Instruction Sessions
Available for Your Class

- How to use the Library Catalog. How to find books, journals and other resources that the library owns.
- Library Use policies, physical layout of the library
- General interest databases. Like ProQuest, Ebsco-Host, JStor etc. Searching basics.
- Subject specific databases: Math Review, ChemVillage, Science Direct, Avery Index, etc.
- Citation styles APA, MLA, and other citation styles
- Newspaper, magazines vs. journals. Differences between primary and secondary sources.
- Evaluating resources: Online resources and traditional resources evaluation.
- Locating full-text when you only have a citation: E-Journals searching and locating a particular item through a citation
- Building a search strategy: Broadening or narrowing a search through building search blocks; identifying keywords. Boolean logic.
- Copyright and Plagiarism: Ethical use of information
Suggested Library of Congress Subject Headings:

By Subject:
Arrangement (Music)
Chamber Music
Composition Music
Instrumentation and orchestration

You can also look under various composers:
Bach, Johann Sebastian, 1685-1750
Chopin, Frederic, 1810-1849
Davis, Miles
Shakur, Tupac, 1971-

Or genres:
Gospel music
Gregorian chants
History and criticism
Hip-hop

Selected Reference Titles:

- Contemporary Musicians
  Ref ML385 C615
  Good source for living pop, rap, reggae, and other active singers and instrumentalists

- New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians
  Ref ML100 N48 2001
  This 29 volume set primarily covers classical and jazz musicians; good source for dead classical composers

- Guinness Encyclopedia of Popular Music
  Ref ML102 P66 G84 1995
  Excellent 8 volume source for obscure and/or forgotten popular performers and groups in the 20th Century

- International Dictionary of Black Composers
  Ref ML390 I58 1999
  Best source for biographical information on African American and other black composers

- Current Biography
  Ref CT100 C8
  Articles and photos on international celebrities active from 1945 to the present; good source for personal data (e.g., family, hobbies)

- Blues / Dick Weissman ; foreword by Craig Morrison.
  Ref ML102.B6 W45 2006

Selected Stacks Titles:

- ML197 .R76 2007 Rest is noise: Listening to the twentieth century / Alex Ross

Articles

Academic Search Complete
General interest database includes articles from many popular magazines, including Ebony and Newsweek; includes a large image database of photographs of musicians

JStor
Short for “Journal Storage,” this database indexes many periodicals all the way back to their first issue. Contains such journals as Callaloo, Journal of Black Studies, African American Review and Transition

Periodicals Archive Online
Full Text includes complete articles from such journals as Current Musicology, Musical Quarterly, and Opera Quarterly

International Index to Black Periodicals
Draws its content from 150+ international scholarly and popular periodicals in black studies; 40 core journals are full text

African American Biographical Database
Photos and full text sketches of famous and obscure African Americans in all fields living from 1790-1950

Discovering Multimedia Collection
Click on “multimedia” and then enter “African-American musicians” as a subject search

Wilson OmniFile
After choosing the subject areas on the left hand side (holding down the ‘control’ key lets you choose more than one at a time), enter “African American music” in the three search boxes

Helpful Websites

Archives of African American Music and Culture
http://www.indiana.edu/~aaamc/
The “links” page is a good starting point for all genres of music, from classical to hip-hop

Google Music Directory
http://directory.google.com/Top/Society/Ethnicity/African/African-American/Arts_and_Culture/Music/
Subject guide to thousands of African American websites on all genres of music

Afrocentric Voices in “Classical” Music
http://www.africanvoices.com/
Website devoted to African American performers and composers and on the vocal music forms they influenced, especially opera, art songs, and concert-performance spirituals

African American Sheet Music, 1850-1920
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/rpbhtml/aasmhome.html
Part of the Library of Congress’ American Memory Project, this collection features 1305 reproductions of sheet music by African American composers of the period; the section of the development of the African American musical theatre is particularly interesting

SingingFish
http://search.singingfish.com/sfw/home.jsp
“Singingfish is the premier audio/video search engine, and Singingfish.com is the place for consumers to find, explore, and experience the universe of free media” Search for both contemporary and classical musicians and songs.

Internet Public Library
http://www.ipl.org/
Using the toolbar on the left, click on ‘subject,’ then ‘arts and humanities.’

Library of Congress Memory Collection
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html
These materials, from the collections of the Library of Congress and other institutions, chronicle historical events, people, places, and ideas that continue to shape America, serving the public as a resource for education and lifelong learning.