

## **MLA International Bibliography**

For budgetary reasons, the MLA International Bibliography database subscription has not been renewed for AY 2016-17.

We recommend the following resources to locate content similar to that provided by the MLA International Bibliography:

- [Oxford Bibliographies](#) – 39 subject specific bibliographies, including American Literature, British & Irish Literature, Classics, Linguistics, Religious Studies, and Victorian Literature.
- [CSC library print holdings](#) – Bibliographies and source books on a wide variety of topics, including language and literature, can be found in the “Generalities” section (0 to 100) of the stacks, as well as in the ready reference section. Subject specific bibliographies can be found by using the search function and typing “bibliography” along with your subject of interest.

## **About the Database**

The MLA International Bibliography provided access to bibliographic records for 2.3 million citations, including journal articles, books, and dissertations, from 1926 to 2008. Records within the database were exclusively abstracts. Abstract records provided links to content that may or may not be available in CSC’s electronic holdings.

Our analysis indicated that the MLA International Bibliography was underutilized and acted as a middle-man in providing patrons with content. Over the previous 2.5 years an average of 256 abstracts were viewed per year, of which 95% linked to content already available. The remaining 5% merely provided an abstract. Abstract-only records caused confusion for library patrons because the record was in the library catalog, but could not be accessed. Its associated content would need to be obtained through interlibrary loan. High per-use costs (\$23.52 per abstract viewed) also contributed to our nonrenewal decision.