Finding and Citing Children’s Music Materials

Cook Library has many materials to help you create engaging lesson plans involving music. To start, visit the Juvenile Collection located at the back, right corner of the 4th floor of Cook Library.

Children’s Music Materials Browsing Guide

- **Juvenile non-fiction area**: books written for children about music concepts, illustrated songs, song anthologies (780-789)
- **Juvenile fiction area**: Picture books of stories about musical subjects or themes (various – filed by beginning letters of author’s last name)
- **Juvenile biography area**: Picture books with factual information about musicians/performers (at end of non-fiction section with books filed by subject’s last name)
- **Also of note**: at the back, right corner of the 5th floor of Cook Library - MT area – instructional books/materials on teaching music (MT1)

Catalog Searching

Start at the library’s home page: [http://libraries.towson.edu/](http://libraries.towson.edu/)

Use the **TU Library Catalog** button

Once in the catalog, use the **Advanced Search** to limit search to the juvenile collection. In the first box, change the search type to ‘subject’ and next to it, input the word(s) that best describe your subject. If you want fiction about that topic, across from the second box, add the word ‘fiction.’ Be sure to limit the format to ‘children’s/Juvenile.’
Other Libraries and Resources

Baltimore County Public Library – closest branches with large children’s book collections

- Towson Branch
  320 York Road
  Towson, MD 21204
  410-887-6166

- Cockeysville Branch
  9833 Greenside Drive
  Cockeysville, MD 21030
  410-887-7750

Search their catalog at: [http://www.bcpl.info/](http://www.bcpl.info/)

Enoch Pratt Free Library

- Central Branch – Children’s Department
  400 Cathedral Street
  Baltimore, Maryland 21201
  410-396-5402


TeachingBooks.net Database – database of recommended books for classroom use

- Offers lesson plans, audio recordings, author websites and interviews
- Search by subject, title, or author
- Limit by grade level or other feature
- Search for titles in TU library catalog, USMAI library catalog, or BCPL catalog

Where to find TeachingBooks.net Database:

- A to Z database list – look under the letter “T” then scroll to TeachingBooks.net
- Subject Guide to Music Education – Lesson Plans and Teaching Tools page
Citing Music Materials in APA Style

The citations below are based on examples and guidelines found in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA) 6th edition. Find more examples in our online APA citation help guide at [http://towson.libguides.com/apastyle](http://towson.libguides.com/apastyle)

General APA Style Citation Guidelines

- Authors are cited using last name and first initial only
- Book titles are italicized, but not properly capitalized – only the first word, proper nouns, and the word immediately following a colon are capitalized
- Individual song titles, web documents, and book chapters are not placed in double quotes or italicized
- Standard citation practice uses double spacing within and between entries and a hanging indent – the final authority for placement and spacing within a lesson plan is your instructor

Reference List Examples for Lesson Plans

*Print Books*

**Pattern:** Author Last Name, Initials. (Date). *Title of work*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

**Examples:**


**Note:** if an illustrator’s name is noted on the cover of the book, you may add it as the second author


*Song from an Anthology*

**Pattern (composer known):**
Composer last name, first initial. (Date). Title of song. In editor first initial, last name (Ed.), *Song anthology* (pp. numbers). Place of publication: Publisher.

**Pattern (composer unknown):**
Title of song. (Date). [Continue as above]

**Example:**

**Song from a Sound Recording**

**Pattern:**
Composer last name, first initial. (Date). Song title. [Recorded by performing artist]. On *Album title* [format]. Place of Publication: Publisher.

**Example:**

**Web source: sound recording, video, image, etc.**

**Pattern:**
Author last name, first initial. (Date). *Title of source* [format]. Retrieved from: URL.

**Example:**

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**Confused? Need more help?**

Please reach out if you need assistance finding materials or citing sources. I am in CFA for walk up research help on Tuesdays, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM weekly. If you need immediate assistance, call or email me for an appointment.

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