Library Resources and Research Techniques for FSEM 100G8

Databases: Provide access to published material in magazines, journals, newspapers, and other sources. The UMW Library subscribes to these databases and they are part of the “Deep Web,” as opposed to the “Surface Web” or “Free Web.”

Finding the Music Subject Guide

- Click on “Guides” in the blue tab on the Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu, or click on “Research Guides” in the “Get Help” section.
  - Click on “Music” (http://libguides.umw.edu/muhl).

Finding Background Material (subject encyclopedias and other reference works)

- Define and narrow your topic; provide background material.
- Provide lists of other significant resources (that is, bibliographies).
- See UMW Libraries Music subject guide for some useful titles. A few works that include valuable information on music, jazz, and musicians include:
  - The Rolling Stone Encyclopedia of Rock and Roll (REFB ML 102 .R6 2001)

- Oxford Music Online (coverage varies)

Finding Books

- Find books by author (last name first), title, subject headings (approved words and phrases that describe a topic), or just by typing words “anywhere.”
- Reference books are on the first floor near the Reference Desk.

Subject Headings in the Library Catalog (not an exhaustive list)

Jazz
Jazz musicians
Jazz—Analysis, Appreciation
Jazz—History and criticism
Popular music—History and criticism
Popular music—Moral and ethical aspects
Popular music—Social aspects
Popular music—Social aspects—United States
Popular music—United States
Popular music—United States—History and criticism
**Finding Articles**

Links to art-related databases and other resources that provide abstracts of articles (summaries) and full-text articles are available in the “Locating Articles” section of the UMW Libraries Music subject guide (http://libguides.umw.edu/muhl). Some of them include:

*Academic Search Complete* (coverage varies; as far back as the 1880s to date)
- Includes thousands of full-text academic journals and periodicals in a wide variety of disciplines.
- *Important:* Can click on “Choose Databases” to add additional databases, and can also choose all the databases that are provided by this particular publisher.

**Finding Newspaper Articles**

- See the UMW Libraries’ guide to finding newspaper articles (http://libguides.umw.edu/newspapers).
  - Includes links to *ProQuest Historical Newspapers*, and many other resources.
  - *Note:* Use Internet Explorer for *ProQuest Historical Newspapers*. You might want to search all ProQuest databases.

**Finding Books and Articles**

*Quest*
- A search tool that allows users to find print and online resources at UMW Libraries through a single interface.
- Click on “Quest” from Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu.
- A search in Quest will locate:
  - Books, e-books, articles, DVDs, and much more.

**Finding Websites**

- https://www.milesdavis.com/
- http://www.allmusic.com/
  - Section on Miles Davis includes an overview, biography, discography, etc.
- http://www.billboard.com/ [Google billboard and “Miles Davis”]
- https://www.besteveralbums.com/ [Click on “Statistics” and then the decade you want and then the year, or Google “best ever albums” (year)]
- *A Decade of Arts Engagement: Findings From the Survey of Public Participation in the Arts, 2002–2012* [Google title]

**Citing Your Sources**

- Click on “Cite Sources” in the “How Do I?” section on the Library home page, http://libraries.umw.edu. (Also listed on the Music Library guide.)
- Provides links to guides to specific citation styles.
- Remember to check your citations using the UMW citation guides!

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