



Music Research Tools

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Our collection includes more than 30,000 books, 32,000 scores, as well as the collected works of over 200 composers. We also have an in-depth collection of popular music and Broadway songbooks. The Dorothy Starr Collection contains over 42,000 pieces of vocal sheet music. Our collection also includes reference works, thematic catalogs, guides to repertoire, and resources for writing program notes. We have scores and instructional material for all instruments and ensembles.





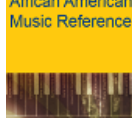
CATALOGS AND BORROWING MATERIALS

	The San Francisco Public Library Catalog. Our books, scores and recordings are indexed here. You can limit your catalog search to scores, books, eBooks, CDs, eMusic, DVDs, eVideos, or LPs.
	Link+. This is a service that allows San Francisco Public Library card holders to borrow material from other libraries in California and Nevada including many libraries from the CSU system.
ILL	Interlibrary Loan. San Francisco Public Library card holders can also request books and scores from public and university libraries from the entire country.


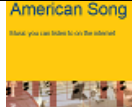


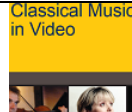
MUSICAL SCORE REFERENCE TOOLS

	Classical Scores Library. Includes digitized scores, mostly of contemporary classical works not yet in the public domain.
	Dorothy Starr Sheet Music Collection. A collection of vocal sheet music. This collection is particular strong for popular song, but also includes Broadway and film song, art song, operatic arias (in various ranges) and choral works for various ensembles.
	Fakebook Index. An index to lead sheets and fakebook arrangements for all styles of music including jazz, pop, rock, classical and folk music.
	Orchestral Music Sets. The Library loans sets of parts to orchestral works to registered ensembles. These parts are also available to consult for audition preparation.

RESEARCH DATABASES

	Classical Music Reference Library (Alexander Street). Brings together a variety of essential reference materials, spanning the entire history of Western classical music, in a unified online database.
	Music Index - A Comprehensive Guide to Music Periodicals and Literature. An index, abstracts and some full text to music periodicals.
	Rock's Back Pages. An archive of 25,000 articles covering rock music's movements and musicians.
	JStor. Full text articles from 1838 onward from scholarly journals in all areas of the arts and humanities.
	African American Music Reference. Essays and images that document all forms of black American musical expression, including blues, jazz, spirituals, civil rights songs, slave songs, minstrels, rhythm and blues, gospel.

STREAMING AUDIO AND VIDEO from Alexander Street Press

	Classical Music Library. High quality streaming audio to more than 15,000 classical music albums covering all eras and genres.
	American Song. A streaming audio collection of over half a million tracks of American roots music and pre-1960 American popular music.
	Contemporary World Music. Provides access to more than a million tracks of music from 169 countries in contemporary and traditional styles.
	Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries. Provides audio and liner notes for recordings from the Smithsonian Folkways label. These include world music, folk music, classical music and spoken word recordings.
	Classical Music in Video. Contains more than 1,000 hours of classical music performances and masterclasses in streaming video.

How to get free access to these valuable online tools:

1. Pick up a **library card** at San Francisco Public Library (Locations listed at sfpl.org)
2. At sfpl.org, click on **Research & Learn > Articles & Databases**. Your library card and PIN will give you access to all of the listed resources.
3. Questions? Call us at 415-557-4525 or contact the Library at sfpl.org/askalibrarian.

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