



Music 100
Music Databases
Reference Department
Albert S. Cook Library

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To find online databases to answer these questions, go to the Cook Library Homepage: <http://cooklibrary.towson.edu>

If on campus: go to **Subject Gateways – Music**

If accessing from off campus: **Off Campus Log in** from **Quick Tools box**, click on **RESEARCHPORT**

- Select **Towson University** as your **institution**.
- Input **14 digit ID number from TU Onecard** and **last name to log in**
- From result list of subjects, scroll down to **Music** and select **ALL** databases
- You may also go to **Database by Name** search and put in title of database

Note: Many of these databases have limits on simultaneous users. Please be courteous and log out as soon as you are finished.

Search 1. In *Music Index Online* open the **Advanced Search** screen and input these search terms: **Mozart effect** (top search box) and **children** (second search box). Answer the following questions:



How many articles did you find?

How many citations had a “linked full text” or “full text” link showing directly in the result list?

What do you need to click on and open to see if there are any further articles from the result list available either electronically or in print here at Cook Library?

If you needed to find the hard copy print journal articles, where would you go in Cook Library to find them?

Search 2. In *Oxford Music Online*, go to the Advanced Search screen and select to search only *Grove Music Online*. Search for the term **invention** as an **entry title**. Write a brief definition of the term (honestly, no more than one sentence) and tell me one composer who created compositions in this style.

Definition:

Composer:

Turn over →

Search 3. In *RILM*, go to the Advanced Search screen. Search for articles about **television** and the **music industry**, both as **subject searches**. How many results did you get?

How many articles are available in full text directly from *RILM* without opening the “Find It” button?

Keep the same terms, but change to a **TX- All text fields** search for both terms. Now how many results did you find?

To get copies of the articles that are not available either electronically or in print copy at Cook Library what would you need to do?

Search 4. Open the *Worldcat* database and go to the **Advanced Search** screen. Turn on the **Scores** limit and search for sheet music by **Miles Davis** (remember to input his name as an “author” search). How many scores did you find?

How would you request a copy of a score that is not owned in the state university library system?



Search 5. Open the *Biography Resource Center* database and search for the entry on **Ella Fitzgerald**. Read any biographical article and answer these questions:

Where and when was she born?

How many Grammy Awards did she win?

Click on the **Magazines and News** tab at the top of the page and tell me how many magazine and newspaper articles about Ella are also available in this database.

Remember that some databases are limited to a certain number of simultaneous users. If you can't get into a database, wait a few minutes and try again. You may need to try to access databases like *RILM* at night or at off-peak usage times.

If you have problems with access from off campus, don't hesitate to email me for help: lwoznicki@towson.edu

