Reference Guides— Women in Music

This guide is designed to help you find information about women in music. 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!

Suggested Call Numbers for Shelf Browsing
Below are general call number ranges for books. Cataloging of printed music ignores the composer’s sex. For specific call numbers, consult the Library of Congress Classification Schedule in the yellow book at the Reference Desk, and/or Voyager.

ML (Music Literature)
- ML 82 Women as musicians, women in the performing arts
- ML 128. W7 Women in music bibliography
- ML 156.4. W6 Women composers and musicians discography

Suggested Subject Headings:
Below are examples of some useful subject headings for use in Voyager.

Music by Women composers
Women in Music: Works on the portrayal of women in music
Women in Music Bibliography
Women in Music Congresses
Women in Music Italy
Women in opera: Work on the portrayal of women in opera
Women in opera congresses
Women musicians (and its various subcategories of nations e.g. Women musicians Austria, etc)
African-American women musicians
Women composers
Women conductors
Women singers
Women rock musicians
Women blues musicians
Women jazz musicians
Women jazz singers
Selected Bibliography of Reference Works

**Encyclopedic and Biographical Works**


Bibliographies, Catalogs, and Directories


**Discographies**


**Selected Anthologies**


**Selected Current Journals at Sibley**

*Women and Music: A Journal of Gender and Culture* (ML82.W8712, also available electronically)

*International League of Women Composers Journal* (ML1.I6197, also available electronically)

*International Alliance for Women in Music Journal* (ML1.I6197 I11, also available electronically)

*Women of Note Quarterly: The Magazine of Historical and Contemporary Women Composers* (ML1.W872)

**Internet Resources**

http://www.iawm.org (Website for International Alliance for Women in Music)

http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/women.html (Indiana University’s list of online resources)

http://www.lib.washington.edu/music/women.html (links to more online resources)

http://www.asu.edu/lib/subject/womusic.htm (annotated bibliography of women in music books)

http://www.jmwc.org/Women/women_index.html (Jewish women in music)