Folklore is the sum total of traditionally derived and orally transmitted literature, material culture, and custom of subcultures within predominantly literate and technologically advanced societies; comparable study among wholly or mainly nonliterate societies belongs to the disciplines of ethnology and anthropology. The word folklore is sometimes restricted to the tradition of oral literature.

-- Merriam-Webster’s Encyclopedia of Literature

**Reference Resources** – All of these resources are located in the Reference Room on the first floor of Watson Library. Use the Library Catalog to find more books on this topic.

- **American Folklore : An Encyclopedia**  
  GF101 A56 1996 Ref
- **American Slave : A Composite Autobiography** (aka The Rawick Series)  
  E444 A45
- **Dictionary and Catalog of African American Folklife of the South**  
  GR110 .A47 P93 Ref
- **Dictionary of Medical Folklore**  
  RC81 .A2 R56 1979 Ref
- **Dictionary of Plant Lore**  
  GR780 .V53 1997 Ref
- **Dictionary of Superstitions**  
  BF1775 D53 1989 Ref
- **Encyclopedia of Black Folklore and Humor**  
  PN6231 .N5 S6 1990 Ref
- **Encyclopedia of Folk Heroes**  
  GR35 .S4 2001 Ref
- **Encyclopedia of Folklore and Literature**  
  PN41 .E48 1998 Ref
- **Encyclopedia of Urban Legends**  
  GR105.34 .B78 2001 Ref
- **Ethnic Folklife Dissertations from the United States and Canada, 1960-1980 : A Selected, Annotated Bibliography**  
  Z5984 .U6 K47 1986 Ref
- **Facts on File Encyclopedia of World Mythology & Legend**  
  BL303 .M45 2004 Ref
- **Folklore : An Encyclopedia of Beliefs, Customs, Tales, Music, and Art**  
  GR35 .F63 1997 Ref
- **Folklore and Literature in the United States : An Annotated Bibliography of Studies of Folklore in American Literature**  
  PS169 .F64 J66 1984 Ref
- **Folklore of World Holidays**  
  GT3930 .F65 1999 Ref
- **Funk & Wagnalls Standard Dictionary of Folklore, Mythology, and Legend**  
  GR35 .F82 1984 Ref
- **Linguistic Atlas of the Gulf States**  
  PE 2970 G85 L56 Ref
- **(Stith Thompson) Motif-Index of Folk Literature**  
  GF67 T52 Ref
- **Native American Folklore, 1879-1979 : An Annotated Bibliography**  
  E98 .F6 C57 1984 Ref
- **Treasury of Afro-American Folklore**  
  GR103 .T73 1996 Ref
- **Woman's Dictionary of Symbols and Sacred Objects**  
  CB475 .W35 1988A Ref
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Academic Search Premier – scholarly periodical articles on a wide variety of academic topics. Approximately 75% full-text. Look here for articles etc published in scholarly and professional journals.

In The First Person – Index to Letters, Diaries, Oral Histories, and Personal Narratives

JSTOR – Core electronic journals in electronic format. We have Arts and Sciences Collections I, II, III, IV, and the Complement. Most articles are full text with coverage going back to the 19th Century in some cases

Literary Reference Center – Comprehensive literary reference database, which provides users with a broad spectrum of reference information from antiquity to the present day.

Literature Resource Center – Contains such information as literary criticism, work overviews, author biographies and reviews. Everything in Literature Resource Center is full text.

MLA International Bibliography – Covers international scholarly materials on language, literature, linguistics, and folklore. This is the best database for scholarly research on these topics with coverage going back to 1963.

Reference Universe - Contains article titles and/or back-of-the-book indexes for over 4,200 subject encyclopedias and reference works.

SocINDEX – *A Sociological database* that offers comprehensive coverage of sociology, encompassing all sub-disciplines and closely related areas of study.

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- New York Folklore Quarterly
- Southern Folklore Quarterly
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