

Music

A Library Research Guide



Wilson Library, Bethany University, Reference Services Guide

Use this guide as a starting point in your search for information in the field of music. Ask at the reference desk for help in finding or using any of the items listed below.

INTRODUCTION



This guide is designed to help you identify resources in the area of music for research. Sources listed below represent only a sampling of the library's collection.

Wilson Library contains over 1300 books about music, music study and instruction, and music scores. There are 52 CD's, 262 recordings, 9 videos and 2 web sites cataloged in the online catalog.

Music poses three special challenges to the library user that make searching and finding more difficult. Many musical works:

1. have common titles, such as, "Sonata no. 1 for piano"
2. appear with different titles in different editions
3. are included as selections in anthologies or collections of pieces



ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES

Music encyclopedias are a good place to start when you know little about a topic, when you need an overview of a subject, or you want a quick summary. An encyclopedia will usually include: (a) detailed survey articles, often with bibliographies, in certain fields or areas; (b) explanatory material that is normally shorter; (c) brief information data such as the birth and death dates of composers and historical events. *Music dictionaries* concentrate on the definitions of words in the music field. Dictionaries also help with spelling, pronunciation, meaning, syllabication and other points.

The New Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians is the standard set in the field of music
Ref. ML 100 N48 2000 (an older edition is available for check out and in the Music Office)

New Harvard Dictionary of Music Ref. ML 100 N485 1986

Garland Encyclopedia of World Music Ref. ML 100 G16 1998

New Oxford History of Music Ref. 160 N44



SPECIALIZED MUSIC ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES

In addition to the general encyclopedias and dictionaries in music, many of the forms of music have their own reference materials. These include:

New Grove dictionary of jazz Ref. ML 102 J3

Concise Oxford dictionary of opera Ref. ML> 102 O6 R67

Rolling stone encyclopedia of Rock & Roll Ref. ML 102 R6 R64

Medieval Music Ref. ML 114 H8





At Bethany College, Church Music is an area of special importance. Suggested titles are:

Gospel Music Encyclopedia Ref. ML 102 G6 A5

Church Music: an international bibliography Ref. ML 128 C54 V66

FINDING ARTICLES To find articles in the field of music check the Religion One and the Christian Periodical Index for Christian or church music. For contemporary, secular music use Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature and for school music use the Education Index. A list of music periodicals received at the Wilson Library is on the Bethany College Library web page. A good website for finding FREE periodical articles is www.findarticles.com

World Wide Web

FINDING WEBSITES: The World Wide Web provides a means of connecting to a vast amount of information via the Internet. The range of information is enormous, ever-changing and astonishingly varied. However, just because something comes packaged in a high tech format, doesn't mean it's well researched or accurate. One approach to researching the Web is to start your search using a site that is more likely to focus on scholarly resources and then critically evaluate your WWW search results. The following are excellent collections of web links maintained by prominent academic music libraries. NOTE: not all links will be accessible to Bethany students.

DW3 Classical Music Resources : www.lib.duke.edu/music/resources/classical_index.html

Worldwide Internet Music Resources : www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources

Pepper Music Network : www.jwpepper.com (Excellent online catalog of sheet music in print)

CD Connection : www.cdconnection.com (online outlet for recordings—all genres)

UCB Music Library : www.lib.berkeley.edu/MUSI (music library web page for UCB)

Suggested Subject Headings

Music—(any historical time period)
Music—History and criticism
Music—Theory
Music—Instruction and study
Music and dance
Music in Christian education
Music in synagogues
Music in the Bible

Music—Physiological aspects
Music—Performance
Music—Textbook
Music and folklore
Music and race
Music and science
Music libraries
Music therapy