

JAZZED: A Booklist

Milwaukee Public Library is pleased to support the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's premier of Zodiac Suite by jazz composer Mary Lou Williams. Discover more about jazz and this brilliant composer through this resource list.



RESOURCES FOR ADULTS

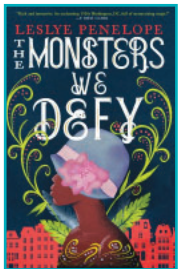
Fiction Books



Sweet, Soft, Plenty Rhythm

by Laura Warrell.

Follows jazz trumpet player Circus Palmer. A lady's man; he refuses to be tied down, so when he finds out Maggie is pregnant, he bolts and sets off events affecting all the women in his life.

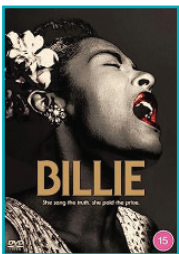


The Monsters We Defy

by Leslye Penelope

An evil being is preying on Black residents along Washington, DC's 'Black Broadway'. Clara Johnson, who can talk to sprits, investigates and must find a magical ring owned by a rich socialite.

DVDs & CDs



Billie by James Erskine. DVD.

Billie Holiday had one of the greatest voices of all time and she was unafraid of controversy. She rebelled, singing "Strange Fruit," which exposed the realities of Black life in America.



'Round Midnight. DVD.

A troubled musician, Dale Turner (based on real-life jazz legends Lest Young and Bud Powell), leaves the US to avoid trouble and finds Paris to be far more welcoming.



Linger Awhile by Samara Joy. CD.

A mix of swing and sweet tunes, this is a nostalgic stroll through well-known and obscure standards.

Nonfiction Books



Jazz: A History of America's Music

by Geoffrey C. Ward and Ken Burns.

This companion book to the critically acclaimed Ken Burns' documentary, Jazz documents the history of Jazz music and the culture surrounding the music.



Milwaukee Jazz by Joey Grihalva.

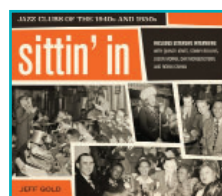
Local author Joey Grihalva uses interviews of local musicians and Wisconsin Historical Society archives to highlight the vibrant Milwaukee jazz scene. Local jazz legends, jazz clubs and associations are spotlighted in the book.



Milwaukee Jazz Profiles: Lives and Lessons of Musicians from the Cream City

by Derek J. Pinkham.

Jazz musicians, who have called Milwaukee home are given the credit due to them in this collection of profiles.



Sittin' in: Jazz Clubs of the 1940s and 1950s by Jeff Gold.

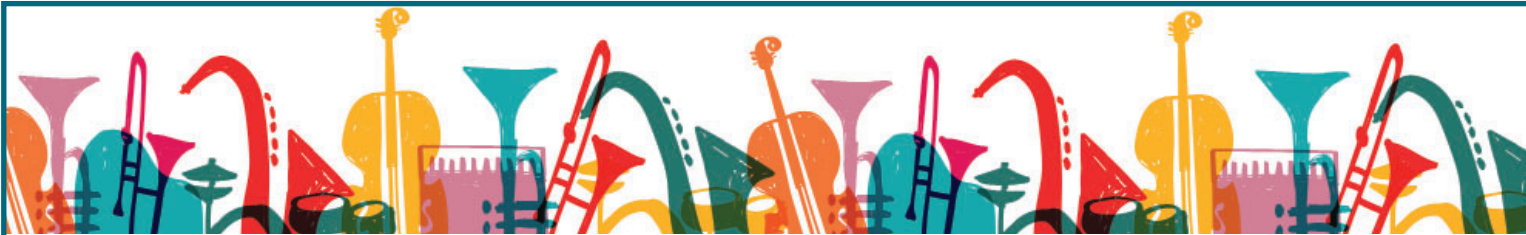
Readers are treated to a look into the inner circle of Jazz clubs during 1940s and the 1950s. Filled with candid photos of Jazz legends, and stylish interiors of intimate jazz venues, these first-hand stories capture the rhythm of this time period.



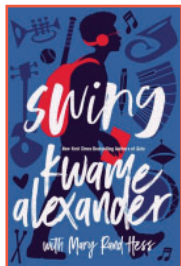
Better Days Will Come Again: The Life of Arthur Briggs, Jazz Genius of Harlem, Paris, and a Nazi Prison Camp by Travis Atria.

Dubbed the "Louis Armstrong of Paris", Jazz Trumpeter Arthur Briggs, was a jazz pioneer, and a survivor of European Nazi prison camp, helped to expand Jazz music through Europe.

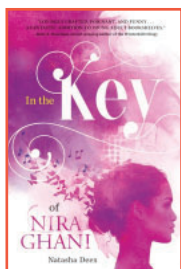
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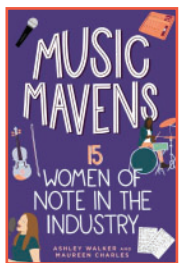
RESOURCES FOR TEENS & TWEENS



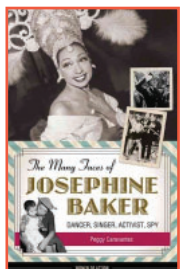
Swing by Kwame Alexander.
Ages 14-18.
Two best friends tell their stories of love, jazz, and baseball, all while mysterious, racially motivated things are happening in their community.



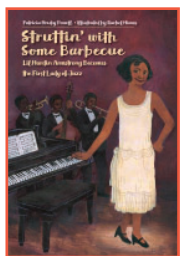
In the Key of Nira Ghani
by Natasha Deen. Ages 12-18.
Nira must navigate her traditional Guyanese home life and expectations, while trying to pursue her love of jazz, and playing her trumpet “George”.



Music Mavens: 15 Women of Note in the Industry by Ashley Walker.
Ages 12-18.
Learn about 15 amazing women who have influenced the music world.

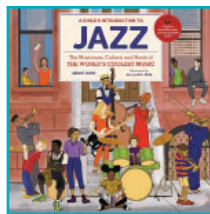


The Many Faces of Josephine Baker: Dancer, Singer, Activist, Spy
by Peggy Caravantes. Ages 12-18.
Learn about the fascinating life of the famous performer, spy, and mother of 12, Josephine Baker.

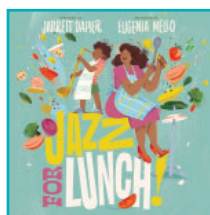


Struttin' with Some Barbecue: Lil Hardin Armstrong Becomes the First Lady of Jazz by Patricia Hruby Powell; illustrated by Rachel Himes. Ages 9-11.
Written in free verse, discover the fascinating story of Lil Hardin and her early influence on the world of jazz.

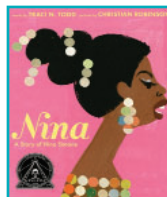
RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN



A Child's Introduction to Jazz: The Musicians, Culture, and Roots of the World's Coolest Music by Jabari Asim; illustrated by Jerrard K. Polk. Ages 7-10.
Step into the world of jazz with this interactive introduction. Learn about the origins of jazz, influential jazz musicians, and scan a QR code to listen along.



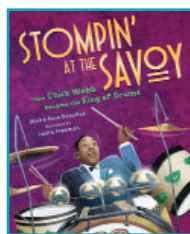
Jazz for Lunch by Jarrett Dapier; illustrated by Eugenia Mello. Ages 5-7.
Grab a lip-smacking lunch while you are carried away by the sounds of this rhythmic ode to jazz, family, and fun.



Nina: A Story of Nina Simone
by Traci N. Todd; illustrated by Christian Robinson. Ages 6-9.
Explore the life and legacy of Nina Simone in this bold and bright picture book biography.



Playing Through the Turnaround
by Mylisa Larsen. Ages 10-12.
Middle school jazz band members join forces to find out why their beloved band teacher is suddenly replaced by a substitute.



Stompin' at the Savoy: How Chick Webb Became the King of Drums
by Moira Rose Donohue; illustrated by Laura Freeman. Ages 6-9.
Find out how drummer Chick Webb went from banging on trash cans as a young boy to earning the nickname “The King of the Savoy”, in this vibrant picture book biography.

DVD



Soul produced by Dana Murray.
On his way to play at a prominent jazz club, a middle school band teacher meets his untimely end and finds himself in “The Great Before”. Can he learn to appreciate his life before it’s too late?