Notes from the Music & Performing Arts Library

**Welcome**

While things look a little different this year, and our doors are closed right now, there are many ways you can still access our collections and get research help. Read on and don’t hesitate to let us know how we can help you have a successful semester!

***Please note that we will still offer our (limited) services once classes shift to online-only on 11/20. You should plan ahead to obtain any materials you’d like to take with you if leaving campus, as it takes time to fill requests.***

**Access Collections**

**In the Catalog**

You can find links to available electronic titles in the catalog. Look for the “Available Online” link in the record.

If there isn’t an electronic version available, sign in to use the “Request” link under “Get It”.

When we can provide an electronic version of materials we will do so (either by buying an electronic version or creating an electronic file). If you need physical copies (such as sets of parts for chamber music), please indicate that in your catalog request under “additional information”.

When we can’t provide an electronic version of an item, you will be able to pick up the physical version at either the Main Library or Grainger Engineering Library.

**Contact Us**

* mpal@library.illinois.edu
* library.illinois.edu/mpal/
* @mpalillinois on Twitter

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**ACCESS COLLECTIONS**

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- Feedback requested for online trials

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Request Scans

Use the DocExpress service to request scans of articles or sections of books or scores. library.illinois.edu/interlibrary-loan/

Click on “University of Illinois Users” and then scroll down to DocExpress for instructions on how to place your request.

I-Share & ILL

- You can see items at other I-Share libraries in the catalog and can request them the same way you would request our items.
- You can place Interlibrary Loan (ILL) requests from libraries outside of I-Share through WorldCat or by logging in to Illiad directly. library.illinois.edu/interlibrary-loan/
  - Click on “University of Illinois Users”
  - Note that not all libraries are loaning materials at this time.

Other Online Content

Not all of our online content can be found in the catalog and can instead be found at the original online resource. Find links to our various online tools under the Dance, Music, and Theatre subject resource pages on our website.

- go.library.illinois.edu/dance
- go.library.illinois.edu/music
- go.library.illinois.edu/theatre

Services

Get Help Online

Need help finding a playscript? Wondering how to get articles for your research projects? We can help!

Email

Send an email to mpal@library.illinois.edu and get help from one of the librarians Monday-Friday.

Chat

Use the chat box on our help page library.illinois.edu/mpal/services/askus/ and get help from music librarians and staff between 10am and 4pm Monday-Friday.

Set up an online appointment

Want to get more in-depth help via Zoom or a phone call? Set up an appointment with Kate or Kirstin via the links on our help page library.illinois.edu/mpal/services/askus/

Online Guides & Tutorials

See help videos on MPAL’s Media Space channel: go.library.illinois.edu/MPALVideos

Or, look for help and research guides under the dance, music, and theatre subject resource pages on our website.

Printing

The Music & Performing Arts Library is currently closed; however, printing services are available in the following locations:

- The English Building computer lab has printing available, along with other ICS computer labs
- Access to print release stations is available when you have reserved a study space at the Undergraduate Library
- FedEx Office locations are offering their Print and Go from Email service (closest location is on Green Street)
- The Champaign Public Library and Urbana Free Library are offering limited-capacity access to their computers, copiers, and printers.

Returning Materials

Both of our external and internal drop boxes are open, and you can return materials at any time. There is an internal set just inside the heavy gray doors (these remain unlocked since they are fire doors) at the entrance to the Library as well as a set on the outside of Music Building near the Oregon Street doors.

Photos for reference can be found here on the Return Materials tab: guides.library.illinois.edu/COVIDResponse_MPAL/Services.

We quarantine materials for seven days upon return, so you will see a delay in their removal from your library account.

Online Tools

Use Music Online for Listening Tests

Music Online: Listening (link is on the music resources page under Audio) includes all of the audio content from Alexander Street Press products (American, classical, global, jazz, and popular). It has an option to share playlists with the metadata.
hidden so that students can listen to the audio without seeing the composer, work title, etc.

If a professor would like students to identify a work from the middle of a piece, creating and adding an audio clip is a great option.

Here is a handout with directions and an online tutorial: proquest.libguides.com/ld.php?content_id=66751268

https://youtu.be/1mdDMa6flp8

New Online Library Catalog

You have probably noticed that there is a new online library catalog. It more seamlessly integrates holdings from I-Share libraries for titles we also own (and you can also toggle to search the I-Share catalog as you could in the old catalog.

You can more easily search for print and online journals by using the “Journal search” tab at the top or by doing an advanced search and searching by journal title.

You can also now search for databases directly from the catalog by using the “Databases” tab at the top.

Also new is an option to search by browsing using the “Browse search” at the top.

This lets you browse by:
- Author
- Title
- Series
- Subject
- Call Number

If you have questions about the new catalog, please don’t hesitate to ask us!

Significant Acquisitions

Trials of New Online Content

We are currently trialing or have recently trialed the following tools:
- Research Researches in Music Online (RRIMO)
- BabelScores
- MusicID

Please let us know what you think of them by emailing us at mpal@library.illinois.edu.

Spring 2020 Newsletter

Our plans to publish the spring 2020 newsletter issue were thwarted by COVID-19. Please check it out, as there is lots of useful news and information there too! Find it in IDEALS at:

http://hdl.handle.net/2142/108735