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QUICK GUIDE: POP AND ROCK MUSIC



SHORTCUTS FOR RESEARCHING A TOPIC: ONLINE AND PRINT RESOURCES

MUSIC DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

All music guides: these individual guides cover blues, country, hip-hop, soul, etc.

- See **Ref ML156.4** and **Ref ML156.9** in the Lewis Music Library.
- allmusic.com is free to users, although certain portions require registration.

Baker's biographical dictionary of popular musicians since 1990 / introduction by David Freeland.

Ref ML102.P66.B35 2004 v.1-2

*Some of these musicians are included in the older **Baker's biographical dictionary of musicians, centennial edition**: Ref ML105.B168 2001 v.1-6 and online: libraries.mit.edu/get/bakers*

Continuum encyclopedia of popular music of the world / edited by John Shepherd... [et al.].

Ref ML102.P66.C66 2003 v.1-7

The Encyclopedia of popular music / compiled & edited by Colin Larkin.

Ref ML102.P66.G84 1998 v.1-8

Kinkle, Roger D. **The complete encyclopedia of popular music and jazz, 1900-1950.**

Ref ML102.P66.K55 [1974] v.1-4

FINDING BOOKS AND ARTICLES

Barton, the MIT Libraries' catalog: libraries.mit.edu/barton

Music index.

Ref ML118.M987 and available online (MIT only) at libraries.mit.edu/get/musicindex

An index to music articles published in journals from 1949-1974 (print) and 1974-present (online).

RILM (Répertoire International de la Littérature Musicale) Abstracts of music literature.

Available online (MIT only) at libraries.mit.edu/get/rilm

Contains abstracts of music research (articles, books, dissertations) from 1967 on. Over 500,000 citations.

WorldCat. Web access (MIT only): libraries.mit.edu/get/worldcat

Contains 1.2 billion library records of any type of material cataloged by OCLC member libraries, including books, scores, CDs, and videos/DVDs.

Google Scholar: scholar.google.com

Another source for finding journal articles and books.

FINDING SONGS IN COLLECTIONS

Collections of songs by more than one composer are given Library of Congress call numbers (see range M1495-M1998). Examples:

Ultimate pop rock fake book.
M1630.18.U485 2001

100 years of Broadway
M1507.O53 1994

Some are listed in indexes. Examples:

Ferguson, Gary Lynn. **Song finder: a title index to 32,000 popular songs in collections, 1854-1992.**
Ref ML128.S3.F47 1995

Havlice, Patricia Pate. **Popular song index.**
Ref ML128.S3.H4 & suppl. 1978, 1984, 1989, 1988/2002

Leigh, Robert. **Index to song books: a title index to over 11,000 copies of almost 6,800 songs in 111 song books published between 1933 and 1962.**
Ref ML128.S6.L529

Finding Songs in Collections: http://hcl.harvard.edu/research/guides/song_index/index.html
Guide created for users of Harvard's Loeb Music Library.

FINDING LYRICS

http://library.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/songlyr.html
From the William and Gayle Cook Music Library, Indiana University.

LISTS OF HITS

Charts All Over the World: <http://www.lanet.lv/misc/charts/>
From the Latvian Academic Network.

Mattfeld, Julius. **Variety music cavalcade, 1620-1969.**
Ref ML128.V7.M435 1971

Pollock, Bruce. **The rock song index: essential information on the 7,500 most important songs of rock and roll.**
Ref ML128.R6.P65 1997

Popular music: an annotated index of American popular songs. Continues: **Popular music, 1920-1979.**
Ref ML120.U5.S5291 v.9, 1980-present

Whitburn, Joel. **Joel Whitburn presents A century of pop music: a year-by-year top 40 rankings of the songs & artists that shaped a century.**

Ref ML156.4.P6.W47 1999

FINDING SCORES

For scores in the Lewis Music Library, use Barton Advanced Search at libraries.mit.edu/barton-advanced and select **Scores** from the pulldown menu under **Formats/Types**. Change one of the keyword searches to **Subject Words** and enter **popular music** or **rock music**.

Online Public Domain Scores: libguides.mit.edu/content.php?pid=12401&sid=104163

FINDING CDS AND DVDS

For CDs and DVDs in the Lewis Music Library, use Barton Advanced Search at libraries.mit.edu/barton-advanced and select **CDs** or **DVDs** from the pulldown menu under **Formats/Types**. Change one of the keyword searches to **Subject Words** and enter **popular music**, **rock music**, **rap music**, **hip-hop**, etc.

STREAMING AUDIO

American Song: libraries.mit.edu/get/amsong

MIT only; allows 3 simultaneous users

Contemporary World Music: libraries.mit.edu/get/womu

MIT only; allows 3 simultaneous users

Internet Archive: archive.org/details/audio

A source for free digital recordings.

SELECTED INTERNET RESOURCES

library.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/rock.html

Rock, Pop, Alternative, etc. from William and Gayle Cook Music Library, Indiana University.

dir.yahoo.com/entertainment/music/genres

Yahoo! Directory: Music > Genres

siba.fi/kulttuuripalvelut/rock-e.html

Rock and Pop, etc. from the Sibelius Academy.

ams-net.org/musicology/www.php

From the American Musicological Society.

directory.google.com/Top/Arts/Music

Google Directory: Arts > Music