Spring 2014 Allen Music Library Survey
Responses to your suggestions
THANK YOU to everyone who took the survey and shared your thoughts. Here is our response to YOUR comments!

About the SPACE

- More communal working space
  - The Library Seminar Room has been reconfigured thanks to a 2014 Student Technology Fee Grant plus funding from the College of Music. You can use the equipment to practice presentations, do group listening/viewing, and more. We have smaller tables that can be easily moved around plus new cushy chairs on wheels. You can reserve time in the Library Seminar Room at the Music Library Circulation Desk.
  - We’d really like you to have more options than the seminar room for group study/collaboration too.
- Comfy study spaces, like single soft chairs.
  - We agree! We’re looking at placement options, but have no definite plans yet.
- Some smaller tables/more seating options.
  - Consider the new chairs and tables in the Library Seminar Room a trial run. Try them out and let us know what you think (particularly the ability to move them around in different configurations). Let us know if you like them or if you don’t – what you’d prefer.

About the EQUIPMENT

- More computers upstairs
  - Thanks to a 2014 Student Technology Fee Grant, we have new touch screen computers in the library for you – all of them outfitted with Finale. We added two computers upstairs (for a total of 6) plus reconfigured two of the old ones to be catalog search-only stations.
- Someone noticed the paper cutter isn’t sharp.
  - We’ve replaced the paper cutter. Be careful!

About the SERVICES and EVENTS

- Want to be able to borrow media on interlibrary loan
  - Actually, you can! Not every library will loan their CDs and DVDs, but go ahead and request items. Many folks have successfully borrowed CDs and DVDs through interlibrary loan.
  - Don’t forget, check our streaming audio subscription resources such as Naxos, DRAM, or Classical Music Library—you may find what you need!
- More options for reference/instruction session times
  - We’ve offered two session times for each of our fall series sessions and will do the same for the spring 2015 series– thank you for your feedback!
- More events or displays.
  - Thank you! We’re developing more events and displays! Feel free to make suggestions too!
- Had specific session topic suggestions
  - THANK YOU for your ideas! We’re incorporating them into our fall and spring session series. Keep those ideas coming!
- Daily coffee service
  - Wow. We’d love to be able to do that too, but there’s the money question. Besides, Thursday Coffee wouldn’t be a treat if it were every day, would it?
About the **COLLECTIONS**

- More video choices for operas (in particular) and that you’d like us to subscribe to the Berlin Philharmonic or other services.
  - Please suggest specific titles and/or composers you’d like us to purchase!
  - Have you tried Naxos Video Library? It’s not comprehensive, but it does have some good performances.
  - We have looked at services such as the Berlin Philharmonic (which didn’t accommodate libraries very well at last look) and the Met Opera Online (which was very expensive). We’d love to add those, but we’d have to cut back on a number of other purchases to supply those each year. But keep asking, and we can let others know that we have X number of interested students and faculty!
- Keep the collection growing! You mentioned areas we need to grow include DVDs, CDs, print journals, new (20th-21st century) music scores and recordings, music theatre collections, and more online journal access.
  - We want all of that too, and we’ll work on these areas.
  - If you can make specific suggestions (specific titles and/or performances), that will help us help you!

About the **HOURS**

- Want to be able to print things in the Music Library before your 8am class.
  - For fall semester 2014, we opened the Music Library at 7:50am so you can print.
    - Remember you can send print jobs from your own computer up to two hours ahead of time. Instructions are available at http://obs.fsu.edu/services/student-copy-print-mail/main-campus-myprint.
    - So many of you used the early opening time that we will continue opening the library at 7:50am weekdays for spring semester 2015.

About **OTHER** things

- Don’t like card swipe (key card) access
  - Card swipe access to the library evenings and weekends is all about safety and security for YOU. You have to use card swipe to gain entrance to Strozier Library at all hours, and even to get in your dorm building. Yes, it’s inconvenient, but we’d rather you be safe(r) and we think it’s worth the inconvenience for everyone.
- Naxos Video Library has bugs!
  - Thank you for noting those issues on the survey. Any time you have problems with our electronic resources, please contact one of the music library staff and we’ll see what we (or the vendor) can do to address the issue.
- Larger space for the Music Library collections.
  - We do too. We want a larger space for the collections and for YOU – for you to read, listen, study scores, do your research, curl up in a cozy chair in a corner, collaborate with colleagues, and much more.

Again, thank you for your responses.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Laura Gayle Green, Head, Allen Music Library (lgreen3@fsu.edu or 850-644-3999).