Violin 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 40 – M 44**: Music for solo violin (unaccompanied)
- **M 217 – M 223**: Music for violin and keyboard instrument
- **M 286 – M 287**: Duets for two stringed instruments (e.g. 2 violins; violin & cello)
- **M 290 – M 291**: Duets for one stringed and one wind instrument (e.g. violin 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 1012**: Violin with orchestra
- **M 1013**: Violin with orchestra – piano reduction
- **M 1112**: Violin with string orchestra
- **M 1113**: Violin with string orchestra – piano reduction

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

**Instruction, Study, & Teaching Materials for Violin: MT 260 – MT 279**

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

**Books about the violin and its music: ML 800 – ML 897**

**Current journal for strings: American String Teacher: ML 27 .U58 A51**

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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 flute music and works about the flute.

**For unaccompanied solo music:**

- Violin Music
- Sonatas (Violin)
- Suites (Violin)

**For violin with piano:**

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

**For ensembles including violin:**

- Violin music (Violins (2))
- 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 violin:**

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

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

- Violin
- Violin -- 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 violin parts are in Pt. 9 of each volume.