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Like an adult version of Sesame Street, Avenue Q features a cast of people and puppets who tell their stories in a smart, risqué and hilarious way. The show’s puppet stars deal with problems ranging from unrequited love to racism to Internet-porn addiction. Avenue Q has won three Tony Awards (including Best Musical) and spawned numerous touring productions. The last time Avenue Q came to town, the Los Angeles Times called it “one of the jauntiest musicals to come around in a long while . . . An occasion for unadulterated fun.”

KIM ESSER and FELICIA PALSSON of the USC LIBRARIES have selected the following resources to help you learn more about musicals, Muppets and the world of puppetry, and Avenue Q. An online version of this guide, with links to relevant websites and a video from behind the scenes of Avenue Q, is available at libguides.usc.edu/avenueq.

Featured Books

_Avenue Q: The Book_
By Zachary Pincus-Roth
Music Library: ML50.L86A93 2006

_Broadway Musicals, Show by Show_
By Stanley Green
Music Library: ML1711.G735 2008

_Kermit Culture: Critical Perspectives on Jim Henson’s Muppets_
By Jennifer C. Garlen

_Theatre of Animation: Contemporary Adult Puppet Plays in Context_
By Marion Baraitser
E-book (Ebrary): TR897.5T54 1999eb

_The American Musical and the Performance of Musical Identity_
By Raymond Knapp

_The American Musical: History and Development_
By Peter H. Riddle
Music Library: ML2054.R532 2003

_Puppetry: A World History_
By Eileen Blumenthal

_Paul McPharlin and the Puppet Theater_
By Ryan Howard
Theater Resources from the USC Libraries

The following electronic resources are available through the E-Resources tab on USC Libraries homepage at www.usc.edu/libraries.

**AMERICAN DRAMA 1714–1915**
Contains more than 1,500 dramatic works. Plays in verse, farces, melodramas, minstrel shows, realist plays, frontier plays, temperance dialogues, and a range of other genres are represented.

**INTERNATIONAL INDEX TO THE PERFORMING ARTS FULL TEXT**
A performing arts resource with over half a million indexed articles, plus detailed abstracts and full text from 1864 to the present, covering theater, dance, and film.

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