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 45 – M 49** Music for solo viola (unaccompanied)
- **M 224 – M 223** Music for viola and keyboard instrument
- **M 286 – M 287** Duets for two stringed instruments (e.g. violin & viola)
- **M 290 – M 291** Duets for one stringed and one wind instrument (e.g. viola and flute)
- **M 310 – M 344** Trios for various instruments with keyboard, including trio sonatas with continuo
- **M 349 – M 353** Trios for stringed instruments
- **M 412** Quartets: piano, violin, viola, cello
- **M 452** String quartets (2 violins, viola, cello)
- **M 512** Quintets: piano, 2 violins, viola, cello
- **M 550 – M 554** String quintets
- **M 1014** Viola with orchestra
- **M 1015** Viola with orchestra – piano reduction
- **M 1114** Viola with string orchestra
- **M 1115** Viola with string orchestra – piano reduction

**Instruction, Study, & Teaching Materials for Strings (general):** MT 259

**Instruction, Study, & Teaching Materials for Violin:** MT 280 – MT 298

**Books about stringed instruments and their music:** ML 750 – ML 756

**Books about the viola and its music:** ML 900 – ML 905

**Current journal for strings:** *American String Teacher:* ML 27 .U58 A51
Another good way to explore is to search the library catalogue by subject. Here are a few examples of useful subject headings for viola music and works about the viola.

**For unaccompanied solo music:**

- Viola Music
- Sonatas (Viola)
- Suites (Viola)

**For viola with piano:**

- Viola and piano music
- Viola and piano music, Arranged
- Concertos (Viola) – Solo with piano
- Sonatas (Viola and piano)

**For ensembles including viola:**

- String trios [for ensembles of violin, viola, cello]
- String quartets [for ensembles of 2 violins, viola, cello]
- Piano trios [for ensembles of piano, violin, cello]
- Piano quartets [for ensembles of piano, violin, viola, cello]

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

- Viola – Methods
- Viola – Orchestral excerpts
- Viola – Studies and exercises

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

- Viola
- Viola -- History

**Something else worth knowing about:**

The music library has an extensive set of orchestral parts in a collection called *The Orchestra Musician’s CD-ROM Library*. Ask for this at the desk. The call number is M 1000 .O65. The viola parts are in Pt. 10 of each volume.