VOCAL and CHORAL (CHOIR) MUSIC
These scores are held at Auchmuty Library

It is important to know the different types of voice and styles of music as this can assist you with searching for particular repertoire.

SOPRANO - female high voice
MEZZO-SOPRANO - female medium voice
ALTO - female low voice
TENOR - male high voice
BARITONE - male medium voice
BASS - male low voice
TREBLE - children’s voices

ARIA - solo vocal piece; often taken from opera
BALLAD - song that is simple and popular in style
LIEDER - usually a German solo song
MADRIGAL - 14th to 16th C, e.g. courtly love poems
MOTETS – choral composition Biblical/liturgical text
OPERA - drama set to music
ORATORIO – religious drama set to music

How to browse vocal music

Find the classification number from the list at the end of this guide. You are searching e.g. arias for tenor - NB2B. Select books then enter NB2B in Newcat+ search box.

This search gives you 44 results. You can then click on the title for more details.
If you are looking for a particular composer e.g Mozart arias for high voice. Select books then enter **NB2B and Mozart** into Newcat+. This search gives you 14 results. Click on the title to see further details about the score and the contents. You can request the score to be sent to your chosen library. Select Request it. When asked enter your log in using you Library pin, select the required score and your pick up location. Then submit.
Searching for a song title

To find a particular song title e.g. Nirvana’s The Man who sold the world. Select books then enter your search in Newcat+ using quotation marks “the man who sold the world”

This search gives you 5 results. You can further limit by format, select e.g. music score

Click on the title and check for your song title in the contents list
Vocal music classification

NB1 Ballads, art songs and lieder –
1A Mixed voice
1B High voice (tenor/ soprano)
1C Medium Voice (baritone/ mezzo-soprano)
1D Low voice (bass/ alto)

NB2 Arias (operatic & oratorio)
2A Mixed voice
2B High voice (tenor/ soprano)
2C Medium voice (baritone/ mezzo-soprano)
2D Low voice (bass/ alto)

NB3 Albums of songs & arias
3A Mixed voice
3B High voice (tenor/ soprano)
3C Medium voice (baritone/ mezzo-soprano)
3D Low voice (bass/ alto)

NB4 Duets, trios, etc.

NB5 National & folk songs

NB6 Popular songs
6A Theatre/Film songs
6B Classic Rock music
6C Guitar TAB
6D Bass Instruments
6E Jazz Improvisation

NB7 Madrigals

NB9 Sacred songs
9A Albums of various works
9B Hymns and arias for Oratorios
9C Carols and Christmas music
9D Chorales
9E other sacred, including Motets

NB10 Songs – with instrumental accompaniment other than piano

NB11 Children’s songs

NB12 Vocal technique
12A Sight singing

NB14 Partsongs & chorus e.g. music for choirs

See also NY –

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NY3 Operetta, theatre musicals - vocal scores
NY4 Operetta, theatre musicals - full scores
NY5 Oratorios, cantatas and psalms – vocal scores
NY6 Oratorios, cantatas and psalms – full scores
NY7 Non dramatic works for soloists / chorus / orchestra e.g Masses
NY8 Works for solo voice and orchestra
NY9 Song Cycles
NY10 Opera and oratorio choral works without orchestra