West Library Resources for Music

This list is a summary of many resources offered by the West Library to aid you in your library research and should not be considered exhaustive. Please contact the Reference Department for further assistance.

Books

Reference

The Reference Collection is a great place to find the resources you need for music translation. It is also a great place to begin your research, discover a topic, and create your thesis. When you develop your idea and would like to find more information for your research, you can search the library catalog and databases for specific information. This guide will help you find some helpful materials.

Word-by-word translations of songs and arias ML54.6 .W65
The new Grove dictionary of music and musicians ML100 .N48
The pianist's dictionary ML102 .P5 H46
Baker's biographical dictionary of musicians ML105 .B16
Music translation dictionary ML108 .G855
Musician's handbook of foreign terms ML108 .A53
Musical instruments: history, technology, and performance of instruments in western music ML460.C352004

General Collection: Books, Print and Recorded Music

The General Collection is on the Third Floor of the library. In addition to these books, you can search the library’s catalog. You may also browse the relevant sections of the library.

Percussion ML1030. H64 1992
Woodwind instruments and their history ML931. B3 1991
Brass instruments: their history and development ML933. B33 1993

To search the library catalog, type in the composer’s name and click AUTHOR or the title of the piece and click WORDS OR PHRASE or TITLE. All print music is located on the third floor of the library in section M. Books on music and books on music instruction and study are located in sections ML and MT, respectively.

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To search just for sound recordings, select advanced search and then “Fine Arts” from the Location pull-down menu. You can search for album or song titles and click WORDS OR PHRASE or by author or composer and click AUTHOR. To view the individual tracks on the recording Click DETAILS, then CATALOG RECORD and look under “Contents”.

To check out sound recordings please go to the Circulation Desk. No Fine Arts collection items may be taken out of the library. The media lab on the first floor is available for listening to CDs and vinyl records. Headphones may be checked out at the Circulation Desk.

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**Journal Databases and Journals**

**Academic Search Complete**

**Classical Music Library**
The Classical Music Library has a growing collection of 50,000-plus tracks which you can listen to via the database or download in MP3 or Windows Media format to your computer or MP3 player. You can search by title or composer, create playlists and more. Classical Music Library also features a reference section with biographical information, images and a glossary of musical terms. If you wish to listen to music on the computers in the library, headphones are available at the Circulation Desk.

**Oxford Music Online**
Oxford Music Online offers access to several reference sources including Grove Music Online, The Oxford Dictionary of Music and The Oxford Companion to Music, which offers more than 8,000 articles on composers, performers, conductors, instruments and notation, forms and genres, and individual works. In addition, the resource features the Encyclopedia of Popular Music, the most comprehensive reference work devoted exclusively to popular music. EPM is the authoritative biographical encyclopedia of rock, pop, and jazz artists, covering popular music from 1900 to the present.

**Individual Journals**

- International Journal of Community Music
- Journal of Seventeenth-Century Music
- Music Theory Online
- Journal of Music and Meaning
- Music and Anthropology

**Reference Help**

For help finding materials not listed here, for assistance using any of the library’s resources, or for help with bibliographies, please contact the West Library’s Reference Department:

**reference@txwes.edu** or **mwiant@txwes.edu**

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