Music History Library Tips

The Ball State Libraries’ Main web page has the basic links you need. Go to: http://www.bsu.edu/library:

Start with Background Reading:

**Monographs (Books on One Topic):**
- Biography of a Composer
- Analysis of a Work
- “Companion to...” Books
  → Cardcat for Searching Books
    - Use Advanced Search
    - Select “Book” as format
    - Use “subject” for composer’s name

**Articles from Scholarly Encyclopedias:**
- Grove Music Online
- Garland Encyclopedia of World Music
  → Be sure to take note of the bibliography at the end of the article!

**Books from Other Libraries:**
Use Worldcat to identify the book
- Click on “Request Via Interlibrary Loan”
- Or click on “Libraries worldwide that own item” to find nearby libraries

Find Scholarly Articles on Your Topic

Check the bibliographies in:
- Encyclopedia Articles
- Monographs
  → The experts who wrote the encyclopedia articles and monographs know the best sources. Trust the experts!

**Use Periodical Indexing Databases:**
- RILM—Repertoire International de Litterature de Musique (1969—present)
- Music Index Online (1970—present)
- JSTOR (19th Century—present)

**Music Index in Print**
1949 – 1997 (Music Collection Reference)

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Workshops

The Music Collection:
Bracken Library, Lower Level
http://www.bsu.edu/library >> Collections >> Music Collection
Blog: http://bsumc.blogspot.com
Amy Edmonds, Music Librarian: aledmonds@bsu.edu

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Using WorldCat to Find Materials in Other Libraries

- Search a Composer or Topic as a "SUBJECT"
- Limit to years after the last publication in the Grove bibliography
- Limit to BOOKS! Otherwise, you get recordings and scores in results
- See which Libraries own item. Sometimes a copy is nearby
- Click to request via Interlibrary Loan