

**Schenectady County Community College
Begley Library and Instructional Technology Center**

HOW TO FIND INFORMATION ON MUSIC

I. BOOKS

Print Books

To find information about various music topics, search our online catalog, or other local and national catalogs, available online at the library web site <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select the link **Find Books** and for our catalog, **Find Books in This Library**. Some examples of subject headings in our catalog are:

AFRO-AMERICAN, MUSIC	MUSIC, HISTORY AND CRITICISM
BEETHOVEN, LUDWIG VAN, 1770-1827	MUSIC – 20 th CENTURY
COMPOSERS	MUSIC THEORY
DAVIS, MILES	MUSIC TRADE
ELECTRONIC MUSIC	PIANO MUSIC
FOLK MUSIC	PIANO TUNING
JAZZ	SINGING

To find **scores**, search under the music genre. For example:

CANTATAS, SACRED – SCORES	CONCERTOS (PIANO) – SCORES
SUITES (ORCHESTRA) – SCORES	SYMPHONIES – SCORES

To find most of our scores for a particular composer, do a combined under the **Advanced Search** tab search using the composer's name as a keyword and "Musical scores" as a collection. A complete listing of our scores, either by composer or by subject, may be found on **ANGEL** at <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>.

Ebooks

Find electronic books in Begley Library at <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select these links:

- **Find Books/Media**
- **E-Books**

REFERENCE BOOKS

Print Reference Books

The Reference section of the library is located on the first floor just beyond the Reference desk. Reference books related to music are located in the "M" section of the reference area. Some useful titles include:

<u>Call Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
REF ML 100.K35 2006	The Oxford Dictionary of Music
REF ML 100.N48 2001	The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians
REF ML 102.J3 N48 2002	The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz
REF ML 102.06 N5 1998	The New Grove Dictionary of Opera
REF ML 102.P66 G84 1995	The Guinness Encyclopedia of Popular Music
REF ML 105.B16 2001	Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians
REF ML 105.H38 1996	The Harvard Biographical Dictionary of Music
REF ML 128.O5 D3 2005	Orchestral music : a handbook
REF ML 160.S48 2000	The Great Composers and their Works
REF ML 3521.R87 1997	The Blues: From Robert Johnson to Robert Cray

Reference Ebooks

If you are looking for reference books like encyclopedias or dictionaries select **CREDOreference**, **Reference Universe**, or **netLibrary** titles from our online catalog.

II. ELECTRONIC DATABASES: PERIODICALS

Use **ELECTRONIC DATABASES** to find full text articles in journals, newspapers, and encyclopedias. The databases are available online at the library web site. Select the **Find Articles** link and choose a database. Some useful databases include:

Periodicals

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
ArticleFirst (OCLC)
New York Time Full Text Archive

Some music journals and magazines to which the library subscribes in print are:

Clavier	Music Educators Quarterly
Downbeat	Musical Quarterly
Electronic Musician	Orff Echo
Guitar Player	Rolling Stone
Instrumentalist	Soundboard (shelved with bound periodicals)

III. MEDIA

Begley Library has a growing collection of music compact discs and LPs that may be listened to in the Instructional Technology Center, or many that can be checked out the library. These items are included in our online catalog. To find a musical recording, do an **Advanced Search** using the composer/performer's name or the title of the work and **Limit by Collection**, e.g., "compact discs".

IV. INTERNET

Music resources can be found on the WWW by using a search engine such as Google. Listed below is a great web site that provides a variety of Internet resources and links.

Music page from the Librarians' Index to the Internet

<http://www.lii.org/search/file/music>

This page has links to web sites on music topics such as musical instruments, musicians, music dictionaries, musical reviews and all types of music from classical to reggae to heavy metal.

V. ANGEL

More online resources such as composer biographies, citing music sources, and music school web sites may be found online on **ANGEL** at <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>.

VI. LIBRARIANS

Reference Librarians will be happy to assist you in finding materials in this library and in other libraries. Please ask for assistance at the Reference desk.

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