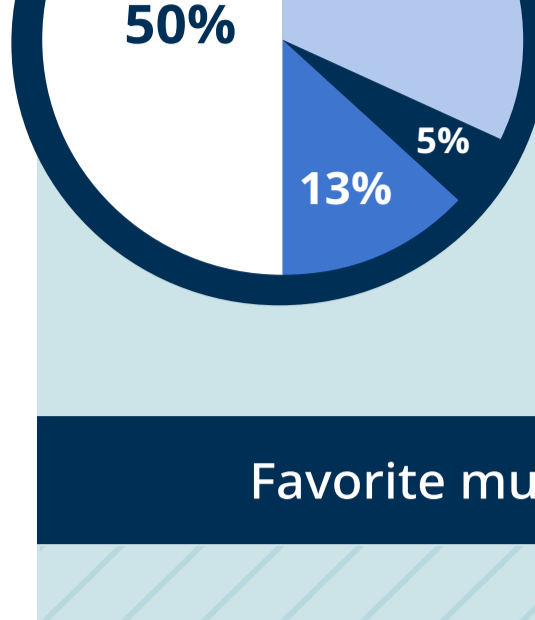


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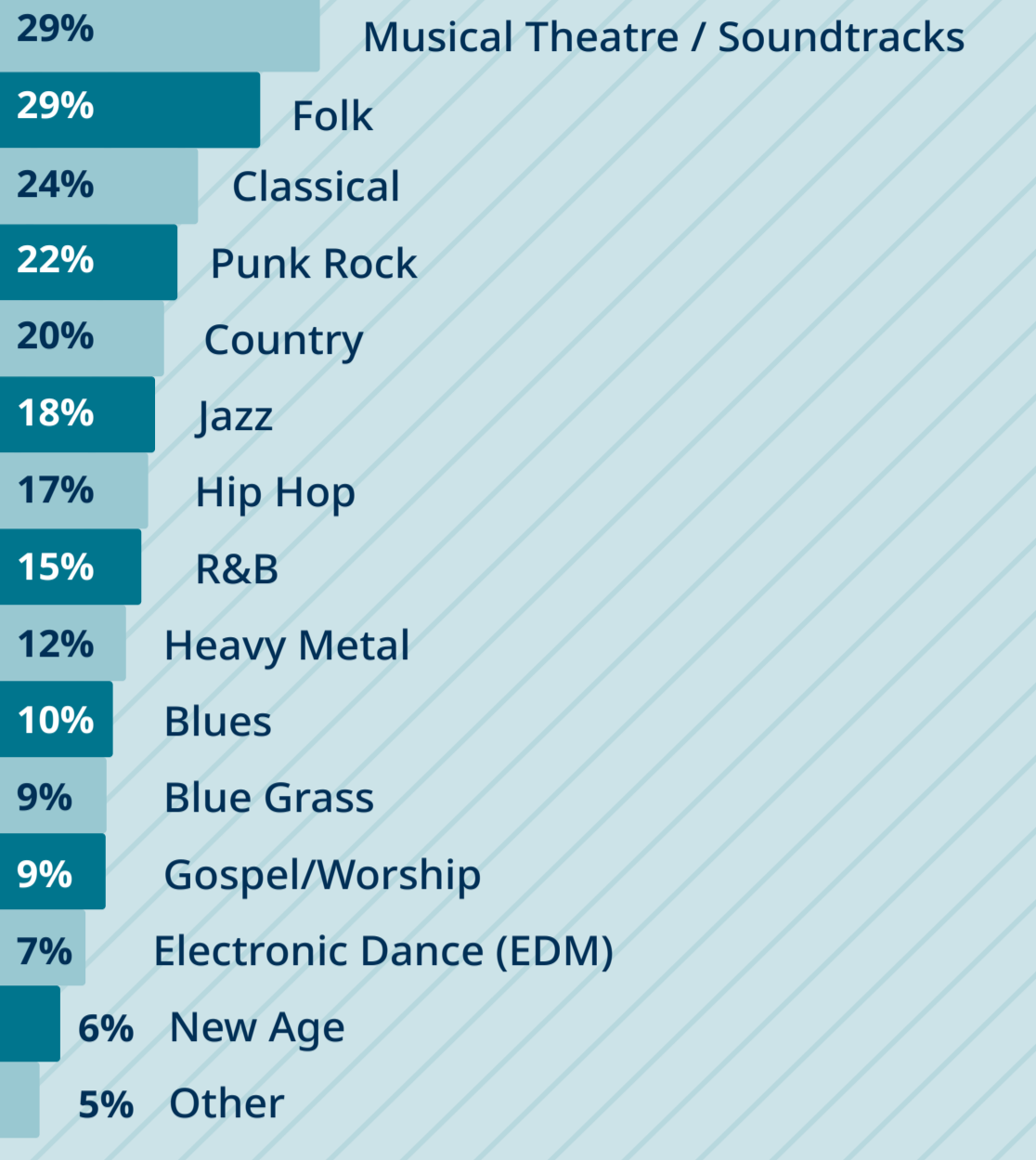
We all know librarians "rock" when it comes to readers' advisory, information literacy instruction, research, outreach and programming. But they "rock" in other ways, too! We asked librarians\* about their music tastes and talents, and here's what they told us.



Library types represented

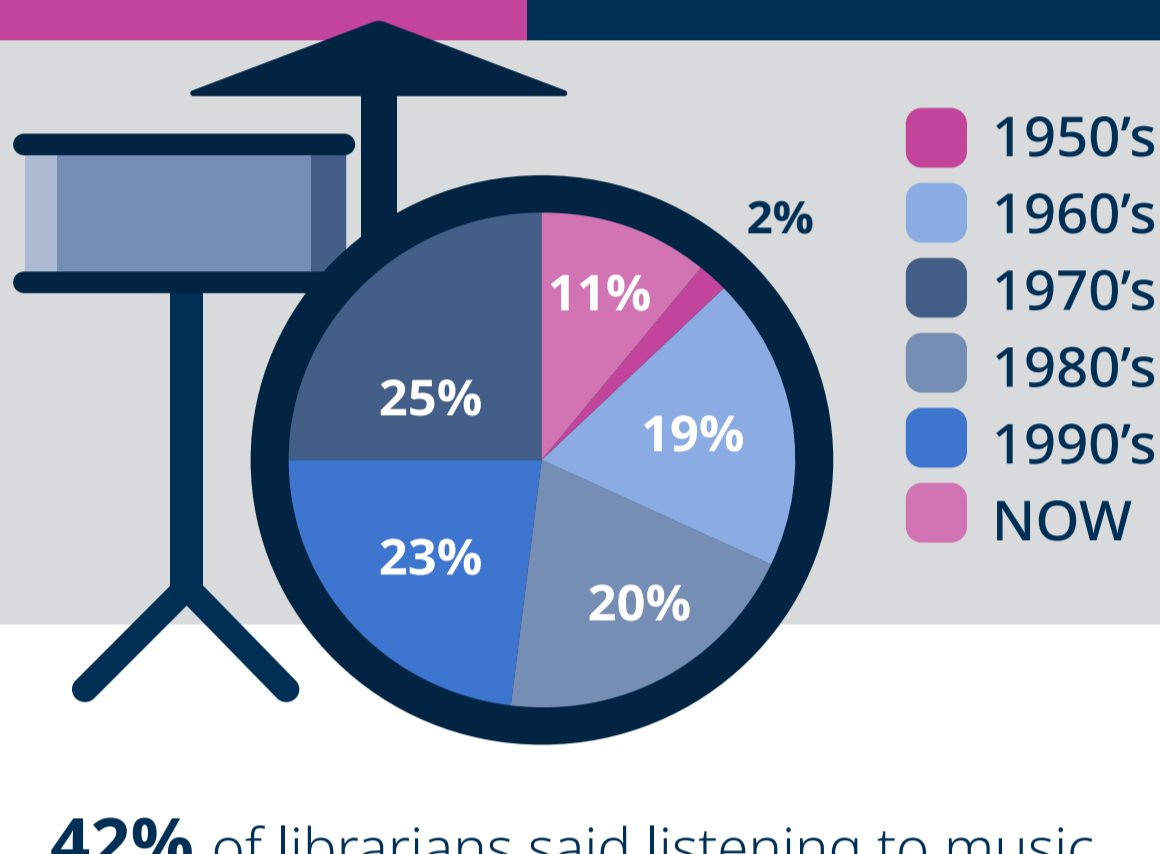
- Public
- School
- Academic
- Special

## Favorite music genres among all librarians



**23%** of librarians have attended **50 live concerts** or more.

## Greatest decade of music



**42%** of librarians said listening to music **helps them focus.**

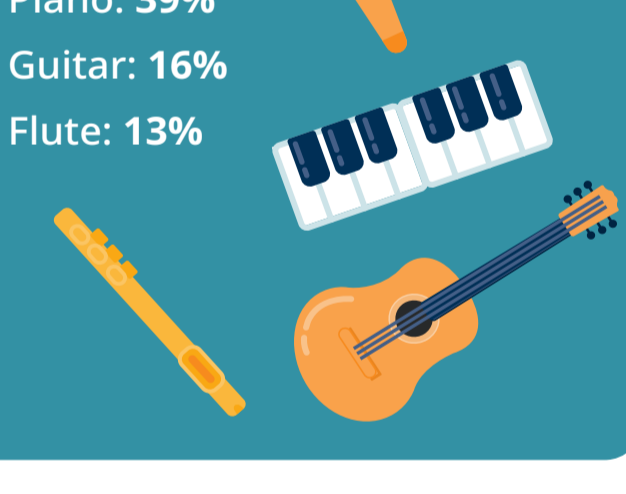
## Favorite music streaming apps



**50%** of librarians surveyed told us they **sing or play an instrument.**

## Most popular instruments

Voice: 63%  
Piano: 39%  
Guitar: 16%  
Flute: 13%



## Most unique instruments

Ocarina  
Kalimba  
Balalaika  
Irish Bodhrán



Which musician would you most want to **visit your library?**

## Most popular female musicians

Stevie Nicks

Lady Gaga

Dolly Parton

Taylor Swift



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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

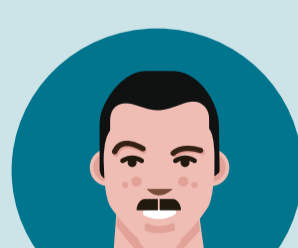
## Most popular male musicians

Freddie Mercury

David Bowie

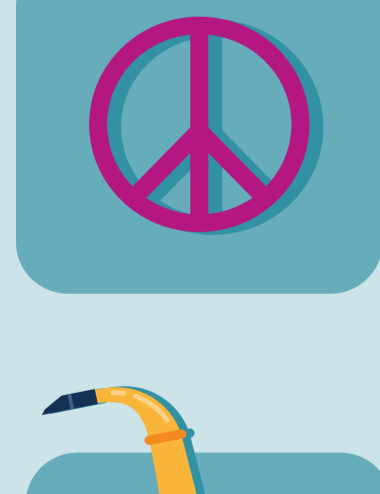
Prince

John Lennon



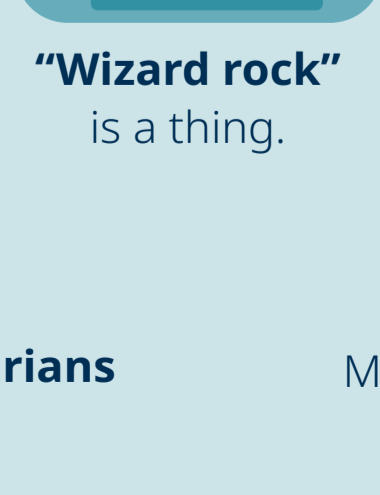
## What we learned

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.

\* 409 responded to our survey posted on the Library Think Tank and Future Ready Librarian Facebook pages.

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