



POPULAR MUSIC AND JAZZ

Research Guide

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This guide lists selected resources for research on popular music and jazz. The [UCSB Libraries](http://www.library.ucsb.edu) web site is the starting point for locating and using these resources. Most books (also CDs, records, videos) on popular music are located in the UCSB Arts Library, 2nd floor, as well as in the Ethnic and Gender Studies Library (EGSL) in Davidson Library, 2nd floor South. In this guide, Ref = reference section, Arts Library, 2nd floor.

Current UCSB students, faculty, and staff can access the library’s electronic resources from off-campus by using the Proxy Server or the VPN (Virtual Private Network). See www.library.ucsb.edu/help/offcampus.html.

Background and finding a topic

Roy Shuker. *Popular Music: The Key Concepts*. 2d ed. 2005. Ref ML102 .P66 S58 2005. Brief articles, summarizing scholarly treatment of concepts in popular music. Articles have **bibliographies**.

Bruce Horner and Thomas Swiss, eds. *Key Terms in Popular Music and Culture*. 1999. Eighteen essays, each presenting varied perspectives on basic concepts of popular music; each has a short **bibliography**.

Continuum Encyclopedia of Popular Music of the World. 2003-. 7 vols. to date. Ref ML102 .P66 C66 2003. See “Arrangement of the Material” in front pages of vols. 1 (p. xxv), 2. (p. xxv). Articles include **bibliographies**.

See also the list of dictionaries and encyclopedias, below. Many of these works can be good sources of background information to help you find a topic and locate some key books and articles on that topic.

Browsing: Books on popular music and jazz are located under call numbers ML3470 – ML3541. When browsing, check tables of contents, indexes, bibliographies. Some specific areas to browse are:

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| ML3470 — General | ML3506–3509 — Jazz | ML3524 — Country |
| ML3477 — United States | ML3518 — Big Band | ML3531 — Rap |
| ML3585 — Mexico | ML3521 — Blues | ML3534 — Rock |

Finding books

Pegasus: UCSB’s library catalog

Access Pegasus from the library’s home page. Use Pegasus to find books, as well as printed music, sound recordings, videos, journal titles, and other materials held by the UCSB Libraries. Start with a keyword search. Check subject headings of relevant catalog records. See the handout [Library Locations](http://www.library.ucsb.edu/help/locguide.pdf) <www.library.ucsb.edu/help/locguide.pdf>.

To search by subject, select **Subject Keyword** from the pulldown menu, and try Library of Congress subject headings for popular music styles and genres such as the following:

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| blues music | gospel music | rap music | soul music |
| bluegrass music | jazz | reggae music | swing music |
| country music | klezmer music | rhythm and blues music | techno music |
| funk music | popular music | salsa | |

To limit your search to retrieve only books or only recordings, go to Advanced Search (select the tab at the top). Scroll down to the Limit by format menu and select Book, Sound Recording, etc. You can also do a subject search to find books on individual artists or groups:

Subject Keyword **grateful dead**

Melvyl: Combined catalog of all UC libraries

Access Melvyl from the library’s home page. Allow enough time to request books from other campuses (4-5 days).

Finding articles

UCSB Library homepage > Research > [Article Indexes & Databases](#) or <www.library.ucsb.edu/databases>. Use **UC-eLinks** to access fulltext and to find library locations of print journals.

Academic Search Complete	Articles from magazines and scholarly jrnls, all subjects; some fulltext
RILM Abstracts of Music Literature (1967-)	Scholarly literature on music – articles, books, book chapters
Music Index Online (1978-)	Articles on music from magazines and scholarly journals
International Index to Music Periodicals	Articles on music from magazines, scholarly journals; some fulltext
America: History and Life (1964-)	Scholarly articles on history of US
Music & Performing Arts Online	Articles on music and other performing arts; some fulltext

Music listening databases (Go to UCSB Library homepage > Research > Help by Subject > Music)

African American Song	Jazz, blues, gospel, ragtime, and more, from Document Records
American Song	Pre-1960 American popular music and roots music
Cylinder Preservation and Digitization Project	Popular music around turn of 20 th century via streaming or free download
Naxos Music Library Jazz	Over 2,300 albums from Naxos Jazz and Fantasy Jazz

The books cited below are located in the Arts Library, 2nd floor, unless otherwise indicated. EGSL = Ethnic and Gender Studies Library

Dictionaries and Encyclopedias

- Caribbean Popular Music: An Encyclopedia of Reggae, Mento, Ska, Rock Steady, and Dancehall*. 2006. EGSL Ref ML102 .P66 M67 2006
- Complete Encyclopedia of Popular Music and Jazz, 1900–1950*. 4 vols. 1974. Ref ML102 .P66 K55
- Country Music: A Biographical Dictionary*. 2003 Ref ML102 .C7 C28 2003
- Encyclopedia of Country Music: The Ultimate Guide to the Music*. 1998. Ref ML102 .C7 E54 1998
- Encyclopedia of Rap and Hip-Hop Culture*. 2006. EGSL Ref ML102 .R27 B96 2006
- Encyclopedia of Rhythm & Blues and Doo-Wop Vocal Groups*. 2000. Ref ML102 .P66 R67 2000
- Encyclopedia of Popular Music*. 4th ed. 10 vols. 2006. Ref ML102 .P66 G84 2006
- Encyclopedia of Punk Music and Culture*. 2006. Ref ML102 .R6 C64 2006
- Encyclopedia of the Blues*. 2 vols. 2006. Ref ML102 .B6 E53 2006
- Free Jazz and Free Improvisation: An Encyclopedia*. 2 vols. 2004. Ref ML102 .J3 J46 2004
- [Garland Encyclopedia of World Music](#). <gld.alexanderstreet.com>.
- Greenwood Encyclopedia of Rock History*. 6 vols. 2006. Ref ML3534 .G754 2006
- [Grove Music Online](#). Available at <www.oxfordmusiconline.com>. Includes *New Grove Dictionary of Jazz*.
- [New Grove Dictionary of Jazz](#). 2d ed. 3 vols. 2001. Ref ML102 .J3 N48 2001.

Handbooks, Directories, Guides

- Country Music: The Rough Guide*. 2004. Ref ML156.4 C7 R87 2004
- Guide to the Blues: History, Who's Who, Research Sources*. 1994. Ref. ML3521 .S58 1994
- Jazz: The Rough Guide*. 2d ed. 2000. Ref ML102 .J3 C325 2000
- Popular Music: An Annotated Guide to American Popular Songs*. 27 vols. 1964–2002. Ref. ML120 .U5 S5
- Reggae: The Rough Guide*. 2d ed. 2001. Black Studies ML3532 .B37 2001
- Techno: The Rough Guide*. 2000. Ref ML3540 .B37 2000

Bibliographies, Discographies, Indexes

- A Blues Bibliography: The International Literature of an Afro-American Music Genre*. 1999. Ref ML128 .B49 F67 1999
- Country Music Sources: A Biblio-Discography of Commercially Recorded Traditional Music*. 2002. Ref ML156.4 .F5 M43 2002
- Country Music Records: A Discography, 1921-1942*. 2004. Ref ML156.4 .C7 R87 2004
- The Great Indie Discography*. 2d ed. 2003. Ref ML156.4 .R6 S79 2003
- The Great Rock Discography*. 6th ed. 2002. Ref. ML156.4 .R6 S8 2002
- Green Book of Songs by Subject*. 5th ed. 2002. Ref. ML156.4 .P6 G73 2002
- Rock Song Index*. 2d ed. 2005. Ref ML128 .R6 P65 2005
- Rolling Stone Index: Twenty-five Years of Popular Culture*. 1993. Ref. ML1 .R64452 G38 1993