Library Resources for Graduate Research in Music History

Finding Resources: Using Library Catalogs

The library catalog lists materials available in Cook Library as well as other libraries in the University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI). All formats are listed including musical CD’s, DVD’s, scores, electronic books, and other items.

To access catalogs, go to: http://libraries.towson.edu

**TU Library Catalog** – lists items owned by Cook Library and other state schools – start here to see what is owned at Cook Library

For materials beyond Cook Library, on the drop down menu, open “Find Sources” then “More Library Catalogs”

- **USMAI Library Catalog** – lists items in entire University System of Maryland Libraries (all campuses) including TU items
- **Worldcat** - includes the above plus items at private schools, i.e., Peabody Institute, as well as library holdings across the country

Note: Cook OneSearch – combines all of the above, plus article and multimedia databases

Use an Advanced Search to combine terms or limit results by format (CD, musical score, DVD, etc.) and date.

Save, email, or print catalog records:
First follow these instructions to first sign into your library account:

- Click on Sign in at Cook Library main web page (on any page within a library catalog)
- Choose Towson University as your institution and log in with your Net ID

When you are looking at a catalog record that you want to save:

- Click on the Add to my saved items link
- Add a note for yourself, or create folders to help organize your records
- Click Send
- Click on Saved Items to select and view the saved record

Transferring Books from a USMAI Library to Cook Library

- Sign in to the catalog as described above
- Search the USMAI library catalog to find the item that you want. Remember, sound recordings and DVDs cannot be sent between libraries.
- From the Full record view (the information about the selected item will fill the screen), click the Availability button
- Click the Request button
- Select Towson University as the destination
- Check your email and your library account for notification that your item has arrived
Finding Resources: Materials beyond the USMAI System

Use the WorldCat database to find books, scores, sound recordings, films, and older dissertations/theses. This database lists materials in collections beyond the USMAI system in public and private libraries in the state and around the country. Request items through interlibrary loan by using the “Find It” yellow icon in the record.

Peabody Institute: You have visiting privileges at the Arthur Friedheim Library at Peabody Institute, but must use their resources within the library. Items can be requested for loan by using interlibrary loan. To check the holdings the Friedheim Library, and request loan of their materials, see the Worldcat database.

Requesting Material through Interlibrary Loan

You can request the loan of materials or a photocopy of a journal article, book chapter, or conference proceeding of materials not owned at TU.

To register for an interlibrary loan account. Follow these steps:

- Go to Cook Library web page
- Click on the Interlibrary Loan link
- Sign in with your Net ID
- Fill out the registration form to create your account

Finding Resources: Journal Articles and other Online Resources

To see specially selected materials for music research, follow this path on the Cook Library web page:

Click on the icon for Research Guides:

Then choose Subject Guides to see a list of subject specific resources to explore:

From the list of disciplines, scroll to the Music Subject Guide and try some of the suggested online resources. Check out the tabbed sections to see specific online resources grouped by resource type.

Oxford Music Online and other Online Research Collections tab:

- Oxford Music Online (includes Grove Music)
- Biography in Context
- Music Online: Reference
- Musicians and Composers of the 20th Century
Finding Journal Articles tab = Indexing/abstracting databases for articles:

- Music Index
- RILM
- Music Database (Proquest)
- Project Muse
- JSTOR

Other relevant tabbed pages on the Music Subject Guide:

- Streaming Audio – includes Naxos Music Library and Smithsonian Global Sound
- Streaming Video – includes Films on Demand and Academic Video Online (Alexander Street Press)
- Digital Music Scores for Online Access – includes Music Online: Classical Scores Library
- E-books about Music – includes the e-book version of Music: A Very Short Introduction

Remember to try other Subject Guides for additional resources which may include music with other disciplines.

Finding Resources: Master’s Degree Theses and Doctoral Dissertations

On the Music Subject Guide, open the Dissertations tab on the left and go to Proquest Theses and Dissertations: Global database. Search by subject and see if the dissertations/theses you want are available as PDFs for quick downloading. If not, you can make a request for a bound copy through interlibrary loan.

Off-campus Access to Databases and Electronic Research Tools

You can access most of the databases and e-books from home, but you need to log in as a TU user for off campus access.

- When prompted, choose Towson University as your institution
- Input TU Net ID information and log in

Citing Sources and other Tools for Writers

The online version of the Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition, as well as other electronic tools such as Holoman’s Writing about Music are available on the Chicago Manual of Style Online tab of the Music Subject Guide. There are also links for a library created quick guide to the basics of CMS citation as well as a special guide focused on citing music resources.

If you need further assistance...

Please don’t hesitate to contact me for help in any aspect of your research: from finding sources to navigating interlibrary loan, I am here to help you. Drop me an email or phone me whenever you need help.

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