

Performing Arts Library service

Factsheet 9

Who is the service for?

Everyone, whether you play an instrument, sing in a choir, are a member of a dramatic or operatic society, or are simply interested in the performing arts.

How can I borrow music and plays?

Through any library in Devon. If your local library doesn't have what you want, staff there can access the stock in the larger libraries and in the Performing Arts department of Exeter Central Library for you.

The Performing Arts Library stock includes:

Music

- Songbooks
- Vocal scores
- Instrumental music
- Miniature scores

Drama

- Tutors
- Film
- English and foreign plays
- Television
- Radio scripts

as well as books for loan and reference on all aspects of the performing arts.

If a particular title or type of work is not available in Devon, we can usually obtain it for a small fee through the interlibrary loans scheme.

Anything borrowed from the Performing Arts Library can be returned via your local library if you find it more convenient.

How can my music/drama group benefit?

A wide range of music sets and play sets is available to local groups, dramatic and operatic societies, choirs and educational institutions.

Music sets

- Choral works
- Shows and operas
- Librettos
- Songs and carols
- Orchestra / band

Play sets

- One act plays
- Full length plays
- Sketches
- Pantomimes
- Youth drama

For a small fee, you can book sets in advance with long loan periods to cover rehearsal and performance, and we can deliver them to your local library for you to collect. Please

give as much advance notice as you can, especially for popular works like "Messiah". For details of music and play set hire charges, please ask staff or visit www.devon.gov.uk/fees_and_charges

What about recorded sound / vision?

Recorded music

Exeter's Performing Arts department has the widest range of classical and popular music on CD for hire, but most Devon libraries also offer this service.

Audiobooks

Novels, plays and poetry on cassette can be hired from all libraries, and the larger libraries also have audiobooks on CD.

DVDs

Most libraries have DVDs for hire. As well as a huge range of feature films and documentaries, there are instrument tutors, opera, ballet, rock and classical concerts.

If your local library doesn't stock any DVDs, CDs or audiobooks, there's no charge to request them, so long as you do so in person in the library, though you will of course still have to pay the hire charge.

For more details, please see our "Audiovisual Library Services" factsheet 3

What other services does the Performing Arts Library provide?

- Magazines
- A comprehensive request and information service
- Song indexes
- Registers of music and drama teachers
- Contacts for local music and drama groups
- Listings of local and national performing arts events
- Display facilities for posters and leaflets
- Public access computers

Are there any online services in the performing arts field?

If you are a registered library member, you can get free access from your home computer to most of the online resources to which the Library Service subscribes. These include:

- **Naxos Music Library**, where you can listen to over 210,000 mainly classical music tracks online

- **Grove Music Online**, offering over 45,000 articles on people and places, instruments and techniques, music genres and styles

For a full list of the online resources available, visit www.devon.gov.uk/onlinereference

Contact details

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Different formats

If you would like a summary of this in a different format such as large print, Braille or tape, or in a different language, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 0845 155 1015 or email customer@devon.gov.uk

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