

1. Select a Topic

Consult some general sources available to select a topic. Some broad topics (e.g. rock and roll) may need to be narrowed. Sources in the Thompson Library which will be helpful in formulating a search:

- **Guinness Encyclopedia of Popular Music** Ref ML102.P66 G84 1995
- **New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians** Ref ML 100 .N48 2001
- **Rolling Stone Index** Ref ML 1 .R65 1993/1998
- **Trouser Press Guide to 90s Rock** Ref ML 156.4 .R6 T75 1997
- **Literature of Rock** Ref ML 128 .R6 H63 1986/1994
- **Rock Stars/Pop Stars: A Comprehensive Bibliography** Ref ML 128 .R6 L49 1994
- **The Blues: A Bibliographic Guide** Ref ML 128 .B49 H3 1989
- **Folk Music in America: A Reference Guide** Ref ML 128 .F74 M5 1986
- **Heat Wave: the Motown Fact Book** Ref ML 3556 .B52 1988

Find these sources and read the sections on topics that interest you. Identify key terms and definitions that will help create a search (such as names of specific bands or musicians).

2. Begin searching for Books, Articles, and Other Resources

- MIRLYN: the **FLNT** catalog
- Arts and Humanities Search (FirstSearch)
- Humanities Abstracts (FirstSearch)
- ProQuest Research Library Complete
- Wilson Indexes to Journal Articles (MIRLYN)
- WilsonSelectPlus (FirstSearch)

These databases and other resources can be accessed on the Thompson Library's web page of music resources, located at:
<http://lib.umflint.edu/music.html>.

3. Consider using information from music websites

- All Music Guide: <http://www.allmusic.com/index.html>
- Worldwide Internet Music Resources:
http://www.music.indiana.edu/music_resources/
- Folkmusic.org: <http://www.folkmusic.org/>

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