



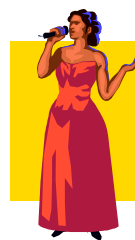
Music Resources for Vocalists

Reference Department
Albert S. Cook Library

The **library catalog**, lists materials available in the **Cook Library** as well as other libraries in the University System of Maryland.

To access the library home page: <http://cooklibrary.towson.edu>
Open the catalog options by going to the **Find: Books link**.

Cook Library Catalog – lists materials owned at Cook Library on campus
USMAI Combined Catalog – lists materials owned in state university libraries
WorldCat – lists materials owned in private and public universities and public libraries



Searching the Library Catalogs

Searches that start with the term **beginning with (title, subject, or author)** are browse types of searches that will take you to an alphabetical list of choices close to what you have typed and often include an organized list of subheadings.

Words anywhere: will search for term anywhere in title, subject or author areas of record (good for narrow topics)

Author words: will search for an author/composer in the author record

Subject words: will search for materials that have substantial amounts of content about this topic

Title words: will search for materials with those words in the title field

Print music resources are classed into the following three subcategories:

M = Musical scores **ML** = Music Literature (books about composers and compositions)

MT = Musical Instruction and Study (technique and theory)

Composer Search

To search for a **composer's works**, select **author beginning with** search and input composer's name. Always type last name followed by first name of the composer, as shown below:

Copland, Aaron or **Sondheim, Stephen**

Select the heading that has the full name of your composer and the birth and death dates and click on it to see selections. You will see both scores and recordings in a mixed list.

Searching for Scores or Sound Recordings

To limit your search to see only scores (or only recordings): go to **Advanced Search**. In the top search box, set search type as **Author** (composer name) and in the second box set to **Title** (song or work title). Type your desired composer name and work title in the corresponding boxes. Then under **Format**, select the type of material (either scores or sound recordings) you want to see. Click **Search** to see results.

Searching for Song Collections by Subject

To find a particular type of **native song**, choose **subject beginning with** and type “**Songs**” and the adjective for the country of your choice. For example: “**Songs, French**” or “**Songs, English.**” You may wish to try a **subject beginning with** search for the word “**songs**” to familiarize yourself with available headings.

Searching for Songs by Voice Part

To search for a particular type of music for your voice part, do a **subjects beginning with** search for “**Songs**” followed by the phrase that describes a specific type of voice. For example: “**Songs, high voice**” will show a breakdown of subjects for scores and CD’s for soprano and tenor voices.

Use the following terms for each voice part:

songs, high voice = soprano, tenor

songs, low voice = bass, alto

songs, medium voice = mezzo soprano, baritone



You can also do a **subject beginning with** search by typing “**vocal music**” to see large collections of items, but be aware that they are not broken down by voice type. To see only scores (or only CD’s), do an **Advanced Search** for “vocal music” as a **subject** and limit by the **format** of your choice (either “scores” or “sound recordings CD’s”).

Browsing the M Stacks for Vocal Scores

Many vocal scores can be found under the call number **M1620**. This area includes lieder and other types of popular songs. When looking in the stacks, go to **M1620**, then the **letter of the last name** of your composer (F for Fauré, B for Brahms, etc.)

Here are some other browsing areas for vocal music scores:

M1500 begins opera scores

M1507 begins Broadway vocal music

M1700 begins national music

M2000 begins sacred music

Check out these areas for books about specific vocal genres:

ML1400 begins books about
vocal music

ML1700 books about opera

ML4711 books about the
musical stage

ML2811 books about song including lieder

Poetry collections



You may also wish to look at poetry collections for ideas for compositions. Poetry collections are not in one location in Cook Library, but are spread in different areas depending on the country of origin of the poet and the time period.

Generally, you can find **20th century American poetry** under the call number PS3550-3576. Keep in mind that other works including prose and drama are under that number. **20th century British poetry** is under the number PR6050-6075.

To see general poetry collections, do a **subject words** (not subject beginning with) search for “**poetry collections.**” You will get both general collections and those representing a particular country, but all in one long listing.

If you want to be more specific, you can see a particular country's poetry by doing a **subject words** search starting with the **name of the country** together with the word "**poetry**" – for example "**Russian poetry.**"



Poetry Translations into English

The best way to find translations of poetry from another language into English is to select **subject words** search (not subject beginning with) and type in the **country of your choice** with the words "**poetry translations**". For example, "**German poetry translations**" will give you a list of subject headings that represent different time periods of poetry from Germany which has been translated into English.

Song Translations

To find a listing of books that have translations of song lyrics from other languages, do a **subject beginning with** search with the words "**songs [country adjective] texts.**" We may not have a great number of these types of collections, but you can also search the USM catalog to find out what is available at College Park and request materials to be sent to TU.

Sound Recordings

Call numbers for recordings are the same as the M call numbers for a musical score. Any item that has a location code of **MEDIA RECCD** is a CD and can be found in the Media Resource Center on the 2nd floor of Cook Library. Unless they are on Faculty Reserve, CD's and vinyl records can be checked out.

A Word about E-books

Cook Library subscribes to three major electronic book databases which provide full text books on your desktop, including many music literature and music reference titles. Catalog records may indicate that such an item is an "electronic resource." To search these databases for an e-book, open a particular e-book database and search by title. E-book databases include: **NetLibrary**, **Academic Complete (ebrary)**, and **Early English Books Online (EEBO)**.

Requesting Materials from another State University Library

Using the USMAI Combined Catalog: You have full borrowing privileges at all the USMAI libraries (this includes the wonderful Performing Arts Library at College Park) if you wish to visit and check out materials in person. If an item you want is in at another USM library, you also can electronically request books or scores to be sent here for you to borrow at TU.

To request a book/score transfer to TU: click on the title of the item you want and see the full view of record (the information about only that item will now fill your screen). Click on the "**All locations: Availability**" link, and click on the "**Request**" button. Select Towson as your institution, and fill out the required information and "**Send**" your request. In a few days, you will receive notification from our Circulation Department that your item has arrived.

Using the *WorldCat* Database for Titles not Owned in USMAI

It is very possible that the score or anthology that you have seen in a bookstore is not available through the USMAI system. You can use *WorldCat* to see holdings of libraries in the state and across the country.



To search WorldCat: Open the database and search for the exact edition of the score. This may mean that you first check it on Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble.com to see the cover, editor, and table of contents. Take particular care in noting ISBN number and publication date information. From your result list, select the item you want by clicking on its title. Click on the “**libraries worldwide that own item**” link to see if any nearby libraries own a copy.

To make an interlibrary loan request: From the full record screen, click on the “**Find It**” button and open the “**Request Document through Interlibrary Loan**” link. If you don’t yet have an interlibrary loan (ILLiad account), click on “**First Time Users**” to create one. Log into your **ILLiad account** and fill out all the required fields for the loan request and click “**Submit.**” Our Interlibrary Loan Department will email or phone you when your item arrives.

Using ILLiad (Interlibrary Loan Service)

All students can register for an interlibrary loan account (ILLiad). First time users need to fill out a registration form and select a user name and password which is then used to log into the ILLiad system. The interlibrary loan process takes longer than the USMAI request process because the title is searched across the state of Maryland and sometimes even the entire country. Occasionally, materials are mailed to us from another state. Always allow at least two weeks for the material to arrive through an ILLiad request.

Visiting Neighboring Libraries

If you have your own transportation, you can also visit local public libraries to check out materials. Be aware that if you do this, you will need to register as a borrower with that institution as they do not use the TU borrower barcode for checkout. Check with the specific library system you plan to use for registration requirements



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