Librarians Rock!

We all know librarians “rock” when it comes to readers’ advisory, information literacy instruction, research, outreach and programming. But they “rock” in other ways, too! We asked librarians about their music tastes and talents, and here’s what they told us.

- **Favorite music streaming apps**
  - Spotify: 67%
  - Pandora: 58%
  - Bandcamp: 56%
  - SoundCloud: 29%
  - Google Play Music: 29%
  - iHeart Radio: 24%
  - Amazon Music: 22%
  - YouTube Music: 18%
  - Apple Music: 17%
  - Other: 15%

- **Special library types represented**
  - Academic: 50%
  - School: 32%
  - Public: 13%

- **Libraries’ most popular female musicians**
  - Dolly Parton
  - Lady Gaga
  - Stevie Nicks
  - Taylor Swift

- **Libraries’ most popular male musicians**
  - Freddie Mercury
  - David Bowie
  - John Lennon
  - Prince

- **Favorite decades of music**
  - 1960’s: 25%
  - 1970’s: 21%
  - 1980’s: 19%
  - 1990’s: 11%
  - 2000’s: 10%
  - 2010’s: 9%

- **Which musician would you most want to visit your library?**
  - Dolly Parton. Her kind attitude, passion for literacy, and impressive songwriting career would appeal to all ages.
  - Jessica Furtado, Children’s Librarian, Flint Public Library - Middleton, MA

- **What we learned**
  - Librarians dig the sounds of the 70s.
  - More academic librarians listen to jazz.
  - More public librarians are punk rockers.
  - “Wizard rock” is a thing.
  - More school librarians love country.

- **Most popular instruments**
  - Voice: 63%
  - Piano: 39%
  - Guitar: 16%
  - Flute: 13%

- **What’s next?**
  - Invite library users to research the lives of their favorite musicians and composers with Biography Reference Bank.

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