



Picture Books: Located in the **Juvenile Easy Collection** under the **author's last name.**

Alda, Arlene. **Lulu's Piano Lesson**

Lulu avoids practicing the piano all week, and when Friday afternoon arrives and she is not prepared for her lesson, she gets inspiration from her teacher.

Austin, Patricia. **The Cat Who Loved Mozart**

Jennifer discovers that her unfriendly stray, Amadeus, loves to listen to Mozart.

Bottner, Barbara. **Nana Hannah's Piano**

When a young boy goes to stay with his grandmother, who has twisted her ankle, he teaches her about baseball and she inspires him to enjoy playing the piano.

Costanza, Stephen. **Mozart Finds a Melody**

Wolfgang Mozart finds the inspiration to compose a new piano concerto from his pet starling and the sounds heard through the streets of eighteenth-century Vienna, Austria.

Cowan, Katherine. **My Friend the Piano**

When a piano which loves to play "symphonies" but refuses to practice is sold for use as a storage chest, it escapes with the help of a child and plunges into the sea.

Hamlisch, Marvin. **Marvin Makes Music**

Young Marvin loves music and playing the piano but does not like practicing pieces by people named Ludwig or Wolfgang, until he receives valuable advice from his father on the day of a big audition.

Liu, Jae Soo. **Yellow Umbrella**

Yellow Umbrella tells the wordless story of one umbrella's morning journey. Accompanied by a CD of original and evocative piano music.

Macdonald, Maryann and Ann Ingalls. **The Little Piano Girl**

A child prodigy at the piano sprinkles her music with a little jazz. Based on the life of the twentieth-century jazz musician, Mary Lou Williams.

McGhee, Alison. **Song of Middle C**

The big day of my piano recital is almost here, and hoo boy, have I been practicing! I've even got the help of my lucky hat and shoes -- not to mention my lucky underwear.

Miller, William. **The Piano**

A young black girl's love of music leads her to a job in the home of an older white woman who not only teaches her to play the piano but also about caring for others.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. **The Cardboard Piano**

When Debbie tries to interest Tina in playing the piano by creating a cardboard keyboard, they find not only does it not have the same appeal but also that they do not need to share everything to be best friends.

Sis, Peter. **Play, Mozart, Play!**

Introduces very young children to the child prodigy, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, in a tribute to the beauty of listening, looking, imagining, and, above all, playing.

Winter, Jonah. **The 39 Apartments of Ludwig van Beethoven**

Ludwig van Beethoven and his five legless pianos keep having to move from one apartment to another when his neighbors complain about the noise.

Early-Readers:

Mills, Claudia. **Gus and Grandpa and the Piano Lesson**

After Gus, who would rather play outside than practice music, does not do too well at his piano recital, his grandfather shows him how music can be fun.

Juvenile Fiction: Located under the **author's last name.**

Arkin, Alan. **Cassie Loves Beethoven**

A delightful story about the Kennedy family & an adopted cow that learns to play Beethoven on the piano.

Blume, Lesley. **The Rising Star of Rusty Nail**

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossip members of the community.

Dahlberg, Maurine F. **Play to the Angel**

In Vienna in 1938, in the shadow of an increasingly dangerous Nazi Germany, twelve-year-old Greta pursues her dream of becoming a concert pianist like her dead brother Kurt, despite a lack of support from her widowed mother.

Gifford, Peggy. **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Practicing the Piano: (But She Does Love Being in Recitals)**

On the day of her recital, ten-year-old Moxy prepares in her usual flamboyant way, which creates chaos at home.

King-Smith, Dick. **A Mouse Called Wolf**

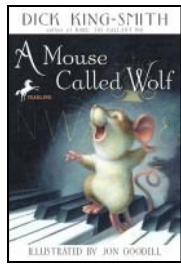
A mouse with an unusual name shares his musical gift with a widowed concert pianist.

Napoli, Donna Jo. **Changing Tunes.**

Ten-year-old Eileen's life changes drastically when her father separates from her mother and moves out, taking with him the piano on which she is used to practicing every day.

Urban, Linda. **A Crooked Kind of Perfect**

Ten-year-old Zoe Elias, who longs to play the piano but must resign herself to learning the organ, instead, finds that her musicianship has a positive impact on her workaholic mother, her jittery father, and her school social life.



Zalben, Jane Breskin. **Four Seasons**
Over the course of a year, thirteen-year-old Allegra Katz, a student at the demanding Julliard School and the daughter of two musicians, tries to decide whether she wants to continue to pursue a career as a concert pianist or to do something else with her life.

Juvenile Nonfiction:

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. **Before There Was Mozart: the Story of Joseph Boulogne, Chevalier de Saint-George**

The musical superstar of 18th-century France was Joseph Boulogne—a black man. This inspiring story tells how Joseph, the only child of a black slave and her white master, becomes "the most accomplished man in Europe." **J 780.92 CLINE-RA**

Venezia, Mike. **Johann Sebastian Bach**
Presents a biography of J.S. Bach. **J 780.92 VENEZIA**

Stringer, Lauren. **When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky: Two Artists, Their Ballet, and One Extraordinary Riot**

The Russian artists Igor Stravinsky and Vaslav Nijinsky were popular in their time: When their new ballet, The Rite of Spring, was first performed in Paris on May 29, 1913, the reaction was polarized (there were fistfights and riots!), and marked the birth of modern music and dance. **J 781.55609 STRINGER**

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Duke Ellington: the Piano Prince and His Orchestra**
A brief recounting of the career of this jazz musician and composer who, along with his orchestra, created music that was beyond category. **J 781.6509 PINKNEY**

Barber, Nicola. **Should I Play the Piano?**
This book teaches students about pianos, the music you can play on them and famous pianists. **J 786.2 BARBER**

Reich, Susanna. **Clara Schumann: Piano Virtuoso**
Describes the life of the German pianist and composer who made her professional debut at age nine and who devoted her life to music and to her family. **J 786.2092 REICH**

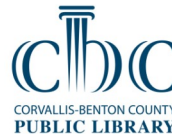
Parker, Robert Andrew. **Piano Starts Here: The Young Art Tatum**
The story of the young Art Tatum, who became one of the all-time greats of jazz piano. **J 786.2165 PARKER**

Salzmann, Mary Elizabeth. **What in the World is a Piano?**
Describes the parts of a piano and how it is used to make music. **J 786.219 SALZMANN**

Rusch, Elizabeth. **For the Love of Music: the Remarkable Story of Maria Anna Mozart**
Maria Mozart, like her famous brother Wolfgang, was a musical prodigy. **J 921 BERCHTOL MARIA**

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. **Who Was Mozart?**
Explores the life and work of the prolific eighteenth-century Austrian composer who began life as a child prodigy, composing music at the age of five, and died a pauper at age thirty-five. **J 921 MOZART, WOLFGANG**

Leblanc, André. **The Red Piano**
Examines the life of the renowned pianist Zhu Xiao-Mei, who grew up in China during the Cultural Revolution. **J 921 ZHU, XIAO-MEI**



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