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Notes from the Music & Performing Arts Library

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Welcome

We are so excited to be open to the public again and to see all of you in the library! We hope that you will come explore our collections (including loanable technology items), ask for help at the desk, or come use our study spaces, computers, printers, or scanners.

Events

Player Piano Virtual Demonstrations

Join us online November 5 from 12-1pm Central for a virtual demonstration of our player piano. Pre-registration is required, and details and a link to register can be found on our events calendar linked from our website under **About > Events**.

go.library.illinois.edu/Nov5PianoDemo

If you cannot make the November event, individuals and small groups are encouraged to make appointments to come hear the piano in person. Please contact mpal@library.illinois.edu



New Collections

Collection Diversification

MPAL has been steadily working to include more historically excluded voices in our collections. If you have suggestions for materials by authors, playwrights, composers, or performers from marginalized groups to add to the collection, please let us know. You can send suggestions via our website under **Services > Recommend a Purchase**. We are eager to hear your suggestions.

Recent score acquisitions include *Breathe* by Katahji Copley, *Sence you went away : from "Nightsongs" : for mezzo-soprano and cello (2020)* by Leslie Adams, and *Mbira : for violin, clarinet, and viola : 2020* by T.J. Anderson. See more new titles by going to our website under **Collections > New Titles**.

If you are interested in researching diverse playwrights, composers, dancers, etc., as well as researching the topic more broadly, see our online guide to **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Performing Arts**. It includes many resources in our collection as well as other tools for identifying diverse repertoire. guides.library.illinois.edu/PerfArtsDEIA

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- * [@mpalillinois](https://twitter.com/mpalillinois) on Twitter

New Media

We have acquired almost 2,000 CDs and DVDs from the Undergraduate Library and the Residence Hall Libraries. These are mostly musical theatre and popular music, but there are others as well. These items are part of our circulating media collection and can be found in the library catalog.

New Online Resources

The library has subscribed to or purchased the following online tools:

BabelScores offers access to selected works from composers of the last few decades. It features a virtual music-score reader with a zooming option which allows for comfortable booklet-style reading. Many of the works have audio or video recordings there as well.

Research Researches in Music Online (RRIMO) provides online access to A-R Editions' score series volumes published since 1995, with older ones being added each year:

Recent Researches in the Music of the Middle Ages and Early Renaissance, Recent Researches in the Music of the Renaissance, Recent Researches in the

Music of the Baroque Era, Recent Researches in the Music of the Classical Era, Recent Researches in the Music of the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries, Recent Researches in American Music, Recent Researches in the Oral Traditions of Music Collegium Musicum: Yale University

Bloomsbury Popular Music on the Bloomsbury Music and Sound platform covers modern popular music worldwide, from the mid-20th century to the present day, through the *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Popular Music of the World*, an expanding range of scholarly books and the *33 1/3* and *Global 33 1/3* series.

The library expanded holdings of digital play scripts and scholarly books on the

Drama Online platform. We have purchased the following collections: Core Collection, Critical Studies & Performance Practice, Nick Hern Books Modern Plays, Oberon Books, and Playwrights Canada Press.

All past **Oxford Handbooks Online: Music** titles have been purchased and the library will continue to purchase the e-versions of new titles on a yearly basis.

All new online resources can be accessed from our website under the *Research Resources* pages for Music or Theatre as appropriate and, with the exception of BabelScores, individual titles can be found through the library catalog.

ACDA Contest Digital Collection

MPAL partnered with the student chapter of the ACDA to create a digital collection to preserve and share the compositions featured in their annual choral composition competition.

You can find the scores in the University's online repository IDEALS <https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/handle/2142/109942>, which is linked from its page on the Special Collections area of our site. **Collections > Special Collections > Alphabetical Index > ACDA**

Staff & Services

Staff Changes

MPAL said goodbye to Nancy Taylor at the end of June. Nancy helped patrons and worked behind the scenes in MPAL for several years. If you need help with your library account or with fines, you can now go to Josh Hankemeier (hankemer@illinois.edu)

We also said goodbye to graduate assistants David Floyd and Gabby LaBare. We wish them luck in their future endeavors! MPAL welcomed two new graduate assistants—Margot Cuddihy and Amanda Crego-Emley. They help at the service desk and work on projects throughout the library.

Loanable Tech

MPAL retired our popular iPads as they had reached the end of their useful lifespan. Let us know what you think we should replace them with by sending an email to mpal@library.illinois.edu.

We still have our other loanable tech items including portable disc drives, charging cords, microphones, and more. You can find a list via the "Borrow Technology" link on our website. go.library.illinois.edu/MPALTech

The UGL's Media Commons has a significant loanable tech collection as well, including spaces for media production. More details here: <https://www.library.illinois.edu/mc/>

Help Using the Library

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

Email

Email mpal@library.illinois.edu to get help from one of the librarians Monday-Friday during business hours.

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 here: library.illinois.edu/mpal/services/askus/

Help guides

Help and research guides can be found under the dance, music, and theatre subject resource pages on our website.

Printing

Printing is still available in the Library, now with a contactless release process. You can print from our computers, your laptop, or even your phone.

Full printing instructions and troubleshooting tips can be found here: guides.library.illinois.edu/MPALTechTips/printing_scanning