I am a music student…

WHAT RESOURCES DOES THE LIBRARY HAVE FOR ME?

Well, for starters, we have over 7,000 scores in the ML range, and even more practice scores in the MTs.

Where can I find all of these scores? The scores are located in bottom right corner of the map below:

But, I don’t need scores; I need to find articles for my research project: the library subscribes to three music databases: Classical Music Library, International Index to Music Periodicals (IIMP), and Oxford Music Online (formerly Grove’s), as well as 200 various paper periodicals on topics such as Music Literature, Music Philosophy, and Music History & Criticism.
I know that the paper periodicals are located on the 6th floor in the bound periodicals next to the current periodicals, but how do I get to the online databases?

Getting to the online databases is easy enough. First go to the library homepage and and from the left-hand column select Find Articles/ Databases, then select Databases by Subject, followed by Music. You can also search these databases from home using off campus computers. Just make sure that you log-in using your student id number and last name. If you come across any problems, you can always get in touch with me at 782-5246 or a reference librarian at 782-8034.

So having access to these databases is great, but what can I expect to find in each of them? We will start with Classical Music Library. It is a database that lets you find and listen to classical music. There is also basic biographical information about artists as well as images, a glossary, and historical information on music such as: Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, Pre-classical, Classical, Romantic, National school, Late-romantic, and 20th century. The coolest thing about Classical Music Library is that you can actually listen and search for samples of music.

Well, Classical Music Library sounds like a good general database if I want to find an overview of a certain artist or time period, but I need more specific articles. To locate more specific articles, IIMP or International Index to Music Periodicals is a great place to start. Taken from their site: “International Index to Music Periodicals provides indexing and abstracts on more than 400 music periodicals. The database includes over 530,000 records with a comprehensive range of subject areas in both scholarly and popular music journals ranging from International Journal of Music Education, Ethnomusicology, Jazz Education Journal and Musical Times to Rock and Rap Confidential and Rolling Stone”.

Wow, IIMP sounds like just what I need, but could you tell me a little about Oxford Music Online? Oxford Music Online used to be called Grove’s Music Online. It is a reference-type of database that does not necessarily index articles from periodicals as extensively as IIMP, but it allows the user to search: Grove’s Music Online, Colin Larkin’s Encyclopedia of Popular Music, The Oxford Companion to Music, and The Oxford Dictionary of Music.

Neat, it seems like I have enough information to get me started, but what if I have questions or need more specific help? No problem, you can always call me, Carley, at 782-5246 or send me an email at esknight@jsu.edu. My office is on the 6th floor and I work late on Thursday nights from 3:30pm-11pm. If it seems like I have disappeared and you need someone A.S.A.P. there is always another one of my colleagues on the 2nd floor reference desk and their number is 782-8034. Remember if you ever just need a fun place to hang out, the 6th floor also has the Listening Lab where you can check out CDs and watch DVDs on any of the 4 computers in the lab.