# Hitting the Wall

Music Library Outreach in a Pandemic Year





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# Outreach in Brief

- Outreach Team
- Pre-Pandemic Events and Exhibits
  - Thematic Display Series
  - International Coffeehouse
  - Arab Fest
  - Ready for the World Music Series
- Pandemic Events and Exhibits
  - Thematic Display Series (physical/online)
  - International Coffeehouse (virtual)
  - Arab Fest
  - Ready for the World Music Series





# Challenges

- Staffing
  - Without evening supervisor and graduate student library assistants
- Unable to browse physical materials
- Library no longer a study, learning, or social space.



## **Solutions**

- Student Library Assistants and supervisor(s)
- Provide library guides linking to online resources and create a barrier between students and library materials
- Utilize the new entrance wall

## 2020-21 Outreach Displays

Our thematic displays are chosen based on major calendar events or anniversaries, School of Music events, or collaborations between the music school and library.

### Displays by Month

- August 15 September 14: George Walker, Composer Highlight
- September 15 October 15: Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 30: Jessye Norman Memorial
- LGBTQIA+ History Month: October 15 End of semester (due to staffing challenges)
- February: Celebration of Black History Month with Music
- March: Concerto Competition Yearbook
- April: Springtime in the Music Library

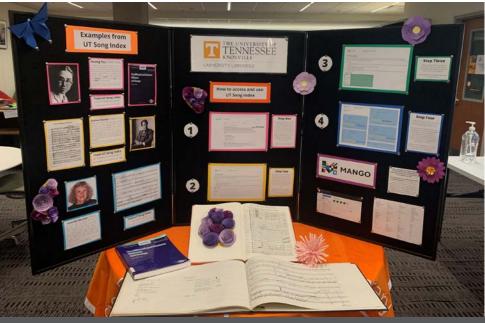






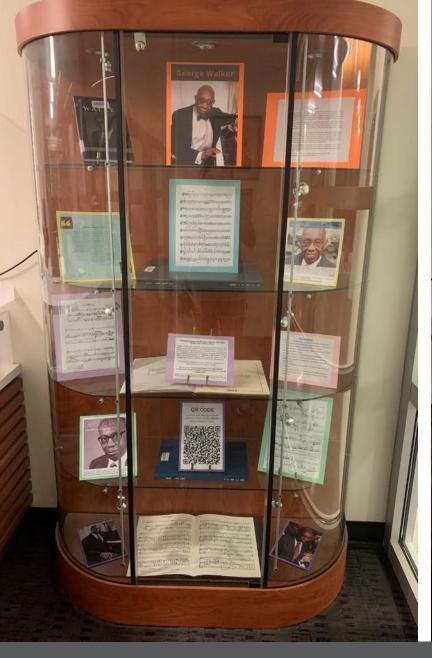






## The Process

- Instruction & Practical Application
- The theme is selected first
- Researching topics & library materials
- Database
  - Instruction
  - Use in displays and library guides
- Supplemental Library Guides
  - Including playlists
- Creation of physical exhibits
  - Display case
  - Tri-fold board(s)
  - Entrance wall









## After it all...

After it all, I realized by expecting more from our SLAs, they actually learned far more about what we do and offer as a library.

#### **Broad Skills**

- Time management
- Collaboration
- Creative thinking



- Music information literacy
- Information design
- Digital design in the form of Library Guides







#### Top Three Composers

#### Who has been performed the most?

Below, we have featured three of the most performed composers in the UTK Concerto Competition over the years. The first and most performed composer is Sergei Rachmaninoff, which is really sweet because Rachmaninoff's last performance before he died was here at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. There is a tie for second and third place between Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Sergei Prokofiev.

For each composer, we will feature a few pieces, a biographical book, CDs from our collection, and some online database/resources.

#### Books from the Collection: David Bowie



The Words and Music of David Bowi James E. Perone 1

Call Number: ML420 .B754 P47 2007

ISBN: 9780275992453 Publication Date: 2007-06-30



David Bowie Made Me Gay by Darry

Bullock 1

Call Number: ML3800 .B957 2017

ISBN: 9781468315592

Publication Date: 2017-11-21

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Holiday Music Collection		Native American Heritage Month			th N	1adrigal Collection	Rachmaninoff Collection
Nature in Music Collection		George Walker Collection		Hispanic Heritage Month		Jessye Norman Memorial	
LGBTQIA+ History Month		Celebration of Black History Mo		onth	UTK Concerto Con	npetition over the Years	
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Scores of Florence B. Price in Our Collection

The scores listed below are only a select few from our collection.

Check out the rest of our collection on OneSearch!

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Songs. Selections; 44 art songs and spirituals by Price, Florence; Heard, Richard Earl Call Number: M1620 .P753 H43 2015 Publication Date: 2015



Adoration; Adoration for organ by Price, Florence

Call Number: M11 .P753 2016 Publication Date: 2016

PRICE

Negro spirituals; arranged; Three Negro

Scores of William Grant Still in Our Collection

The scores listed below are only a select few from our collection.

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Symphonies, no. 1; Afro-American symphony rev. 1969 by Still, William Grant Call Number: M1001 .S835 no.1 1969 Publication Date: 1970

Publication Date: 197



From the hearts of women; From the hearts of women : a song cycle by Still, William Grant

Call Number: M1621.4 .S835 F7 2004z Publication Date: 2004 or 2005





# Thank you!

Questions?

