



# Library Notes



On the fast track to information

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Although the Mott Library is very proud of the many online resources it has available for the college community's use, sometimes the quickest and easiest way to locate a fact is to pull a book off the shelf. We have recently updated several of our multi-volume reference sets. Here is an overview of them, as provided by the publishers.

## REF ML 100 .N48 2001

### ***The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 2001, 29 volumes**

Since its initial publication in 1980, the *Dictionary* has been widely acclaimed as an indispensable resource and a classic reference. The word "updated" doesn't begin to describe the thousands of new articles, topics, cross-references, and areas of scholarship incorporated into *The New Grove II*. Each of the first edition's 22,500 articles has been reviewed and revised, with thousands of articles expanded. Previously neglected or under-represented areas have been examined, explored, and explained. Movements and topics once deemed too controversial or too far from the mainstream have been added. And throughout, 6,500 new articles cover more than 5,000 years of music history, instruments, composers, institutions, performers, genres, and more. *The New Grove II* takes you beyond the customary and familiar into new worlds with extensive, authoritative contributions on non-Western music. From major influences to less-examined contributions, *The New Grove II* presents the music, theory, instruments, and musicians that have helped define music around the world.

#### Features:

- 29,000+ articles and 6,000+ contributors from 98 countries
- 20,000+ biographies & 5,000+ photos, diagrams, and maps
- coverage of new schools of thought within musicology, such as feminism and gay and lesbian music
- increased coverage of jazz and popular music
- meticulously cross-referenced
- thousands of musical examples
- specially commissioned maps and line drawings

## REF N 31 .D5 1996

### ***The Dictionary of Art*, 1996, 34 volumes**

With more than 6,000 contributors from 12 countries, the *Dictionary* offers authoritative and comprehensive coverage. A resource for both art and cultural studies, the *Dictionary* is a unique guide to the visual arts: painting, sculpture, architecture, photography, drawing, printmaking, as well as the decorative arts. The *Dictionary* ranges far both geographically and historically; featuring unparalleled coverage of Africa, South-east Asia, Central Asia and Mongolia, China, India, the Islamic world, Japan, Korea, Native North America, Pacific and Aboriginal Australia, Pre-Columbian America, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, the Ancient Near East, and Ancient Rome. Providing depth as well as breadth, *The Dictionary of Art* examines important art forms and key issues of design, taste, function, and patronage, illuminating them in light of the cultural context in which they developed.

#### Features:

- 41,000 articles on visual art from prehistoric to present time
- 21,000+ biographies of artists, patrons, collectors, writers, critics, and others
- 15,350 illustrations throughout the text
- Worldwide coverage

## REF QL 7 .G7813 2004

### ***Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia*, 2004, 17 volumes.**

Gale presents the first completely revised and updated version of this acclaimed set in 30 years. Some reviewers call *Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia* the best reference work on animals ever published. Others call it the legacy left to us by famed zoologist and animal lover, Bernhard Grzimek. The original 13-vol. set, published in Germany in the late 1960s, is internationally renowned for its scientific reporting, coverage and illustrations, and serves as a major point of reference for researchers and students studying the animal kingdom. Thorough articles familiarize readers with animals found everywhere on the globe, detailing their life cycles, predators, food systems, overall ecology and more. Staying true to the original scientific pedigree, Gale enlisted advisors and contributors from the international scientific community to incorporate recent developments in the animal world. Our new edition of *Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia* should serve the needs of students at every academic level.

The *Encyclopedia* uses standard entry format, including species accounts, illustrations and distribution maps for key species. Each volume contains approximately 45 articles, ranging in length from 1,250 to 7,500 words.

#### Features:

- 5000 original illustrations
- 3500 new maps
- thousands of specially selected color photos
- key bibliographic references

## REF ML 105 .B16 2001

### ***Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians* Centennial Edition, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, 2001, 6 volumes**

Baker's celebrates its 100th anniversary with this new multi-volume format covering all musical genres, with new entries written by a distinguished group of area specialists as well as the original articles of Nicolas Slonimsky. This work continues the tradition of offering the most comprehensive and authoritative information on the musicians, along with interesting and insightful evaluations of their contributions to the musical world. Baker's remains the most affordable, comprehensive and readable of all music reference works, providing both students and scholars a one-stop resource for their music biographical needs.

#### Features:

- 15,000+ up-to-date biographies, many unavailable elsewhere
- Based on original research that has made *Baker's* unique
- More coverage of jazz, pop, rock and other genres
- Entries by Nicolas Slonimsky and distinguished area specialists

#### On the Wire:

##### College Compact

A national coalition of more than 900 college and university presidents committed to achieving partnerships between campuses and communities.  
<http://www.compact.org/aboutcc/>

##### Honky tonks, hymns and the blues

This website provides a history of American rural music that provides building blocks for much of our current popular music.  
<http://www.honkytonks.org/>

##### Epicurious: The world's greatest recipe collection

An archive of over 16,000 recipes that can be searched using keywords or topics such as kid-friendly, meatless or low-carb.  
<http://www.eat.epicurious.com>