatre journals

- Project MUSE (available from the library homepage, Find Articles and Databases by Title)

