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Reference Guides— *Chamber Music, Strings*

This guide is designed to help you find music for ensembles that include string instruments. Use this as a starting point, or browsing tool. As always, consult Voyager and the catalogs for complete holdings information, and when uncertain, ask at the Reference Desk! Also, see the related guides for Violin, Viola, Violoncello, Double Bass, and “Chamber Music, Piano”.

Suggested Call Numbers for Shelf Browsing

Below are general call number ranges. For specific call numbers, consult the Library of Congress Classification Schedule in the blue book at the Reference Desk, and/or Voyager.

M310-M386	trios which may include one or more string instruments
M310-M314	two strings and piano
M349-M353	string trios
M410-M486	quartets which may include one or more string instruments
M410-M414	three strings and piano
M450-M454	string quartets
M510-M586	quintets which may include one or more string instruments
M510-M514	four strings and piano
[follow for sextets, septets, octets, nonets]	
M550-M554	string quintets
M650-M654	string sextets
M750-M754	string septets
M850-M854	string octets
M950-M954	string nonets

Suggested Subject Headings

Below are examples of some useful subject headings for use in Voyager and the Card Catalog. For complete listings of headings, consult the *Library of Congress Subject Headings* (red books).

Headings for Voyager

String trios
String quartets
String quintets
Trios
Quartets
Quintets

[follow for sextets, septets, octets, nonets]

Headings for Subject Catalog

Under “chamber music”:
Trios
Quartets
Quintets
etc.

Select Bibliography of Literature and Repertoire Lists

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Internet

- <http://www.chamber-music.org/> (Chamber Music America)
- <http://www.ultranet.com/~cwholl/cmc/cmc.html> (Chamber Music Conferences and Workshops)
- <http://members.aol.com/MEL3RD/string.quartet.html> (String Quartets Abound)