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Music @ Your San Diego Main Library
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The Music Resources available at the Central Library cover a wide range. Whether listening, browsing or researching, the Art and Music Department has a full complement of sources to meet every need. Concerts, scores, libretti, books, recordings, video/DVD and recorded books are all available in the Art, Music and Recreation Department. The San Diego Main Library has been a first-class venue for musical productions for the San Diego Community. Through the **CONCERT SERIES**, the Main Library offers accessibility for local musicians to perform, and for citizens to take advantage of these performances without the high cost of tickets required at other venues. Students use these performances to fulfill concert attendance requirements of music courses. Senior citizens enjoy quality entertainment without the cost. The general public loves the variety, availability, and the high quality of the musicians that perform on a regular basis.

Some highly used resources include:

SONG TITLE INDEX - When you are in need of forgotten lyrics to a song, our Song Title Index can help. The general public, students and teachers all make heavy use of this resource. Located in a card index on the west wall of the Art and Music Department, users can locate a song by title and find listed several books that contain the desired song. Music students from the area colleges and universities, actors auditioning for musical roles, San Diego Symphony musicians and San Diego Opera performers have all had occasion to find needed music for their performances. Newer collections of music are indexed in the online catalog. Simply type in the title of the song needed, limit your search to music score and click on **KEYWORD**. This will bring up a book that contains the song you are searching.

MUSIC SCORES - Looking for that particular piece of music for an audition or recital? Musicians and students researching for a school assignment or personal enjoyment can check our catalog for music scores for Chamber music, piano-vocal, Operas or Musical Comedy. During the Opera season, many patrons find it helpful to check out the scores to the upcoming operas to prepare for the performance. Most Opera scores have several copies, making it convenient for several patrons to peruse the scores at the same time. Music scores are located in the M780s which are located following book number 789. Made sure it has an M before the number. Scores can be found in the online catalog by limiting your search to music scores.

FAKE BOOKS – The Art and Music Department has a large collection of fake books, which are collections of songs, containing words, melody lines and chord notations. When a musician is asked to play a song he's never played before, he "fakes" it. The greatest possession any musician can have is a fake book which contains the melodies, lyrics and chords for hundreds of songs. With access to these, the musician can improvise his own arrangement. Many local musicians make use of our extensive collection of fake



books. We also have the Charles Anderson Jazz Fake collection which is a goldmine of hard to find pieces. We also have our own “popular song folder” collection consisting of songs that patrons have requested through the Serra system and that we have included in notebooks and added to the catalog to make them available to the public.

REFERNCE RECORD COLLECTION – The Art and Music Department has a reference collection of vinyl records. We DO special loan these items out on a two week loan. They need to be check out from and returned to the Art/Music Department. These records are NOT found in the online catalog and can ONLY be accessed through a card file at the back of the Art and Music Room. This collection is still regularly used by those patrons wanting to listen to vinyl recordings of jazz, classical and rock recordings.

MEDIA COLLECTION - The Media collection includes the Video and DVD, Audio Books and Musical CDs. This collection totals about 200,000 items in the system. Recent gifts to the Video collection include 1600 titles from the estate of Ronald Starr. The video collection also reflects the interests of the general public as well as those students needing visuals for reports and assignments. Old movie buffs can find award winning films on both DVD and VHS formats. Television series, ballets, instructional media are all available to the patron

The Antitrust litigation settlement of CDs to libraries brought 1,279 titles to our collection. Patrons may find music from all over the world as well as multiple copies of different performances of a particular opera. This wide breadth of music covers the tastes and needs of diverse patrons. Students needing samples of music from a particular country for a report can find it. Music appreciation students can listen to various composers and the general public can find their type of music whether it is rock, country, jazz or musicals.

