Online Instruction Series: Finding Music Resources

Sammy Bearkat is taking a music history class. He needs to do some research on a composer. He has chosen the composer Gustav Mahler.

First, Sammy is going to need to locate books about Gustav Mahler. He begins by going to the Newton Gresham Library’s website, which he finds linked from the SHSU homepage. He clicks on the Search the Catalog link. This will take him to the Advanced Search screen. Since the search he is performing is specific, it is easily and quickly done from this search screen.

Sammy types in Gustav Mahler’s name in the Subject field. Next, from the Type drop-down list, he select “Book.” And from the Location drop-down list, he chooses “Music Listening Room 1st Floor.” Now, Sammy is ready to click the Search button.

After getting a listing of books, Sammy needs to click on Details to locate the call numbers.
Next, Sammy's professor would also like him to locate scores of Mahler’s music. To do this, he clicks on the *New Search* link.
He types in Gustav Mahler’s name in the Author field. Next, from the Type drop-down list, he selects “Score.” And from the Location drop-down list, Sammy is going to select “Music Listening Room 1st Floor.” Now, Sammy is ready to click the Search button.

After getting a listing of scores, Sammy needs to click on Details to locate the call numbers.
The last item Sammy will need for the assignment are sound recordings of Mahler’s music. To do this, he clicks on the *New Search* link.

Sammy will type in Mahler’s name in the *Author* field. Next, from the *Type* drop-down list, he selects “Music CD non-circulating.” And from the *Location* drop-down list, Sammy is going to select “Music Listening Room 1st Floor.” Now, Sammy is ready to click the *Search* button.

After getting a listing of Music CDs, Sammy needs to click on *Details* to locate the call numbers.
Once Sammy obtains the call numbers, he will need to go to the Music Listening Room. There he will give the call numbers to the staff person working in the Music Listening Room, so it can be pulled for him. The audio/visual collection is NOT a browsing collection, which means that audio/visual materials are not to be pulled by students.

Now that Sammy Bearkat has located all the materials he needs, he can begin to do his research. Remember, Sammy, do no hesitate to ask for help from anyone working in the Music Listening Room; we are here to help you!