

PAUL G. BLAZER LIBRARY  
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

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In Support Of  
DIVISION OF FINE ARTS, MUSIC AREA  
NASM SELF-STUDY

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Mission Statement:

*Paul G. Blazer Library supports the library and informational needs of the Kentucky State University community. Included in this goal is a commitment to enhancing the use of the Library's electronic and information technologies, strengthening collections in support of the University's curricula for both undergraduate and graduate programs, and assisting faculty in their quest for excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.*

Administration:

The library is administered by the Director of Libraries, who is responsible for overseeing all personnel, finances, operations, and services. The Director reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Collections:

Blazer Library collections include materials in a variety of formats that support the Music program curriculum, including books, scores, sound recordings, and audiovisual media. Electronic lists of the music scores collection<sup>1</sup>, as well as a general list of music titles held by the library<sup>2</sup> are provided as supplements to this report.

Journal holdings are largely electronic, and the vast majority of full-text journal resources are provided through various aggregated databases. For instance, while the library maintains standalone subscriptions to a modest seven journal titles on the subject of music, full-text content is available from another 320 unique music-related titles via database subscriptions. For reference, a list of these periodical titles<sup>3</sup> is provided electronically as a supplement to this report.

A comprehensive lineup of over 50 databases is available to Kentucky State University students, faculty, and staff. To highlight two of these databases, which should be widely used by music students and faculty:

- *Academic Search Complete* is the library's primary multi-disciplinary database for scholarly research. Content includes more than 8,800 full-text journals, including more than 7,700 peer-reviewed titles, and nearly 13,600 indexed and abstracted journals. It is updated daily.
- *Naxos Music Library*, the "world's largest online classical music library," offers streaming audio of over 128,000 CDs, consisting of nearly 2 million tracks. An average of 1,150 CDs is added every month.

The library's WorldCat Discovery online catalog facilitates searching of physical and electronic holdings at once, streamlining the research process for users. Databases may also be searched through direct links on the library's webpage.

Remote access to all the library's electronic resources—databases, e-journals, and e-books—is available to all KSU-authenticated users from off-campus locations through a hosted EZproxy server.

#### Staffing:

The Library employs eight faculty librarians – including the Director of Libraries – all of whom hold a terminal master's degree from an American Library Association-accredited program, as well as four additional staff members.

A librarian is assigned as a liaison to each academic unit, including the Division of Fine Arts, to facilitate communication between the teaching faculty and appropriate Library personnel.

#### Services:

Service desks in the reference, circulation, and periodicals areas provide ample opportunity for users to seek assistance with library needs. For in-depth assistance, a librarian is scheduled at the reference desk during all hours of library operation. Off-site users may request assistance by telephone or by email via the Ask-a-Librarian link on the library's webpage.

Teaching faculty may also request bibliographic instruction sessions for their classes at the general, subject-specific, or assignment-specific level. These classes are taught by Library faculty, and may be scheduled by contacting the Library Instruction Coordinator. New students also receive library instruction as a component of UNV 101, the university's orientation course.

Most items in the library's collections, including all items in the general collection, are available for checkout. Selected items may be placed on course reserve by the instructor, as needed, and will be restricted to in-library use only.

Resources that are unavailable in Blazer Library may be requested through the interlibrary loan service. Every attempt is made to acquire interlibrary loan material free of charge through reciprocal arrangements with other libraries and through several resource sharing networks to

which the library belongs. Borrowers may agree to lending fees, if applicable, at their own discretion. A statewide courier service provides expedient delivery of items borrowed from in-state libraries.

#### Facilities:

A Music Listening Laboratory, established with Title III funding, is located in a separate room just off the periodicals area. The lab is equipped with 12 compact disc listening stations. CDs in the music listening lab collection (MLL) are housed in the library's circulation department. Regular circulation of items in this collection is restricted to faculty and staff. Students may borrow the CDs, as well as headphones, for in-house use only. An electronic list of items in the MLL collection<sup>4</sup> is included as a supplement to this report.

Eighteen public computer workstations are located throughout the main level of Blazer Library. These desktop PCs are connected to the campus network, enabling library users to access electronic resources and email, and also utilize Microsoft Office applications. In addition, seven laptops are available at the circulation desk for short-term, in-house checkout. Wireless service is also available throughout the building.

The University provides pre-paid accounts for students' photocopying and printing needs. Students may access their account to copy and print at the Xerox machine located in the periodicals area. Faculty and staff may use their assigned copy/printing code at the Xerox machine located in the hallway next to the circulation desk.

A variety of work spaces, including tables, study carrels, and group study rooms are available throughout the building. A media collaboration station is located in the periodicals area and available to all library users on a first-come, first-served basis. An extended-hours study room located at the front of the building is equipped with computers, snack machines, and restrooms. This study facility is restricted to the KSU community and is accessed by swiping a university ID card.

The library is open daily for a total of 101 hours per week during the regular term and 68.5 hours weekly during the summer session, excepting holidays and intersession periods.

#### Collection development:

The recent downturn in enrollment has resulted in significantly decreased funding for Blazer Library. While the bulk of the library's materials budget is necessary to maintain subscriptions to databases and periodicals, funds for firm orders are allocated to academic units as available. Faculty may submit order requests at any time by contacting their library liaison.

Since 2007, the library has purchased 209 titles requested by Music faculty. An electronic list of those resources<sup>5</sup> has been compiled as a supplement to this report. Recent years have seen spending primarily on electronic resource subscriptions, as evidenced in the following table.

<b>RELATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY13</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>FY15</b>
Books	n/a	\$137.67	n/a
Periodicals	\$450.95	\$491.95	\$500.95
Grove Music Online	\$2,025.00	\$2,445.00	\$2,550.00
Naxos Music Library	\$1,015.00	\$760.00	\$780.00
Kentucky Virtual Library (KYVL)	\$9,778.00	\$9,289.00	\$11,484.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,268.95</b>	<b>\$13,123.62</b>	<b>\$15,314.95</b>

Supplementary electronic files:

- <sup>1</sup> Music Scores as of 03222016
- <sup>2</sup> Music Titles as of 03222016
- <sup>3</sup> Music periodicals as of March 11 2016
- <sup>4</sup> Music Listening Lab List as of 03222016
- <sup>5</sup> Fine Arts requests 2007-2015\_Music

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