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Music @ Main Intermezzo Sunday Concerts

Classical music is the foundation of the popular Music @ Main Intermezzo Sunday Concerts, which is presented in partnership with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Friday Musicale – Jacksonville's oldest community music society – and area schools, colleges and universities. All of the performers freely donate their time and talents for the opportunity to perform in the series. Music Librarian Ed Lein creates program guides that accompany each performance, highlighting information about the compositions and performers, as well as selective listings of related reading and listening materials available from the library's collection of music resources.

Lost in the Stacks and Masterpiece Book Club

Jacksonville Public Library and WJCT Public Broadcasting teamed up for programs combining television and radio airwaves with library world.

Lost in the Stacks, a weekly radio show airing on 89.9 WJCT Public Radio, uncovers gems from the library's diverse, often-surprising music collection. Hosted by JPL librarians and music aficionados Matthew Moyer and Andrew Coulon, the hour-long program

focuses on influential and overlooked albums, exploring a variety of genres and performers. Click on their picture to view a video about this program.

Masterpiece Book Club is held at the Main Library with Popular and Fiction Library Supervisor Alisha Levasseur. Fans of the program read the classic works, view

DVDs of the series which were donated by WJCT, then discuss both versions.



Employee Spotlight Ed Lein



Music Librarian, Reference and Periodicals, Main Library

The popular Music @ Main Intermezzo Sunday Concerts and

former Ex Libris concert series held in the old Main Library since the late 1980s, are the creation of Ed Lein who holds master's degrees in library science and music. "The concerts were another reason for folks to come downtown on Sunday afternoons," said Lein. "And to attract people to the library who might not otherwise come."

As an acclaimed composer, Ed's talents are regularly tapped by the music community. During the spring, he received and fulfilled a request from the San Marco Chamber Music Society to compose a one-minute fanfare for oboe and viola for the opening of their annual benefit concert for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Ed maintains a blog featuring in-depth information about and video excerpts from the Intermezzo concerts.

