

Music and Dance Resource List for Grades 5 through 8

The Resources in this document can be used with the Music and Dance Curriculum Packet for grades 5 through 8.

Books

Non-fiction and Biography

- Awesome African-American Rock and Soul Musicians, 2012 by David Aretha (Author).
This book explores the lives of 9 extraordinary musicians who impacted music from their earliest hits, and their influences are still felt today. Each short biography ends with a brief timeline of the person's life and achievements.
- Behind-The-Scenes Music Careers, 2017 by Mary Boone (Author).
Fascinating facts, fun pictures, and first-person accounts highlight informative text about some of the most interesting jobs that take place behind the scenes in the music industry.
- Beyond the Dance: A Ballerina's Life, 2002 by Chan Hon Goh and Cary Fagan (Authors).
This fascinating look at the life of a dancer will appeal not only to admirers and to students of ballet, but also to young readers who understand what it is to pursue a dream.
- Dance!: no matter what kind of dance you like to do, this book is for you, 2008 by Apryl Lundsten (Author), Helen Dardik (Illustrator).
This book will help you discover the dancer within you -- whether you want to dance onstage or just be comfortable bogeying in your room. You'll find tips for getting over nerves and learn how to become your own choreographer.
- Dancing with a Crew, 2010 by Wendy Garofoli (Author).
This book will teach you everything needed about holding auditions, choosing costumes, and inventing routines.
- Jazz Dance 2008 by Wendy Garofoli, Wendy Perkins (Authors).
Describes jazz dance, including history and basic steps.
- Learn to Speak Dance: A Guide to Creating, Performing & Promoting Your Moves, 2011 by Ann-Marie Williams (Author) and Jeff Kulak (Illustrator).
Drawing upon years of experience as a dancer, and dance teacher, the author exposes every aspect of the world of dance, from different dance styles from around the world to tips on choreography, costume design, performance, staging, and even managing a potential career.

- Learn to Speak Music: A Guide to Creating, Performing, and Promoting Your Songs , 2009 by John Crossingham, (Author) and Jeff Kulak (Illustrator).
This book covers everything from music being our universal language to learning to play instruments to promoting a band.
- Let's Clap, Jump, Sing & Shout; Dance, Spin & Turn It Out!: Games, Songs, and Stories from an African American Childhood Hardcover – January 10, 2017 by Patricia C. McKissack (Author), Brian Pinkney (Illustrator).
While creating a dynamic collection of songs, rhymes, and stories with origins in African American history, the author recalls most of the examples from her childhood in Missouri and Tennessee and shares her own versions as well as memories and anecdotes. Extensive research highlights the histories behind these classics.
- Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (and What the Neighbors Thought), 2013 by Kathleen Krull (Author), Kathryn Hewitt (Illustrator).
Here are the life stories of such diverse figures as Vivaldi, Mozart, Scott Joplin, Nadia Boulanger, and Woody Guthrie. Readers will learn of both their musical natures and the personal, humorous characteristics that make their lives so fascinating.
- Magnificent Women in Music (Women's Hall of Fame), 2006 by Heather Ball (Author).
Women rock, and they have for a very long time This book profiles 10 inspiring women who have triumphed in bringing their love of music to the world, singing, playing and composing despite all the obstacles placed in their way.
- Modern Dance, 2001 by Wendy Garofoli (Author), and Michele Rusinko (Consultant).
Describes modern dance, including history and basic steps.
- The School of Music, 2017 by Meurig Bowen, Daniel Frost (Authors).
Welcome to the School of Music, a place bursting with talent, creative energy and special encounters.
- Sound Projects with a Music Lab You Can Build, 2008 by Robert Gardner
All musical instruments use fundamental properties of physics to produce their sounds. In this instructive manual, the author explains how to build homemade versions of a variety of instruments, all while learning about frequency, vibration, harmonics, and more.
- Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song, 2017 by Gary Golio (Author), Charlotte Riley-Webb (Illustrator).
In the 1930s, Billie Holiday, a young black woman raised in poverty, and Abel Meeropol, the son of Jewish immigrants, combined their talents to create a song that challenged racism and paved the way for the civil rights movement.

Fiction

- Clayton Byrd Goes Underground, 2017 by Rita Williams-Garcia (Author), Frank Morrison (Illustrator).
Clayton feels most alive when he's with his grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd, and the band of Bluesmen and he can't wait to join them, just as soon as he has a blues song of his own.
- A Dance of Sisters, 2002 by Tracey Porter (Author).
This book is a close-up portrait of the rigorous world of ballet, and a story of two girls searching for connection.
- Guitar Boy, 2012 by MJ Auch (Author).
Homeless, penniless, and only fourteen years old, the main character tries to make money off of his singing and guitar playing skills. But when his beloved guitar, a family heirloom, is stolen, he grows desperate.
- Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace, 2014 by Nan Marino (Author).
Elvis is a musical prodigy who suffers from extreme stage fright, and he attempts to overcome it with the help of a friend.
- The Secret Life of Ms. Finkleman, 2011 by Ben H. Winters (Author).
A student at a middle school is convinced that her quite non-remarkable music teacher is hiding a big secret, but no one is prepared for what she discovers. Hint: has something to do with Punk music!
- A Song For Cambodia, 2015 by Michelle Lord (Author), Shino Arihara (Illustrator).
A young boy survived the 1970s killing fields of the Khmer Rouge because of his musical talent. When the terror ended, he helped revive Cambodian music and culture.

Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Dance Spirit Magazine
<https://www.dancespirit.com/magazines/>

Online Links

- Chrome Music Lab
<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/>
- IncrediBox: Music Mixing site
<https://www.incredibox.com/>
- Making Music Fun
<https://makingmusicfun.net/>
- Math Science Music: Thoughtful tools teach STEM skills through music and creativity
<https://mathsciencemusic.org/>
- New York Philharmonic Kidzone
<http://www.nyphilkids.org/>
- Smithsonian Folkways: A world music site
<https://folkways.si.edu/>

Background information for the Educator

- Creative Dance for All Ages, 2015 by Anne Green Gilbert (Author).
This one-stop resource offers dance teachers everything they need, including a sequential curriculum, lesson plans, instructional strategies, assessment, and other forms. It's like having a seasoned dance teacher at your side offering inspiration and guidance all year long.
- Making Music Magazine
<https://makingmusicmag.com/category/more-topics/>
- Smithsonian Folkways: Educator resources
<https://folkways.si.edu/learn>
- The Ultimate Teacher Resource Guide
<http://www.supersummary.com/teacher-resource-guide/>