This is a tutorial from the librarians at Lone Star College – North Harris. The purpose of this tutorial is to teach library users how to use the database Oxford Music Online.

Oxford Music Online is a database that searches several multi-volume reference works on musical history, theory, and criticism.

To search this database, type keywords into the search bar. As an example, let’s look for information about the trumpet player known as Al Hirt. Type “Al Hirt” into the search bar. Now click on “Search”.

This is the search results page. The database has returned 27 search results. The first article appears to be relevant, so click on the title to open the article.

Here is the article. To print the article, click on “Print”. To email the article, click on “Email”.

Now let’s do a more specific search. Click on “Advanced Search”.

Let’s look for a discography listing for the band Metallica. A discography is a catalog of musical recordings. So a discography of Metallica would tell us what albums and songs the band has recorded over time.

Click on “Discographies and compilations”. Now type “Metallica” into the search bar for artist or group. And click on “Search”.

The database has returned one search result. Let’s open it by clicking on the title.

The article provides information about Metallica. And toward the bottom of the page is a list of all of the band’s albums.