Piano Materials in the Music Library: A Selective Guide

Browsing by Call Number (Classification number)

Browsing the shelves by the appropriate “LC” call number can be an effective way to explore our printed music collections and our books about music and musical instruments. Here are some classification numbers you will want to know about.

Printed Music

M 21 – M 39  Music for solo piano:

M 21:  General collections, two or more composers
M 22:  Single composer collections
M 23:  Sonatas
M 24:  Suites
M 25:  General piano pieces that don’t fit in a more specific category
M 26:  Piano, one hand
M 27:  Variation forms (including chaconnes, etc.)
M 28:  Marches
M 30-32:  Dances (waltzes are in M 32)
M 32.8 – M 39:  Arrangements for piano

M 200 – M 212:  Piano, 4 hands
M 213:  Piano, 5 or more hands
M 214 – 215  Two pianos, two performers
M 216  Two or more pianos, three or more performers
M 1010  Piano concertos with orchestra (full scores)
M 1011  Piano concertos with orchestra (arranged for 2 pianos)
M 1110  Piano concertos with string orchestra (full scores)
M 1111  Piano concertos with string orchestra (arranged for 2 pianos)

Instruction, Study, & Teaching Materials for Piano: MT 220 – MT 248

Books About the Piano & Piano Music:  ML 650 – ML 747

Piano Bibliographies:  ML 128 .P3
Current journal for piano:  *Clavier Companion* – ML1 .C79

**Searching the Catalogue by Subject Heading**

Another good way to explore is to search the library catalogue by subject. Here are a few examples of useful subject headings for piano music and works about the piano.

**For unaccompanied solo music:**

- Piano Music
- Sonatas (Piano)
- Suites (Piano)

**For piano, 4-hands or 2 pianos:**

- Piano music (4 hands)
- Piano music (Pianos, 2)
- Concertos (Piano) – 2-piano scores

**For materials on the study & teaching of the piano:**

- Piano – Methods
- Piano – Methods (Jazz)
- Piano – Instruction and study
- Piano – Studies and exercises

**For books about the piano and its music:**

- Piano -- Construction
- Piano – History

**For books about pianists:**

- Pianists – Biography
- Pianists – Canada -- Biography