

What's new at the Library Commons

Greetings! We are your Library Liaisons.



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Normal hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9am-5:30pm;
Thursday: 1pm-9pm

The primary objective of the library liaison program is to become a "partner" in the educational programs of the College and to increase communication between faculty and library staff. As liaisons, we serve as the primary library contact between the Music department, including providing information on library services to new and existing faculty. In addition, we provide assistance in building book, periodical and database collections; analyzing print and electronic collections; and arranging for specific library-use instruction. Please contact either of us with any questions related to library resources and services.



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Library Hours :

Monday - Thursday **8 a.m. - 2 a.m.**
Friday **8 a.m. - 10 p.m.**
Saturday **9 a.m. - 10 p.m.**
Sunday **9 a.m. - 2 a.m.**

Reference Hours :

Monday - Thursday **8 a.m. - 12 midnight**
Friday **8 a.m. - 10 p.m.**
Saturday **9 a.m. - 10 p.m.**
Sunday **10 a.m. - 12 midnight**

Phone **401-865-2581**

E-mail **reference@providence.edu**
via AIM, Yahoo or MSN: **pclibchat**

Featured Database: *Reference Universe* an electronic index to electronic and print reference works



Have you visited the *Reference Universe*? According to the Welcome page on their website, this resource is more powerful than a library catalog:

"Unlike a library catalog, which generally provides data about reference works, this database searches the complete indexes of more than 10,000 reference titles. Nearly 2,000 of these titles are online editions."

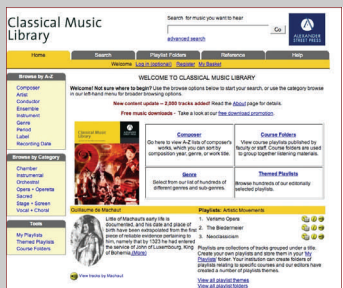
Use *Reference Universe* to find just the right article(s) to begin your research, build a bibliography and establish a solid research foundation. Results for a search term are ranked first by the Title of the work and then by Article Title and Index listing.

Librarians have carefully evaluated and built our reference collections, including Reference Universe, in order to satisfy the research and information needs of the Providence College community. Access Reference Universe from the Library website (under "PC Databases: A-Z" or directly via the following link:

<http://0-refuniv.odyssey.com.helin.uri.edu/>

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Classical Music Library



Classical Music Library (Alexander Street Press) is an important component our collection of online databases available for faculty and patrons. The **Classical Music Library** is the world's largest multi-label database of classic music for use in libraries. It includes over 50,000 tracks from over 30 different labels, including Hyperion, Artemis-Vanguard, Hänssler Classic, and many more. Pieces are available as streaming MP3s that can be listened to over the web. The library can be browsed by Genre, Composer, Artist, Conductor, Ensemble, Instrument, and other criteria.

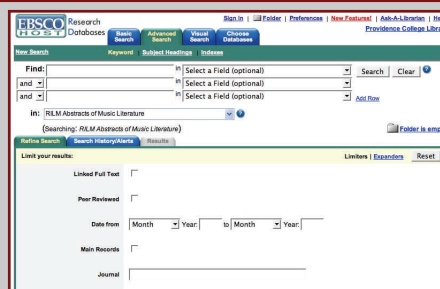
A great feature is the ability to create playlists and course folders. After you register by supplying your e-mail address and password, you can create private playlists which allow you to gather together pieces for quick and easy retrieval. **Classical Music Library** also includes some pre-made "Theme" playlists. You can also create Course Folders, which gather together playlists you create into a single folder that is then accessible by your students.

You'll find links to the **Classical Music Library** at several places in the Library web site. You'll find a link on the Find Your Way... Music page at http://www.providence.edu/library/find_your_way_guides/music.html as well as on the PC Databases: By Subject page <http://www.providence.edu/Academics/Phillips+Memorial+Library/Research+Resources/PC+Databases+by+Subject.htm>

You can also access the databases directly at <http://0-internal.providence.classical.com.helin.uri.edu/index.php>

RILM Abstracts of Music Literature

Another important part of our reference collection is **RILM Abstracts of Music Literature**. Accessible online through our collection of online databases provided by EBSCO, **RILM Abstracts of Music Literature** is a fully searchable database covers writings on all forms of music from all types of scholarly publications. A ongoing, growing collection, **Abstracts of Music Literature** contains over 400,000 abstracts of articles, books, bibliographies, commentaries, and others, with 30,000 new records added each year.



This excellent resource for music research is available through the libraries Subject Database and Find Your Way pages, or directly at <http://0-search.epnet.com.helin.uri.edu/login.asp?profile=web&defaultdb=rilm>

Library instruction available for your class

Are you assigning a research project to your class? Are you concerned that your students will limit their research to Wikipedia and Google because they are unfamiliar with the wide variety of resources available through the library? If so, we would be happy to show them what we have to offer. We can schedule a presentation in the library during which we will introduce students to the print and electronic resources most useful for their specific projects. We will also provide them time to practice using these tools. In many cases they can leave the session with a good start on their research.

If you would like to schedule a library session for your class, please contact either Janice Schuster or Chris Day as your library liaisons, or Ed Bailey at 2580 or ebailey@providence.edu.